

LIBRARY LINKS



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OUR MISSION

Connecting you
to a world of information

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Allison Arnold, MLIS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Did you know that your Library is the most widely distributed public service available to our communities' residents in St. Clair County?

Your Library is a unique, open institution made up of eleven local, community branches where **everyone** can have access to information, technology and training on an as-needed basis. With digital information and greater outreach, the Library is transforming the way it interacts with the people we serve. We are becoming much more proactive and collaborative, contributing in a variety of ways to stronger local development.

Your Library is a logical partner with the communities we serve for development initiatives that focus on people and quality of life. We provide a broad range of information services to address the diverse informational needs of the people who call St. Clair County home. The Library is an integral part of formal and informal community initiatives that support education, jobs and careers, business and cultural activity, and civic pride. By creating, growing and maintaining partnerships, the Library can leverage and expand our reach and expertise to benefit you.

Libraries are highly-frequented local destinations and can be catalysts for development. Research has repeatedly shown that public libraries are highly regarded, and are seen as contributing to stability, safety and quality of life (Pew Research Center, "Libraries 2016" survey). More importantly, libraries are gaining recognition for other non-traditional qualities – our ability to attract foot traffic (business), provide long-term tenancy (stability), and complement retail and cultural destinations.

The Library's role in the community is shifting – from a passive place for recreational reading and research to an active agent for local economic development. We are helping to raise levels of literacy, digital skill, and business activity in communities, working collaboratively within local, county-wide and state contexts. Rather than giving in to obsolescence with the rise of new technologies, the basic business of public libraries is being re-formed.

I am eager to share with you the ways in which your public library's resources and services contribute to building strong, resilient local communities and vibrant, livable places for everyone.

Sincerely,



Allison Arnold
Director
St. Clair County Library System





OUR VISION

The vision of the St. Clair County Library System is to be the county's foremost source for free, unbiased information. Our mission statement is "connecting you to a world of information," and we have dozens of staff members trained to assist patrons with all their information needs.

The 11 branches of the St. Clair County Library System are a network of vital community centers that support continuous learning, individual growth, encouragement for reading, and community enrichment. Our library buildings are provided and maintained with pride through partnerships with local communities, and are spacious and inviting places for people to learn, create, discover, imagine, and grow. In order to adapt to changing times and needs, a strategic master plan was developed by people dedicated to providing you with quality library service. Here are the eight goals from the five-year (2015-2020) plan:

GOAL 1: CREATIVE AND INSPIRING PRESENCE

Create a physical and virtual presence that is stimulating, welcoming, and inspirational.

GOAL 2: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Enhance the St. Clair County Library System's role in improving the quality of life by developing relationships with existing and new stakeholders and encouraging participation in library programs and services.

GOAL 3: INNOVATION

Reinvent the St. Clair County Library System by fostering a culture of innovation.

GOAL 4: FINANCIAL STABILITY

Ensure financial stability for continuation of quality library services.

GOAL 5: PROMOTION OF SERVICES

Vigorously market library services, programs, and resources to ensure the library system is known throughout St. Clair County as THE provider of quality information.

GOAL 6: REDESIGN OF PHYSICAL SPACE

Space in St. Clair County Library buildings will be studied and redesigned to better serve patrons' needs.

GOAL 7: POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

The St. Clair County Library will provide a positive environment for library patrons and staff.

GOAL 8: SERVICES ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

The St. Clair County Library will assess four services for improvement each year.

What's Happening At Your Local Library?



ALGONAC-CLAY LIBRARY

Algonac-Clay Library will be offering an excellent way to keep your New Year's resolution for healthy living! Starting February 2020 we will be offering Senior Chair Dancing, a great program to get the body moving.

Interested in painting but not sure where to start? Coming spring 2020 we will be offering painting classes where an instructor will help you to create a masterpiece step by step. Everyone can become a great artist; sometimes all we need is a little bit of help.

BURTCHVILLE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. patrons can join us in a holiday sing-along, or sing karaoke. Santa will also be there handing out treat bags and available for photo opportunities. Lunch and beverages will be provided.

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. the Burtchville Library will have the DIA's "Behind the Seen: In the Garden" talk. Presented by a trained DIA teaching volunteer, this talk explores the hidden meanings behind images of flowers, plants, and gardens in some of our favorite works of art.

CAPAC LIBRARY

Capac Library will be collecting non-perishable foods from now until November 20th. On November 21st from 3-6pm, teens are invited to help us sort and bundle food for holiday baskets to feed local families. Pizza will be provided. Food will be distributed by Capac United Methodist Church.

Saturday, December 7th, the whole village of Capac will be celebrating Cranberry Christmas. Join the library at 1pm for a magical storytime with Ernest, followed by a special visit at 2pm from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

G. LYNN CAMPBELL LIBRARY

Beyond the Book – third Friday of each month, 1 – 2:30pm
Designed for homeschooled students (but all are welcome). Join us for interactive classes reading chapter by chapter through Suzanne Collins' *Gregor the Overlander*. We'll explore key elements of fiction, including theme, character, plot, setting, and point of view. Snacks and lively discussion provided. Ages 9 – 14, with some flexibility for maturity and content. Registration requested.

November 16 – 24 is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness, and designed to educate the public and draw attention to the problem of poverty. We'll be collecting non-perishable foods all week, and on Thursday, November 21 we'll have a special Dinner & a Movie, with Blue Water Safe Horizons speaking for a few moments before we have pizza and watch *The Public* (rated PG-13).

Get your family and friends of all ages together for a team, and call (810) 982-9171 to register for our second annual Gingerbread House Decorating Contest! Entries will be on display throughout the week, and prizes will be awarded in five categories: Creativity/Originality, Traditional, Overall Appearance, Difficulty, and Precision/Neatness. All materials supplied.

Free tax prep appointments through AARP from February through the beginning of April! Appointments can be scheduled starting in January, so make it your New Year's resolution to call (810) 982-9171 to schedule your appointment – they fill up fast!

IRA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

The Ira Township Library Friends group is looking for some more members. If you would love to help make your library better, join the Friends for their next meeting at 6:30 PM on November 18.

Interested in something fun for your little ones? Family Storytime meets every Friday at 10:00 am, no registration required, just come on in!

Other programs to check out would be our Knitting group that meets at 2:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Bring your projects and join fellow knitters for some fun and conversation. The Cozy Mystery Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month; call the library to find out what book they are reading.

It's that time of year again! Santa will be visiting the library at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 14. Please call and register if you plan to attend.

MARINE CITY LIBRARY

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the Marine City Library on Saturday, December 7 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be available for photo opportunities and to join in on some fun with local musician Jimmy DeHeno, who will be joining us to play some holiday favorites.



MARYSVILLE LIBRARY

Teen Anime Club, first Monday of each month, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Gales of November, a lecture on Great Lakes shipping by Ric Mixter, Thursday, November 7 6:30-7:30 pm.

Family Fun Night, games and snacks for the whole family, November 7 and 21, 5:00-7:00pm

Our annual FOL Book and Bake Sale starts at noon Thursday, Dec. 5 and runs until closing on Friday, Dec. 6.

A Visit with Santa will be Thursday, Dec. 12, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Enjoy meeting Santa, creating holiday crafts, and decorating a cookie. Be sure to bring your camera for photo ops!

Teen Calming Jars Craft, Wednesday, 1/8, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Browse our ongoing used book sale during regular library hours and check our calendar for more events in 2020, including Family and Senior Movie Nights!

MEMPHIS LIBRARY

Looking for some fun? Then stop by the Memphis Library! In addition to our standard programs (Storytimes on Tuesdays, Canasta and Mahjong and Ukulele Club on Fridays, and various book clubs), we are looking forward to hosting a Teen / Adult Game Night, Cardmaking and Quilt Runner classes for adults. A Smash Bros. Teen Tournament, Electric Valentine's Day Cardmaking class and a six-week session for teens to create their own Art Journal. We will continue to have activities for kids on Monday night; it could be either a craft or science experiment. Our first big program of 2020 will be an "All-Age, All-Day: Plant a Seed Day" in March.



PORT HURON - MAIN LIBRARY

ADULT

November 9 at 3:00 pm Jonathan Jones of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History will speak about the anniversary of 1619 as well as the Underground Railroad. November 16 at 1:00 pm Paul Demick will be at the Main Library to entertain us with holiday music on the marimba. We will be showing two webinars from the History Hounds on Wednesday November 13 and on Wednesday December 11 at 7:00 pm. November 13 will be about Senator Arthur Vandenberg and December 11 will feature Pewabic Pottery. Saturday January 25, 2020 is our 5th annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament in the meeting room. Do you think your team has the skills to win?

Coming spring of 2020, Karen Dybis will be presenting on the history of the potato chip made in Michigan, otherwise known as Better Made Potato Chips.

TEEN

On November 30 at 2:00pm Doug Scheer from the Laugh Factory will be presenting a family-friendly show with audience participation. A good time will be had by all.

Cardmaking: Join crafter Jenny on December 10 at 6:00 pm to learn how to make beautiful holiday cards.

Enter a raffle to win an Amazon gift card, December 2-20, 2019.

Chalk Coasters: Make some fun coasters that you can write on with chalk on January 16, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Valentine Hearts: Make a heart wrapped in yarn to keep or give to someone special on February 13, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Snacks included.

CHILDREN

Are you looking for some family fun during the Thanksgiving Break from school? The Main Library will have the Exotic Zoo return to the Donald Dodge Auditorium on Wednesday, November 27th at 11:00 am. They were a big hit last year and we are looking forward to having them again this year.

LAMTB

Senior Chair Dancing with Rose in Port Huron. Join Rose Rumball for a unique concept in aerobic exercise performed to upbeat music while in the comfort of a chair! A great workout for all and a fun way to shuffle off the winter chill! Second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, now through April 2020. Sponsored by the Friends of the St. Clair County Library.

Crafting Saturdays at 10:00 am

Rock Tumbler Wine Stoppers on November 16. Make an attractive stopper with sea glass, tumbled rocks or a variety of fanciful items. Perfect for gift-giving!

Fidget Quilts on January 18. A great gift for Alzheimer's and other dementia patients. The quilts are very effective in occupying restless hands and give seniors the opportunity to express themselves when words are no longer possible. You can take the quilt home or donate it to an assistive living home.

Lip Gloss for Lovers on February 8. Flaunt your personalized style by making lip balms for yourself and your friends with the help of a lip shine kit.

ST. CLAIR LIBRARY

The Friends of the St. Clair Library would like to invite you to their birthday party for the St. Clair Public Library's 150th birthday on November 12 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Murphy Inn!

St. Clair Library Presents begins their season with a presentation about the US Coast Guard on November 7 at 4:00 pm. We invite you to join us on January 9 at 4pm to talk about memory loss and learn about the local resources for families and patients, pre- and post-diagnosis.

YALE LIBRARY

Calling all Christmas enthusiasts! Use your Christmas crafty-ness at our annual Make & Take. Drop in from 10:00 - 2:00 pm on December 14th and join us for a handmade holiday!

Need to RELAX & unwind? Join us on February 11th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm for color therapy. Get creative with crayons, paints, and pencils. Decorate a craft, card, or a good old-fashioned coloring page. Spark your creativity while actively reducing your stress!



Library for Assistive Media & Talking Books

OrCam Readers are making their Michigan debut at SCCLS! The library was awarded a \$22,106 Improving Access to Information grant from the Library of Michigan to purchase 6 OrCam Readers. OrCam increases independence for people who are blind, visually impaired or have reading difficulties. They can read text, including books, menus, computer screens and newspapers. All branches will have access to the device, but service will be starting with Algonac, Ira, Marine City, Marysville and St. Clair in late October. The rest will begin the OrCam service in April of 2020. There is a mobile OrCam unit that is intended for demonstration purposes; please contact the LAMTB department at the Main Library to book a live visit with the OrCam MyReader. For information on the device please visit orcaml.com.

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Port Huron Rotary International Parade

Every year the Port Huron/Main Library participates in the Port Huron Rotary International Parade by creating a float. This year the theme for the parade was "Space" and the Library's float won 1st Place!

With the help of Foam All and The Friends of the St. Clair County Library, library workers were able to build this beautiful patriotic float honoring the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon. Foam All generously donated their time and foam to help create the moon-like surface, and the Friends of the St. Clair County Library donated candy and supplies. Without them this float would not have been possible.



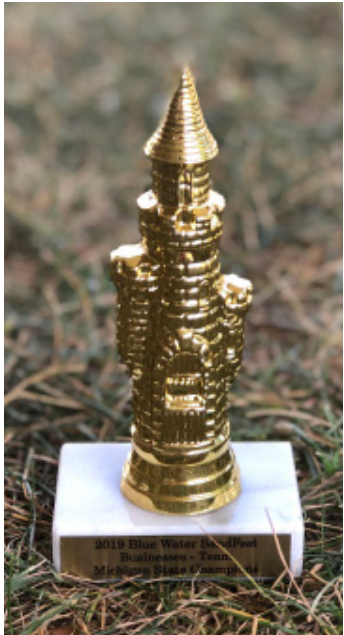
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SandFest

The Blue Water SandFest is a sand sculpting competition in Port Huron at Lighthouse Beach. The categories range from amateur sculptors up to master sculptors and they even have a team category for families and businesses. Last year the Main Library put together a team and took home 3rd Place. This year they competed again and took home 1st Place in the Business Team competition. The theme for the library for summer reading was "Space: A Universe of Stories", so the team created a space-themed sand sculpture.



Get Your Own Library Card

Does everyone in your house have a library card? If not, sign up for one today! There's no cost if you live in St. Clair County.

Here are some of the many benefits that come with a St. Clair County Library card:

- **Free** access (at the library or from home) to over 500,000 items including books, audiobooks, eBooks, puppets, children's and non-fiction DVDs, fishing poles and tackle.
- **Free** access to high-speed Wi-Fi and computers.
- **Free** computer classes and other fun and informative programs for all ages.
- **Free** or discounted passes to Michigan state parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations, and more.
- **Free** genealogy research.
- **Free** accesses to databases that take you beyond a plain internet search.
- **Free** tax service.
- **Access** to knowledgeable librarians and library staff who will connect you to the world of information that you need.



Friends of the Library

EVENTS/BOOK SALES

G. Lynn Campbell Library	Sat. Dec. 14, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Get into the holiday spirit with the most amazing cookie sale - lots of variety, and the best cookies around! The perfect way to bring some holiday cheer to someone you love. Come for the cookies, stay for Santa!
Ira Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours
Marysville Library	Book and Bake Sale - Thurs. Dec. 5, 12:00pm - 8:00pm & Fri. Dec. 6, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Port Huron Library/Main	Thurs. Dec 5, 5:00 - 7:00pm - Preview sale for Friends members only Fri. Dec 6, 9:00am - 4:30pm Sat. Dec 7, 9:00am - 3:00pm Ongoing book sale during library hours
St. Clair Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours
Yale Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours

MEETINGS

Algonac-Clay Library	Tues. at 3:30pm: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 7
Burtchville Library	Thurs. at 4:00pm: Nov. 21, Jan. 23, Mar. 26
Capac Library	Tues. at 1:00pm: Nov. 26, Jan. 28, Feb. 25 Mar. 31, Apr. 28
G. Lynn Campbell Library	Mon. at 4:00pm: Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3 Mar. 2, Apr. 6
Ira Library	Mon. Nov. 18 at 6:30pm
Marine City Library	Mon. at 6pm: Jan. 13, Apr. 13
Marysville Library	Mon. at 6:30pm: Nov. 18, Jan. 27, Mar. 16, May 18
Memphis Library	Mon. at 6:30pm: Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 20
Port Huron Library/Main	Fri. at 1:00pm: Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 20, Apr. 17
St. Clair Library	Thurs. at 1:00pm: Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 23
Yale Library	As needed; contact the library for more information

ALL MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO CONFIRM.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

518,752

visits to the library

241,809

visits to our website

27,332

patrons who attended programs

78,108

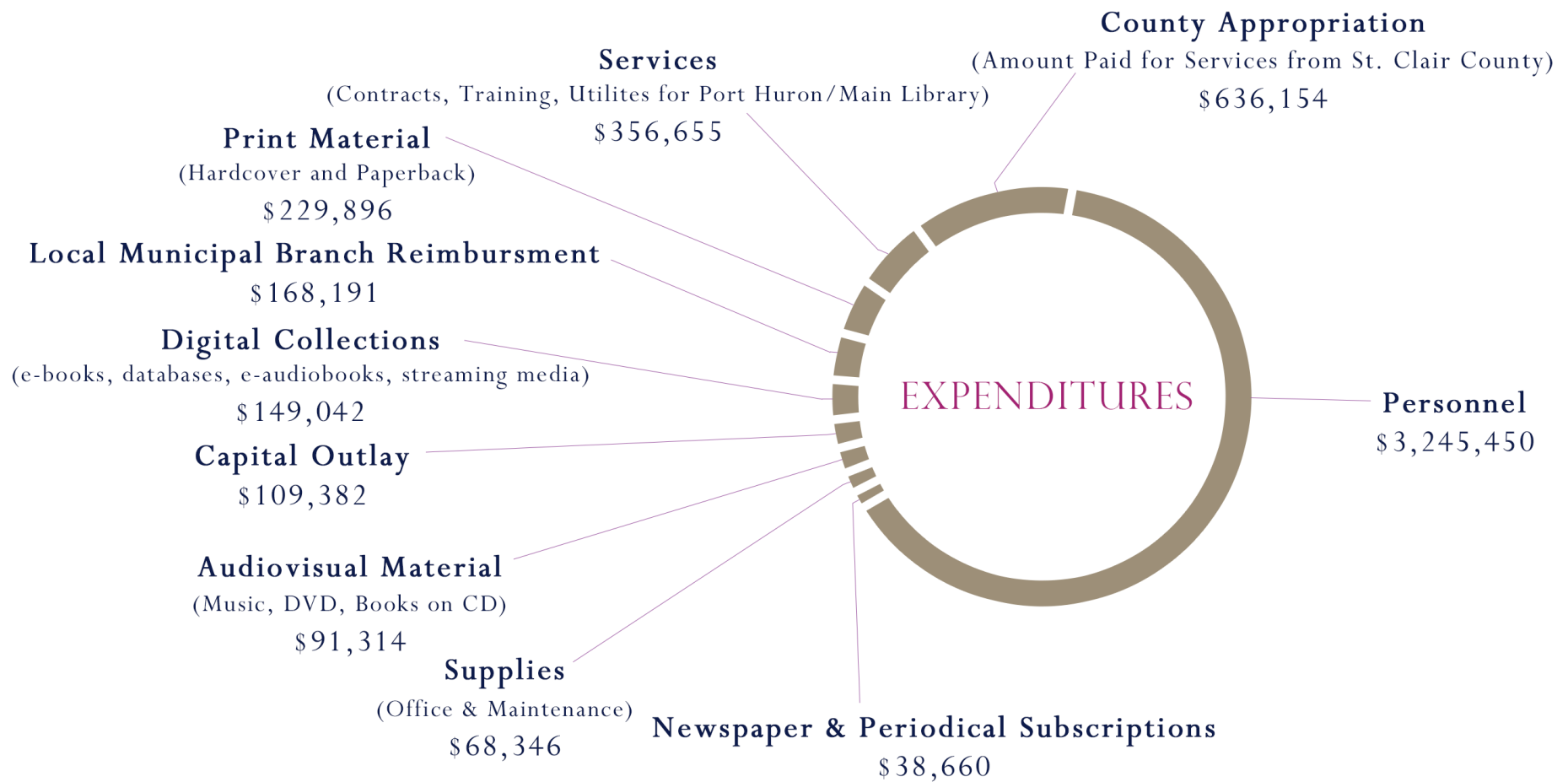
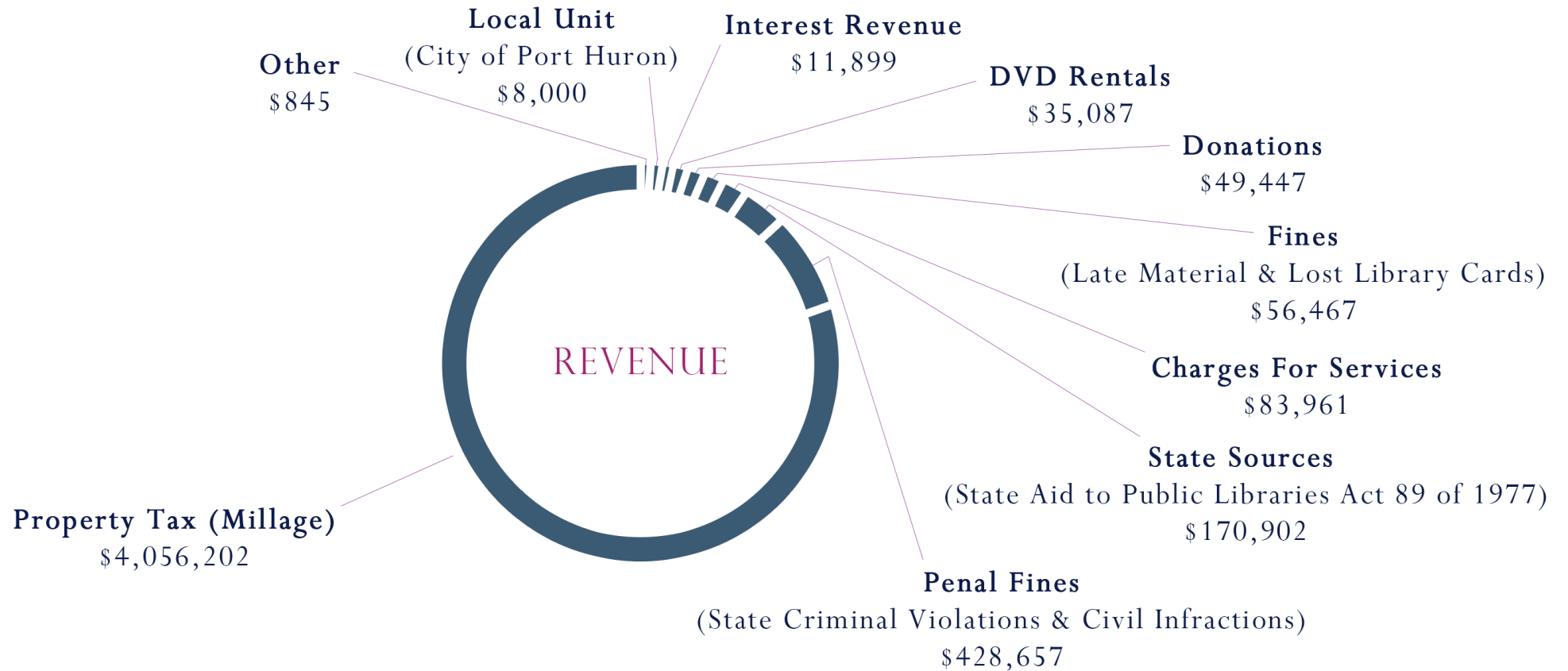
hours of computer usage at the library

594,017

total materials circulated
(includes e-material)



ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



ECRWSS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Your library accepts:



\$5 minimum

24/7 Wi-Fi available!



The St. Clair County Library Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
November 19, December 17, January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28.
Contact the Library for the location.

Hours and Locations

Port Huron - Main
210 McMorrان Blvd.
Port Huron 877.987.7323
L.A.M.T.B. 800.272.8570
Mon - Thurs 8:30-9
Fri & Sat 8:30-5

Algonac - Clay Twp.
2011 St. Clair River Dr.
Algonac 794.4471
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Burtchville Twp.
7093 Second St.
Lakeport 385.8550
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Capac
111 N. Main
Capac 395.7000
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Kimball Twp.
1955 N. Allen Rd.
Kimball 982.9171
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Ira Twp.
7013 Meldrum Rd.
Fair Haven 586.725.9081
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Marine City
300 S. Parker St.
Marine City 765.5233
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Marysville
1175 Delaware
Marysville 364.9493
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Memphis
34830 Potter St.
Memphis 392.2980
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

St. Clair
310 S. Second St.
St. Clair 329.3951
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Yale
2 Jones St.
Yale 387.2940
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5



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Your Library System will be closed:
November 11, 28 & 29, December 24, 25 & 31,
January 1 & 20, February 17, May 25, July 3 & 4