

2018

PROGRESS REPORT

OUR MISSION

Connecting you
to a world of information

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to YOUR library! I'm excited to invite you to the St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS). I strongly believe in the power of public libraries to transform lives and to help us reach our potential. This occurs every day through the services we provide, the lives we touch, and the partnerships that are built.

The Library welcomes everyone. Think about that for a moment. What other place is open to the public, requires no fee to enjoy the services, offers high-level staff assistance, provides resources on almost any topic, and provides educational and fun programs for all ages? The public library is the place for possibilities.

Whether you love to read, are just learning, or have always wanted to—we have resources and staff to help you at whatever level is right for you. But today's library is about more than just reading. We offer life-long learning through classes and programs, as well as an accessible collection.

The most valuable resource we offer is our staff expertise and passion. The teams at each of our eleven locations are here to connect you to the world of information. From technology training to literacy, learning a language, job-hunting, test-prep, homework help, navigating your family's roots, and small-business and legal resources, we can help you reach your goals.

Our doors are open Monday thru Saturday. Our online services are available 24/7. Get that e-book delivered instantly, find trustworthy information from a database, or meet with a reference librarian for individual research help. Library staff have tools and training to find the answer that will actually mean something to you.

It all starts with a library card. Come visit us at any of our county-wide branches and see how the Library can connect you to the world of information.

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 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.





A YEAR IN REVIEW

526,968

visits to the library

390,977

visits to our website

32,229

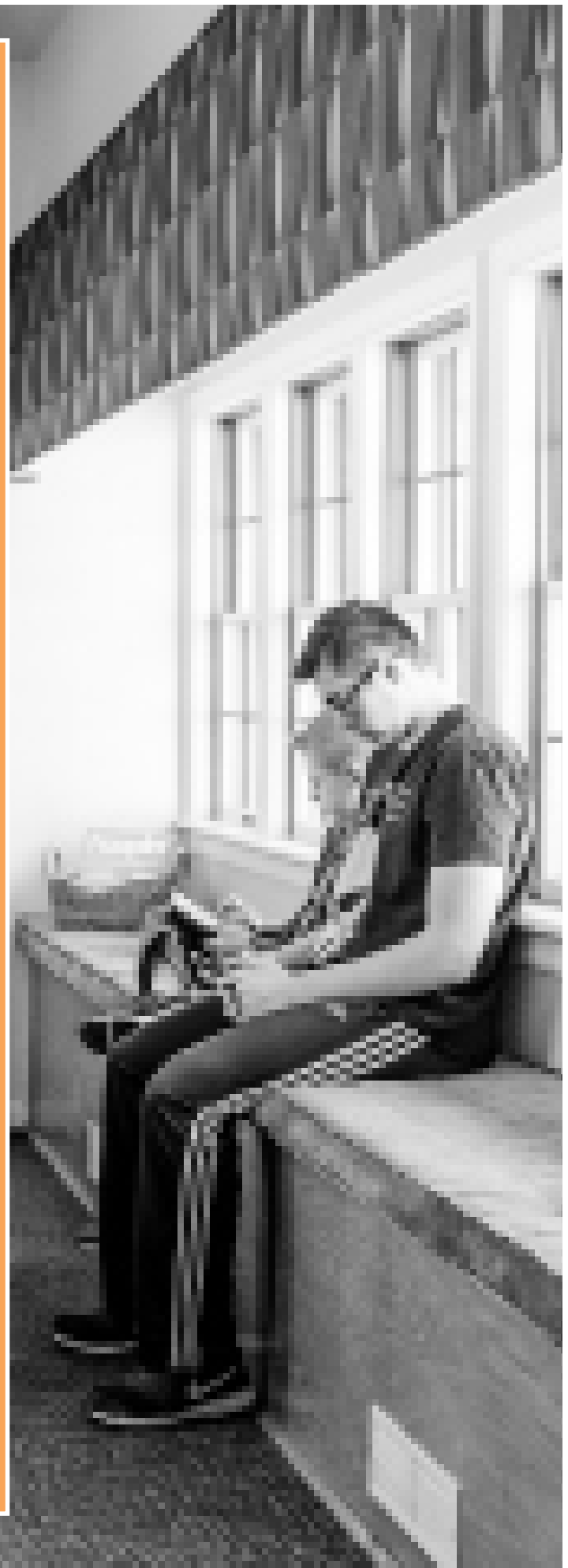
patrons who attended programs

89,650

hours of computer usage at the library

614,029

total materials circulated
(includes ematerial)



ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Property Tax/Millage
\$3,952,098



Donations & Other
\$46,053

Interest & DVD Rentals
\$52,692

Charges For Services
\$85,760

State/Local Aid
\$226,462

Fines & Penal Fines*
\$572,073

County Appropriation
\$490,769

Library Material
\$548,484

Services
\$394,455

EXPENDITURES

Local Unit Reimbursement
\$153,477

Personnel
\$3,207,071

Capital Outlay
\$106,628

Supplies
\$73,464

* Penal fines, collected from crimes and offenses, are distributed to public libraries by county treasurers.



PATRON SPOTLIGHT

How has the library made a difference in your life?

When I first moved to the area I came from Detroit and wondered how am I ever going to adjust to small town life. I went to the library and found out that it wasn't going to be hard. I jumped at the idea of a book club they were starting up. Most of us then began a Friends of the Library group. It was wonderful to get our kids involved in so many activities. Our kids are grown now but there's never a time when there isn't something going on here: Book Challenges, Dinner and a Movie, Trivia Quizzes, Mystery Dinners, Jigsaw Puzzle Tournaments, etc. It's a small library but it is a very big part of our community!

What is your favorite thing about the library?

My favorite thing about our Memphis Library is not a "thing" but people. The people who work at Memphis Library are the best! They are so helpful, patient and creative. I always leave the library with a smile on my face and a book in my hand.

Did you grow up using the library?

Yes, definitely. When I was little my parents took my siblings and I to the Main Library in Detroit. We also went to our neighborhood library riding our bikes with our basket full of books.

Leah Hamlin-Morgan, Memphis patron





Hours & Locations

Main Library Port Huron

210 McMorran Blvd., Port Huron 48060
987.7323 or 877.987.7323
Mon - Thurs 8:30-9; Fri & Sat 8:30-5

Director	Ext. 122
Circulation	Ext. 120
Children's Services	Ext. 130
Blind & Physically Handicapped	Ext. 129
Community Relations	Ext. 126
Business Office	Ext. 137

Algonac-Clay Township

2011 St. Clair River Dr.
Algonac 48001 794.4471
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Burtchville Township

7093 Second St.
Lakeport 48059 385.8550
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Capac

111 N. Main
Capac 48014 395.7000
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Ira Township

7013 Meldrum Rd.
Fair Haven 48023 586.725.9081
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

G. Lynn Campbell – Kimball Township

1955 N. Allen Rd.
Kimball 48074 982.9171
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

Marine City

300 S. Parker
Marine City 48039 765.5233
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Marysville

1175 Delaware
Marysville 48040 364.9493
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Memphis

34830 Potter St.
Memphis 48041 392.2980
Mon & Thurs 12-8
Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 9-5

St. Clair

310 S. Second St.
St. Clair 48079 329.3951
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

Yale

2 Jones St.
Yale 48097 387.2940
Mon - Thurs 9-8
Fri & Sat 9-5

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