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OUR MISSION

Connecting you
to a world of information

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Allison Arnold, MLIS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you to all St. Clair County Library System patrons for your patience, understanding, and appreciation while we navigate these unique—and challenging—times! This pandemic has changed almost everything about our lives and has been difficult for all of us. We know the community relies on the Library for resources, services, programs and safe spaces and will continue to carefully open and expand services and service hours.

Libraries are not low-risk. As a high-traffic, well-loved, and an essential community resource, St. Clair County Library System is working with local government and the St. Clair County Health Officer to monitor the evolving status and potential risk of COVID-19 for our patrons and staff.

As one of the most highly utilized public spaces in our communities, your local library branch is a natural hub for residents to meet, borrow materials, and attend public events. The St. Clair County Library System incorporates social activities or community gatherings into our traditional services and feel that we are a part of the “community centers” type of service – or a medium to high risk, similar to restaurants and retail stores.

This pandemic has created a fast and often changing set of rules and restrictions that are imposed and lifted as we learn more about how to keep our communities safe. As many have shared with me, the re-opening of libraries varies widely in neighboring counties, across the state and throughout the country. Flexibility will be key as we move through the next several months.

Your Library is working very hard to implement the best course of action to safely resume providing services to our communities. For us and our county, reopening will not mean going back to the way things were pre-COVID-19; it will mean putting in place the ‘new normal’ approach to traditional library services and creating new ways of delivering programs and reaching out to our residents and patrons. It’s been such a pleasure to receive notes of gratitude while we’re offering limited services. They really brighten our day!

In this season of Thanksgiving, we are so grateful for the continued support of the library. We will do our best to be here for you in whatever way that we can. We are all in this together. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

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.

Children's Resources

Although we are unable to offer in-person programming at this time, the St. Clair County Library System is working hard to provide virtual programming. Folktales & Fables can be found on our YouTube channel and features Miss Jenna telling classic tales from all over the globe. New episodes will be posted regularly, so be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you don't miss one!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, join Mrs. Kristin and Miss Amanda for Storytime Online via Facebook Live! Storytime features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and a great story! Storytimes are only available for a short time after they air so be sure to tune in at 12pm for the live show!

Our YouTube channel will also be the place where you can find DIY and STEAM programming to do with your kids at home! While we can't offer in-person programs, we are working hard to provide DIY and STEAM programs regularly for families to enjoy.

In addition to our online programming, we also offer online databases to help children succeed in school. Below are several databases that are available through our collaboration with the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) and are completely free to use, as well as additional resources to help with school.



PebbleGo (available through MEL) is a curricular content hub specifically designed for K-3 students. Packed with informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy supports for students of all abilities, it boosts engagement and fosters independent learning in core subject areas. Students will love exploring PebbleGo time and time again. Choose from 5 subject areas to help guide your students' exploration.

- o Animals
- o Health
- o Science
- o Social Studies
- o Biographies



Explora for Elementary (available through MEL) is an easy-to-use database that allows students to research most subjects of interest. Through this eResource, students have access to thousands of articles from publications such as Ranger Rick, Cricket, Sports Illustrated Kids, Ladybug, Dynamath, Stone Soup, and Zoobooks. Explora for Elementary pulls content from the following eResources:

- o American Heritage Children's Dictionary
- o Biography Reference Center
- o eBook K-8 Collection
- o Primary Search
- o Topic Overviews K-5



Purdue Online Writing Lab

The Purdue Owl is a great resource for essay writing. The Purdue Owl features guides on using MLA, APA, Chicago and other writing styles. The Purdue Owl also has exercises for students on grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, and more to help improve their skills.



Teen Resources

COVID-19 has changed the way our schools work. For many students, the days of rushing to catch the bus and head to a school building for 7 hours are gone. Schools are utilizing many resources to teach students whether it be in-person, virtual, or a combination of both. The SCCLS has compiled a list of online databases for middle school and high school students to use that will help with school projects. The databases listed below are just a few of the free resources we offer through our partnership with the Michigan Electronic Library. All of these databases are completely free and offer a wide array of tools to help students achieve success.



Read It! helps to build reading skills and improve study habits. It was created for anyone who has a good foundation in English grammar and reading skills. It is a place to find reading material about many subjects. Articles are short and written to support your reading skills as you learn about topics in English that you need for school and everyday life.



Britannica School features nonfiction content geared for K-12 students. Includes over 132,000 encyclopedia articles, 103,000 images, 7,500 multimedia elements, more than 27,000 eBooks, and novels and essays. Tools include translation for 50+ languages and read-aloud functionality. Includes Lexile ranges and alignment with Michigan Department of Education Academic Standards across a variety of subjects.

Britannica Kids has just launched a great new addition to the site, Activities Corner. This new feature will provide parents and children resources for skill development activities, projects, crafts, and games activities.



Explora is EBSCO's research interface designed specifically for students and educators. The secondary school version features relevant and reliable content and easy-to-use functionality to help high school students successfully complete their research.

Explora for High School:

Provides hundreds of popular magazines and reference books for high school students. Covers subjects such as art, history, sports, and music. Includes thousands of biographies and primary source documents. Also includes photos, maps, and flags. Pulls content from the following eResources:

- o eBook High School Collection
- o History Reference Center
- o Literary Reference Center
- o MAS Complete
- o Middle Search Plus
- o Points of View Reference Center
- o Science Reference Center
- o Topic Overviews 6-12

Explora for Middle School:

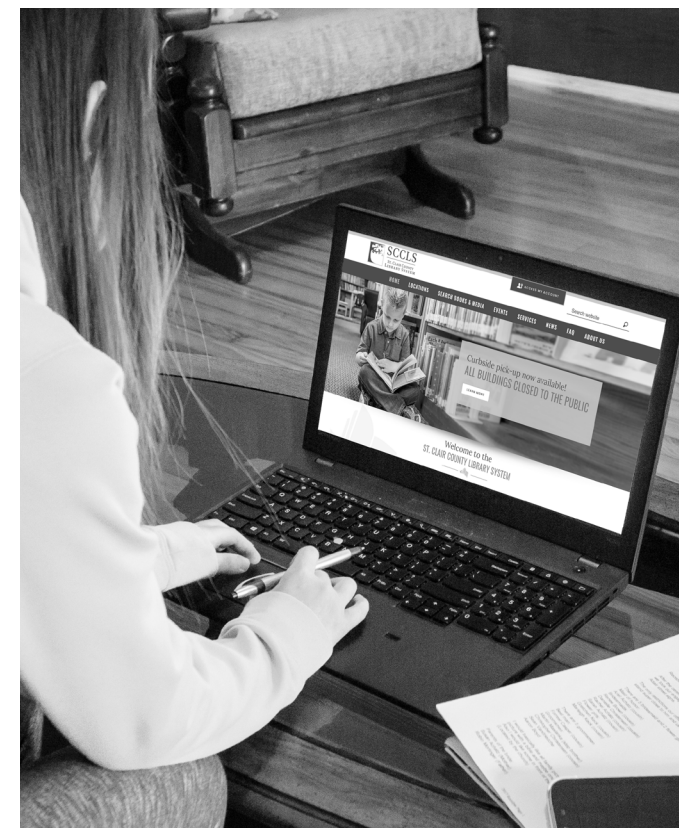
Magazines and reference books for middle school students, as well as thousands of biographies and primary source documents. Subjects include history, current events, science, sports, and biographies. Also includes photos, maps, and flags. Pulls content from the following eResources:

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Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints is the premier online resource covering today's hottest social issues, from capital punishment to immigration to marijuana. Opposing Viewpoints is a rich resource for debaters and includes viewpoints, reference articles, infographics, news, images, video, audio, and more.

Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints helps students develop critical thinking skills. This resource brings balance and perspective to contemporary issues using arguments from experts.



Adult



Consumer Reports is the world's largest nonprofit product-testing organization and has been helping subscribers find better, safer products for 80+ years. Consumer Reports accepts no outside advertising and no free test samples, and employs shoppers and experts to buy and test the products reviewed.

In addition to product ratings and reviews, users will find in-depth advice, tips and trends written by Consumer Reports experts. Frequently updated articles, blogs, and video content allow consumers to peruse the latest consumer news — whether they're looking to learn more about budget-friendly home improvement plans, understanding the benefits and risks of retirement options, or searching for the latest recalls of baby products.

Mango for libraries offers over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles, and backgrounds. Mango adapts to your unique learning style, so you pick up on new vocabulary, intuit unfamiliar grammatical structure, and train your pronunciation, all while boosting your cultural IQ.

Listening and reading activities

Lessons involve a rich mix of listening and reading activities, so you can make sense of written and spoken contexts.

All-in-one interface

A simplified learning environment presents content structure, review progress, and learning activities front and center, while streamlined navigation encourages you to explore different topics in your target language.

Review system

Intelligent algorithms are active behind the scenes, and provide you with a personalized review experience that adapts to your progress and learning behaviors.

While your goals can range from career development through the acquisition of new skills and knowledge to personal enrichment aimed at a hobby or fulfilling a passion, continual education is essential to all aspects of life. Gale Courses provides the tools necessary for these pursuits. Gale Courses offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor-led courses that you can take entirely online and at no cost.

Courses run for six weeks, and new sessions begin every month. Gale Courses offers courses in accounting, business, computer applications, finance, technology skills, web design, and much more.

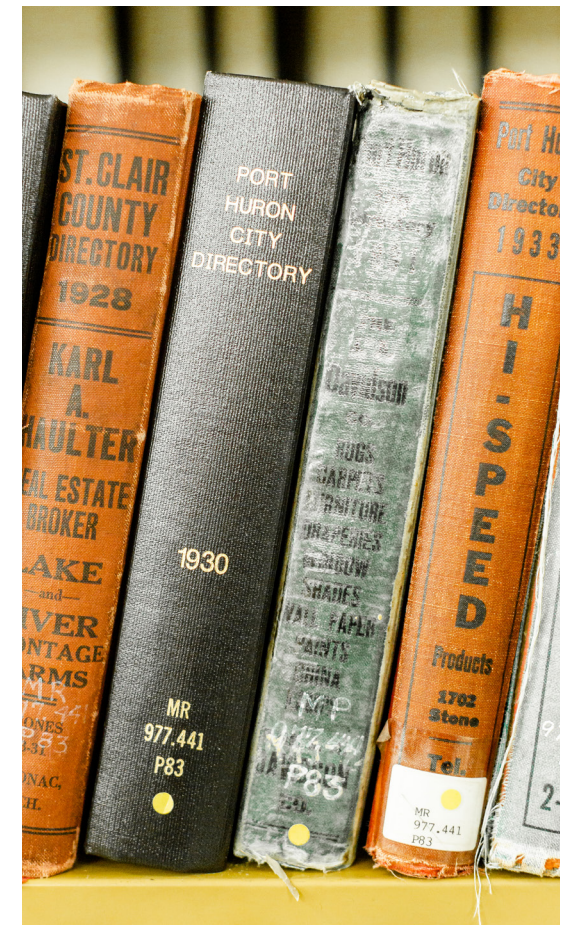
Michigan Room

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the Michigan Room will be open on Tuesday's from 9:00am - 5:00pm by appointment only starting October 12, 2020. Call 810.987.7323 ext. 2528 to schedule an appointment.

The St. Clair County Library System offers several ways to access many historical and genealogical materials from home. Our website includes links to digital resources for local history, including high school yearbooks, maps, indexes, city directories, and the recently added digitized records for the St. Clair County Poor Farm 1853-1897. Visit our newly designed Local History & Genealogy page here: www.stclaircountylibrary.org/services/list/local_history

To access our genealogy sites, you can use a computer at any of our branches, or our 24/7 Wi-Fi is available from the parking lot of every branch library, giving you access to Ancestry Library Edition from our website, as well as our affiliate library status with FamilySearch.org. You will need a valid library card to log in to the Wi-Fi. The Michigan Electronic Library also offers MyHeritage Library Edition for all Michigan residents. Go to www.mel.org, select "eResources," scroll down to the section for Public Libraries, and select "MyHeritage Library Edition" to begin searching for records.

For those who do not have internet access, or need assistance, please feel free to call the Michigan Room at 810.987.7323 ext.2528.



Library for Assistive Media & Talking Books

The Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (LAMTB) is a no-cost service for residents of all ages who have visual, physical, and/or reading limitations that prevent them from using standard print materials. The materials loaned with Talking Books include: large print books, magazines, Library of Michigan newsletters, audio books, braille, BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) and descriptive videos. Special equipment is loaned for the use of audio books, and all items are sent postage-free through the mail. Please contact the library and ask about how you or a loved one can start service. Application forms can be found on our website: www.stclaircountylibrary.org/services.

Home Connections

Home Connections provides delivery of books to your door. This is for St. Clair County residents who are unable to get to the library because of:

- o Covid 19
- o Long term illness
- o Recovery from surgery or illness of six weeks or longer
- o Non-driver status
- o Physical challenge
- o Problems getting out in the winter

Home Connections books have a six week loan period. You will need to complete an application to begin this service. Application forms can be found on our website: www.stclaircountylibrary.org/services.

Fidget Quilts

A “fidget” quilt or activity blanket is a small lap quilt, mat, or blanket that provides sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless or fidgety hands of someone with Alzheimer’s disease or related Dementias. Quilts provide sensory or tactile stimulation through the use of fabric choices, colors, value of colors next to one another, textures, and the use of accents or simple accessories such as pockets, laces, trims, appliques, buttons, secured beads, ribbons, braids etc. LAMTB has a great collection of quilts that we can give you for a loved one to use. Please contact us for your blanket. We also have the materials for you to start your own quilt, including beads, ribbons, and buttons. We are always looking for quilters willing to make quilts. If you would like a fidget quilt kit please let us know.



OrCam

Patrons with vision issues can use OrCam to assist with reading. The OrCam reader is a lightweight, easily maneuverable assistive technology device for users who are blind, visually impaired, or have a reading disability, including children and adults. The device automatically reads any printed text: newspapers, money, books, menus, labels on consumer products, text on screens, books, or smartphones, etc. The OrCam reader will repeat back any text immediately. Please contact LAMTB for a demonstration or to book an appointment to use OrCam at the following branches: Burtchville, Capac, G. Lynn Campbell, Memphis and Yale. Bookings at branches will begin in the fall. Please contact the branch for your appointment. For more information please visit www.orcam.com.



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Calendars and Other Giveaways

LAMTB often has braille or large print calendars that we can deliver to your home. We also have League of Women Voter guides. All supplies are limited and they are delivered on a first come, first served basis.

You can call us at (810) 982-3600 or (800) 272-8570 or email us at lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us.



LearningExpress Library™

LearningExpress Library is a free database for SCCLS patrons to use through the Michigan Electronic Library. LearningExpress Library is organized into targeted learning centers and supports those looking to improve their core academic skills, pass the GED, prepare for college, join the military, obtain occupational certification, find a job, change careers, become a U.S. citizen, and much more.

LearningExpress Library offers a comprehensive selection of interactive online tutorials, practice tests, articles, e-books and high-stakes test preparation - **modeled after official tests**. It's designed to help students and professionals at all levels of learning achieve their educational and career-related goals.

- o College admissions and placement exams (ACT®, SAT®, AP® and TOEFL®)
- o Academic skills-improvement for 4th-grade skills-level through college (reading, writing, math, science)
- o Graduate School Admissions exams (GRE®, GMAT®, LSAT®, MAT®, PCAT® and MCAT®)
- o Adult learning (reading, writing, math, science and more)
- o High school equivalency (GED®, HiSET® and TASC™) test prep
- o U.S. citizenship test prep in English and Spanish
- o Spanish content available for the GED® test and academic skills improvement
- o Career occupational certification exam prep
- o ASVAB Testing (AFQT, Assembling Objects, General Science, Mechanical Comprehension, Electronics Information, Reading Skills, and more)



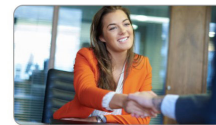
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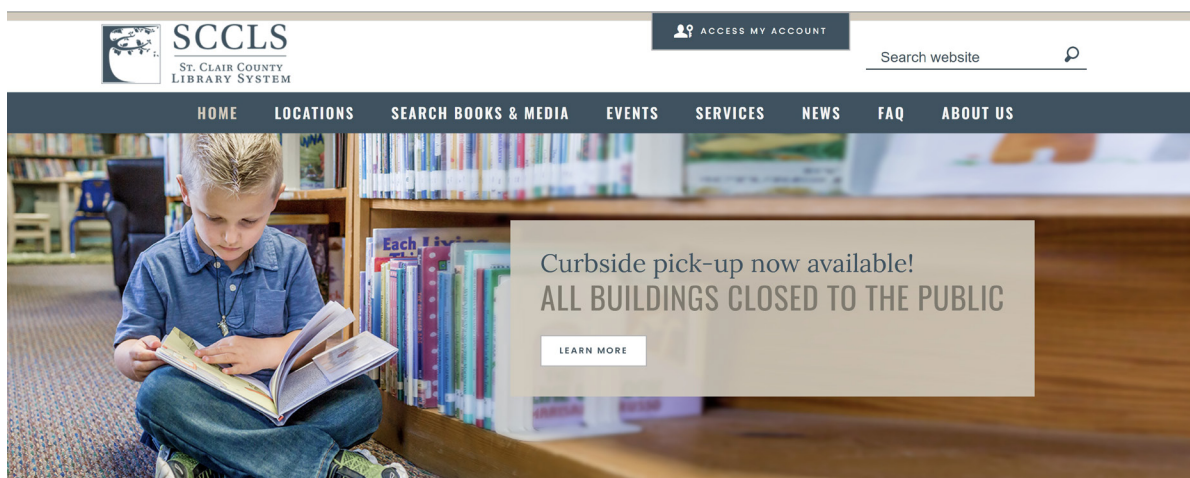
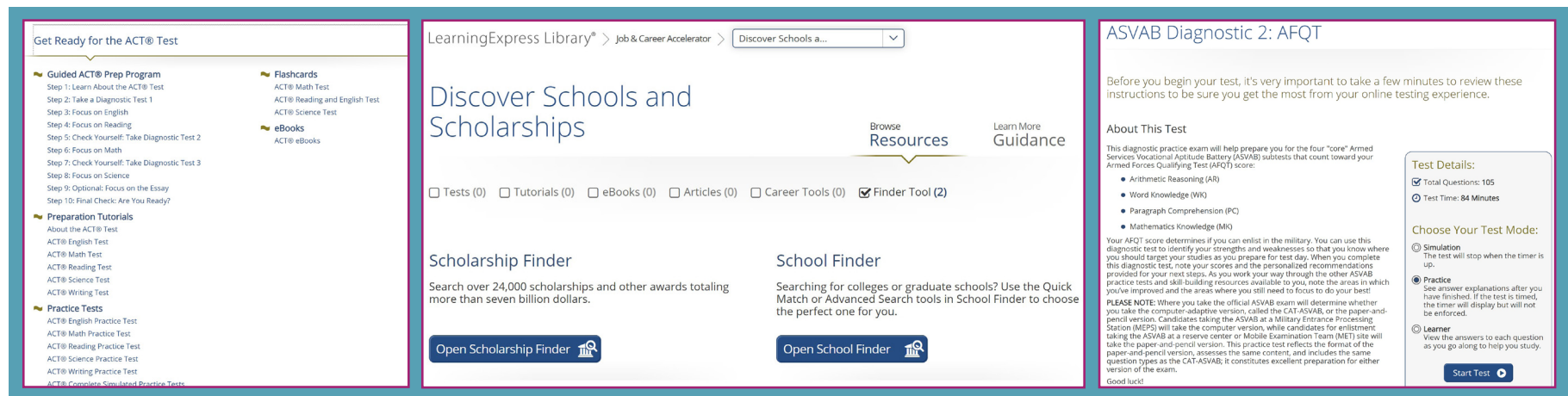
College Students



Adult Core Skills



Computer Skills Center



Welcome to the
ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

New Website

SCCLS has a new look! The library's brand new website went live in September, complete with fresh colors and an updated logo. The new site loads more efficiently on mobile devices and has been reorganized to better serve community needs. The Search Books & Media page now provides direct access to various library resources – such as the library catalog, MeL, and online tools like Libby, Hoopla, and Gale Courses – in a single spot. The library catalog was also renovated to include cover images and format icons to provide more information in fewer clicks. Online engagement has never been more important, and the new SCCLS website is just one more way to stay connected.

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 System 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 resources.
- **Free** access to databases that take you beyond a plain internet search.
- **Access** to knowledgeable librarians and library staff who will connect you to the world of information that you need.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are non-profit volunteer groups that are dedicated to supporting each of the branches in the St. Clair County Library System. The Friends contribute to the financial stability of the library and educate the community and its governing bodies about library issues. They work together with the community, library staff, Library Board, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, and with each library's Friends groups to support the System.

There are many volunteer opportunities available at the library, making it easy to help the library in whatever capacity best suits you. Some activities include helping with book sales and other events, raising funds for special programs, participating in library programs and outreach, and more. Contact your local library for a Friends Membership Application and either mail it in or drop it in one of our local dropboxes.

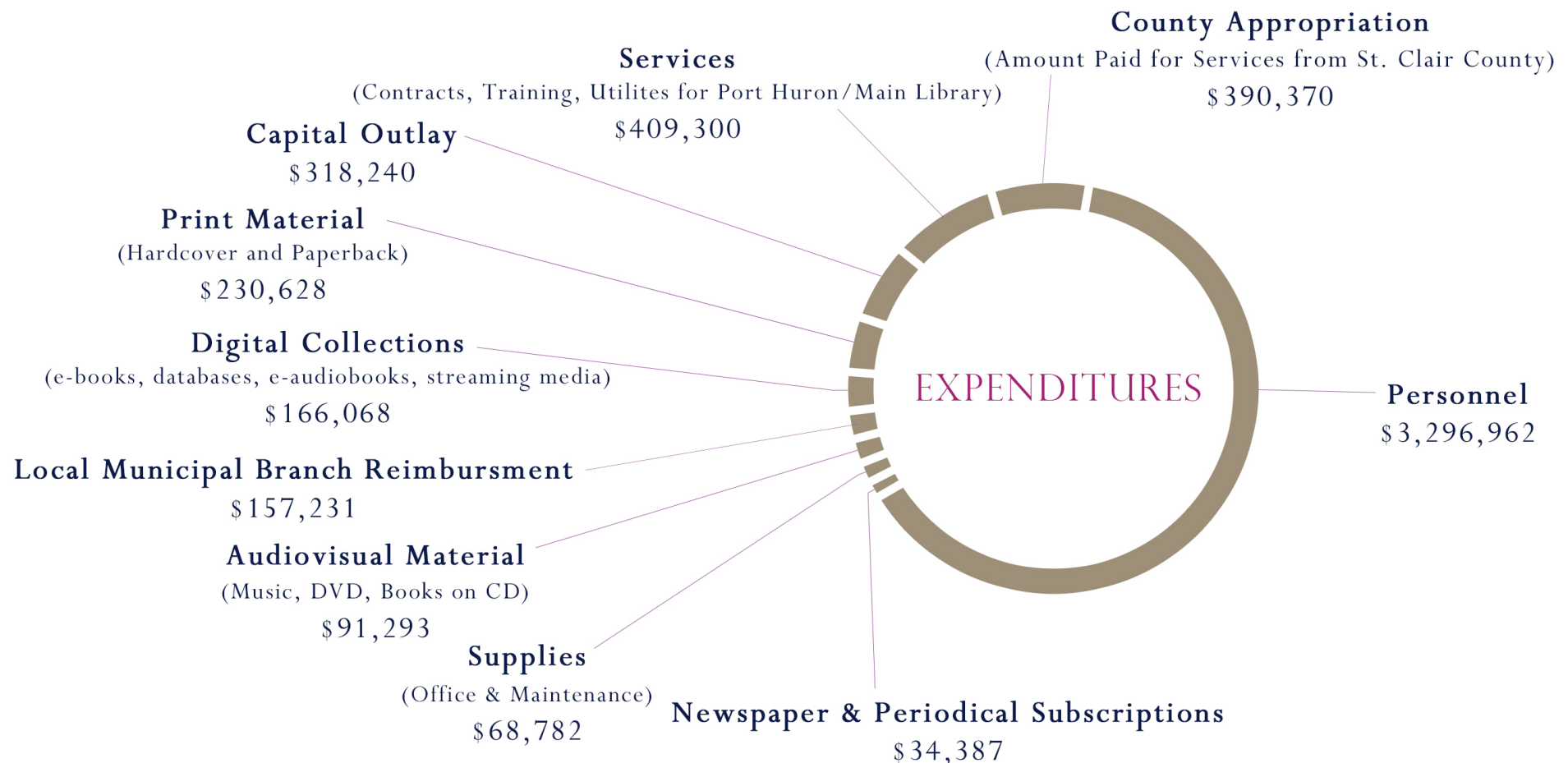
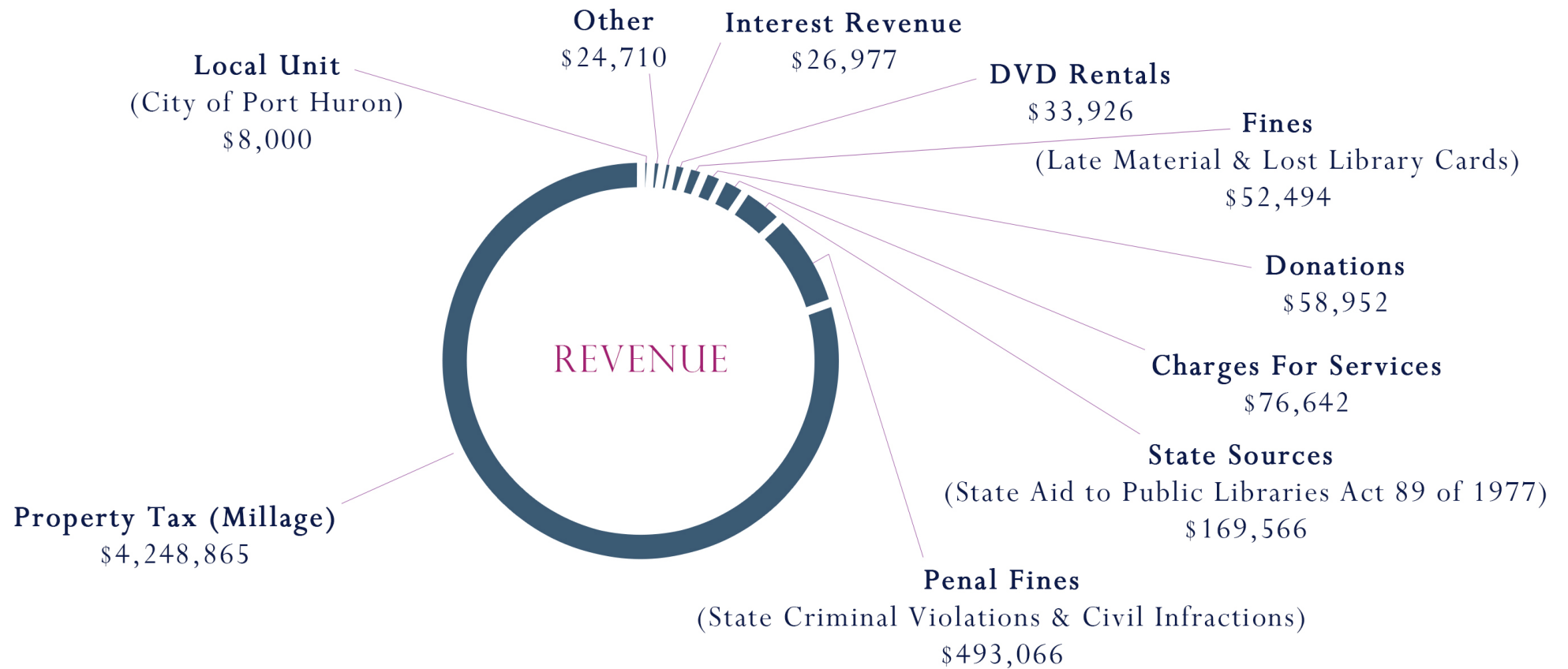
AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION WE ARE STILL NOT ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS.

DUE TO COVID-19 ALL MEETINGS AND BOOKSALES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR MORE INFO.





ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



ECRWSSDDM 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 17, December 15, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 12 (General Workshop), June 22.
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, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Algonac - Clay Twp.
2011 St. Clair River Dr.
Algonac 794.4471
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Burtchville Twp.
7093 Second St.
Lakeport 385.8550
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Capac
111 N. Main
Capac 395.7000
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Kimball Twp.
1955 N. Allen Rd.
Kimball 982.9171
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Ira Twp.
7013 Meldrum Rd.
Fair Haven 586.725.9081
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Marine City
300 S. Parker St.
Marine City 765.5233
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Marysville
1175 Delaware
Marysville 364.9493
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Memphis
34830 Potter St.
Memphis 392.2980
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

St. Clair
310 S. Second St.
St. Clair 329.3951
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7

Yale
2 Jones St.
Yale 387.2940
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9-5
Tue & Thur 11-7



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Your Library System will be closed:
November 11, 26 & 27, December 24, 25 & 31,
January 1 & 18, February 15, May 31, July 5