



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

2020 taught us all how things can change quickly and catastrophically, but 2021 has revealed that we can survive and adapt, carrying on with our mission to connect you to the world of information.

We've all heard the stories – we've all lived the stories – about how this pandemic has affected every part of our lives. I empathize with everyone's exhaustion that the past months bestowed. Looking forward at what can be for public library service in this county has been more healing for me than ruminating over the past and things that cannot be changed.

Your local branch may not look quite the same as it did as we have had to adapt the space of the branches to address concerns and remain comfortable places. We hope that having to look at the branches with a completely different lens has allowed us to create more flexible spaces that can be easily reconfigured for patron use.

Library staff transitioned to focus on expanding access to our digital collection of materials as quickly as possible so that you had access to books, movies, music, and more. Our librarians moved to quickly enhance our electronic collections through Hoopla, Overdrive, Gale Courses, etc. and teach library patrons how to use these resources remotely.

We have become video production whizzes: creating and delivering new content virtually. In doing so, we have learned how virtual programs can overcome transportation and distance barriers and attract attendees from a wider geographic area than programs offered solely in person in a single branch library. The possibilities for your Library to provide mobile Wi-Fi options, create programs to support digital literacy, launch more online programs, and make use of our outdoor spaces—illustrate the potential for better things to come.

I have seen an amazingly strong and dedicated library staff tackle the year's changes with humor, the drive to learn new processes and public service systems changes, and a positive attitude in offering the best services we can as we build our "new normal".

For now, know that we continue to adapt and shift in response to our community's needs. In all of this, I am so appreciative of the patience I have seen by our community and the dedication to the continued use of the St. Clair County Library System as a resource.

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.

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 Library?

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO CONFIRM DATES AND TIMES.**

CAPAC LIBRARY

Monthly Family Game Night (All ages)- Dates TBD

Bring friends and family to the library to challenge them in a variety of board and card games.

Easter Egg Hunt (Children) - April 9th 11am -1pm

Hop on down to the library for an egg hunt and Easter/seasonal themed crafts.

Food/Candy Tasting (Teen)- Date and theme TBA

Doctor Seuss's Birthday! (Children) - March 2022

Celebrate Seuss's birthday with fun crafts, food and activities!

G. LYNN CAMPBELL LIBRARY

Visit with Santa – December 2021 (Registration required)

Stop by to get your picture taken with Santa and to do some fun crafts.

Cookie Sale – Friday, December 17 from 10am – 4pm

Stop by to pick up some delicious baked goods made by members of the Friends of the G. Lynn Campbell Library. In addition to many types of cookies, pies, brownies, and other wonderful treats will be available for purchase.

Cards – Wednesdays from 1pm – 2pm starting December 1

Join us to play a variety of card games including euchre, cribbage, or bridge. Beginners welcome.

Fairy House Workshop – Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 24 5pm – 6pm (Ages 8 to Adult)

This series of 6 workshop sessions will provide the materials and instruction to create a fairy house of your own design. The library will store your project between sessions. Seats are limited and registration is required so please register early. Registration is for all 6 sessions; please contact the branch if you have questions about this program.

DIY Cross-stitch Bookmark – Friday, February 18 from 3pm – 4:30pm (Teens and Adults)

Learn to make your very own cross-stitch bookmark! All supplies provided, no experience necessary. Register early as space is limited.

Origami – Thursday, Jan. 27: 2pm – 3pm (Teens) & 4pm - 5pm (Adults)

(Teens) Learn how to make an origami pencil holder, throwing star, and more!
(Adults) Learn how to make an origami basket, gift box, and more!
All supplies provided. Registration required.

Kid Spring Break Bingo – Thursday, March 31 from 3pm – 4:30pm (Ages 6 – 12) Registration required.

Teen Spring Break Bingo – Tuesday, March 29 from 3pm – 4:30pm (Ages 12 – 17) Registration required.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16 from 11am – 1pm

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt with candy, crafts, and a special visit and photo op with the Easter Bunny. Registration required.

Crochet 101 and Crochet 102 – Spring 2022

Learn how to crochet, no experience necessary, all supplies provided.

MARINE CITY LIBRARY

Marine City constantly has a great offering of take-and-makes ready for children and teens. Stop by during operating hours and let your creativity fly.

MARYSVILLE LIBRARY

Stop on into Maryville Branch for children's take-and-make crafts. Offered weekly!

MEMPHIS LIBRARY

Memphis is looking forward to our traditional craft nights for kids. One of our ready to use plans is Animal Lamps from recycled bottles. We are looking forward to using our creativity and clean recyclables. We currently offer materials for a "Make and Take" and have different types of Scavenger Hunts for families to do at their leisure.

The Memphis Teens started working on an Art Journal in January of 2020. We are hoping to revive that project for those who have started the journal. We also plan to bring back game days and a book club.

PORT HURON - MAIN LIBRARY

VIRTUAL Sing-along, Play-along and Read-along with Jim Gill! - Thursday, November 4 at 6pm

We're thrilled to invite musician, author, and - perhaps most importantly - child development specialist Jim Gill to this LIVE virtual event to inspire preschool children - and the adults that love and care for them - to join in the fun by actively singing, clapping and dancing along! Jim earned his Master's in child development at the Erickson Institute of Chicago with a special emphasis on the study of play. Register to join the fun!

Tree of Thanks - November 1 - November 30

What are you thankful for? Drop by the Children's Library, choose a leaf, and write or draw something for which you're thankful. Let's cover our tree with thankfulness!

(Paper) Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Nov. 22 – Dec. 10 (kit pickup and decorated house drop off)

December 13-17 (vote at the library)

Pop in to the Children's Library and pick up a Paper Gingerbread House kit to decorate! As long as you start with our basic paper house kit, any paper or textile you add is fair game, so add from our supplies, or use what you already have at home. Use our glue and put them together in the Children's Library, or take them home to create your masterpiece - then bring your house back to the library to be entered into the contest, and vote on your favorite!

Family Photo Holiday Ornaments - December 13 - December 22

It's time for your 2021 Family Holiday Ornament! Three ways to get your photo to us: stop into the Children's Library and we'll snap your photo, bring one in, or email your own photo to jreed@sccl.lib.mi.us. Your ornament will spend 2021 on our Library Christmas tree, then go back home with you after the holidays to live on your tree next year.

Bear Necessities Kit and Teddy Bear Sleepover Camp

January 3 – 14 (kit pickup and drop off)

January 18 - 21 (Teddy Bear Camp Sleepover)

January 3 - 14, 2022, stop by the Children's Library or call to reserve your kit to build your very own stuffed teddy bear! Complete your bear here, or take it home to finish, and then bring your new bear friend back to the library for their exciting week of Teddy Bear Sleepover Camp, January 17 - 21! When you pick up your bear from sleepover camp January 24 - 28, your bear will have its own scrapbook of all the crazy things they did at camp.

YALE LIBRARY

Fall Canvas Painting (Children) - Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 10am - 12pm

Have fun painting a colorful fall tree on canvas.

Holiday Cards (All Ages) - Wednesday, December 8 from 10am - 12pm

Come and do some paper crafting and make some fun holiday cards!

Holiday Ornaments (All Ages) -

Monday, December 20 – Wednesday, December 22nd

Stop in anytime and make a holiday ornament!

Kid's Winter Craft Days (Children) – January/February

Stop in and make a fun winter themed craft.

Spring Create and Craft (Children) – Week of March 28 – April 1

Come and visit the library each day throughout the week and make spring themed craft. A different one will be available every day!

Easter Egg Fun! (Children) – Week of April 11 – 15

Stop in and hunt for Easter eggs hidden throughout the library. Find one and win a prize! Make an Easter egg craft too while you visit!

Make any time learning time!



Text TALK to 75547

Get messages with fun activities to help prepare your little one for school success.

READ: aloud to baby from any magazine, book, or newspaper. Hearing the sounds of spoken language will encourage babies to mimic sounds as they learn to speak!

**Talk, read, sing,
write and play
every day.**

READ DOWN YOUR FINES

Children and Teens are invited to participate in our Read Down Your Fines Event in March 2022. Children and Teens will have the opportunity to remove library fines from their account through reading. Details to come!



Library for Assistive Media & Talking Books

CALL US AT (810) 982-3600 OR (800) 272 - 8570 OR EMAIL US AT LBPH@SCCL.LIB.MI.US

The Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (LAMTB) Service 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:
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:

- Covid 19
- Long term illness
- Recovery from surgery or illness of six weeks or longer
- Non-driver status
- Physical challenges
- 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:
stclaircountylibrary.org/services

Exploring Grief - Monday, November 8 & Monday, January 24

This online program, hosted by Christy Miller (LMSW, ACSE), program director of Grieve Well, will explore ways of dealing with grief over the holiday season. Monday, November 8 is "Grieve Well During the Holidays" and Monday, January 24 is "Understanding Grief". Grieve Well provides resources and support to adults in grief, as well as those who surround them. They envision a community in which individuals grieve well so that they can lead a full life after loss.

To join the presentation register online at:

<https://app.livestorm.co/grievewell/grieve-well-understanding-grief-workshop-nov2021> for Monday, November 8

<https://app.livestorm.co/grievewell/grieve-well-understanding-grief-workshop-jan22> for Monday, January 24



The Blue Water League of the Blind held a 5K Fun Run fundraiser for a new braille embosser for the St. Clair County Library System. Thanks to Bob Furtado and the Blue Water League of the Blind (BWLb) the library now has a braille embosser that can transform any text into braille. On September 18, the BWLB welcomed outdoor lovers, walkers, rollers and runners of all speeds to a 5K benefit that helped to fund the purchase of the HumanWare 120 Juliet braille embosser for LAMTB. This printer will be able to produce text in braille for hospitals, schools, places of worship, businesses, nonprofits or any interested party that may need braille available for their clients, students, homes or visitors.

If you have text you would like to convert to braille please call LAMTB.



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.

CHILDREN & TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION KITS



New Book Discussion Kits!

Designed for groups and classrooms to read and discuss the same book.

Range from preschool to 12th grade.

10-30 copies of a title are available.

Check out for 56 days to anyone age 18+ with an SCCLS Library Card.

Contact your local branch or search **Book Discussion Kits** on our online catalogue to view current titles.

A special thanks to Women's Life and AAUW for their continuing contributions to our book discussion kits.

Book Title	Author	Recommended Grade	Number of kits (10 books in each kit)
Fry Bread	Maillard, Kevin Noble	Preschool - 2 nd grade	1
I Will Be Fierce!	Birdsong, Bea	Preschool- 2 nd grade	3
Zonia's Rain Forest	Martinez-Neal, Juana	Preschool -3 rd grade	1
Little People, Big Dreams: Greta Thunberg	Sanchez Vegara, Maria Isabel	K- 2 nd grade	2
My Papi Has a Motorcycle	Quintero, Isabel	K - 2 nd grade	1
Nana Akua Goes to School	Walker, Tricia Elam	K-2 nd grade	1
Southwest Sunrise	Grimes, Nikki	K-3 rd grade	1
We are Water Protectors	Lindstrom, Carole/ Goade, Michaela	K-3 rd grade	1
The Proudest Blue	Muhammad, Ibtihaj	K-4 th grade	3
Unbeatable Betty: Betty Robinson, The First Female Olympic Track & Field Gold Medalist	Kimmel, Allison Crotzer	1 st -5 th grade	2
Power to the Princess	Murrow, Vita	2 nd -4 th grade	3
Caterpillar Summer	McDunn, Gillian	3 rd - 6 th grade	1
Stargazing	Wang, Jen	3 rd - 6 th grade	3
Isaiah Dunn is my Hero	Baptist, Kelly J.	3 rd -7 th grade	1
The One and Only Ivan	Applegate, Katherine	3 rd -7 th grade	1
When I Hit the Road	Cavanaugh, Nancy J.	3 rd - 7 th grade	3
Saltwater Secrets	Callaghan, Cindy	4 th - 6 th grade	3
Song for a Whale	Kelly, Lynne	4 th - 6 th grade	1
Things Seen from Above	Pearsall, Shelley	4 th - 6 th grade	1
The Blackbird Girls	Blankman, Anne	4 th - 7 th grade	3
When You Trap a Tiger	Keller, Tae	4 th - 7 th grade	1
Starting from Seneca Falls	Schwabach, Karen	4 th - 8 th grade	3
When Stars Are Scattered	Jamieson, Victoria	4 th - 8 th grade	3
Before the Ever After	Woodson, Jacqueline	4 th - 9 th grade	3
New Kid	Craft, Jerry	4 th -7 th grade	3
Everything Sad is Untrue - A True Story	Nayeri, Daniel	4 th -8 th grade	3
We Are Not Free	Chee, Traci	7 th - 12 th grade	3
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek	Richardson, Kim Michele	9 th - 12 th grade	3
Watch Us Rise	Watson, Renée	9 th - 12 th grade	1



A big thanks and our gratitude from the library to Women's Life Chapter 757 and the A.A.U.W (American Association of University Women) for their generous book donation!

Borrow a WiFi Hotspot

The library now has T-Mobile hotspots at every branch. The hotspots were partially financed with IMLS CARES Act funds through the Library of Michigan. There are 32 units that allow users to access Wi-Fi anywhere they go. The T9 units can connect up to five devices, and a fully charged battery will last for about seven hours of average use. They can be found in the library catalog, and they can be checked out for two weeks at a time by users who are 18 or over and are in good standing. The units were set up to help library users who don't have access to Wi-Fi. Please check with your nearest branch for further lending information and for availability.

- Hotspots check out for 14 days. They will be deactivated once overdue.
- Hotspots will be limited to one per address.
- Hotspots must be returned to a circulation desk, not to a drop box. Returning to a drop box will result in a \$5.00 fee.
- Overdue fees are \$1.00 per day.
- These hotspots are reliant on cell phone towers serviced by the T-Mobile network. Most areas in St. Clair County are covered, but we cannot make any guarantees regarding service.
- Hotspots should remain in a temperature-controlled environment. Please do not leave the device in your car.



Library Services
Survey!



We want to hear from you!

Please take a short 5-6 minute survey to let us know how we are currently doing and make suggestions for future library service. Click on this QR code or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFX8CZW> to take the survey.

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, 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 assistance and resources.
- **Free** accesses to databases that take you beyond a basic internet search.
- **Free** tax forms and free tax assistance through volunteers from AARP
- **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/NEWS

Burtchville Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
G. Lynn Campbell Library	Annual Cookie Sale - Fri. Dec. 17, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Ongoing book sale during library hours
Ira Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours Sponsoring popcorn with ever DVD rental from Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 and a hot chocolate station from Thanksgiving - Jan 1.
Memphis Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours. Currently looking for someone who likes computers and is willing to research the value of some of the older donations we've received - please call the Memphis Library if interested.
Port Huron Library/Main	Thurs. Dec 2, 12:00pm - 5:00pm Fri. Dec 3, 9:00am - 3:00pm Thurs. Mar. 3, 12:00pm - 5:00pm Fri. Mar. 4, 9:00am - 3:00pm Ongoing book sale during library hours
St. Clair Library	Participating in the St. Clair Santa Parade - Nov. 19 Ongoing book sale during library hours. Thank you for the generous donation of \$800 toward Large Print titles.
Yale Library	The Friends of the Yale Library are currently looking for new members. Please contact the Yale Library for more information. Ongoing book sale during library hours.

MEETINGS

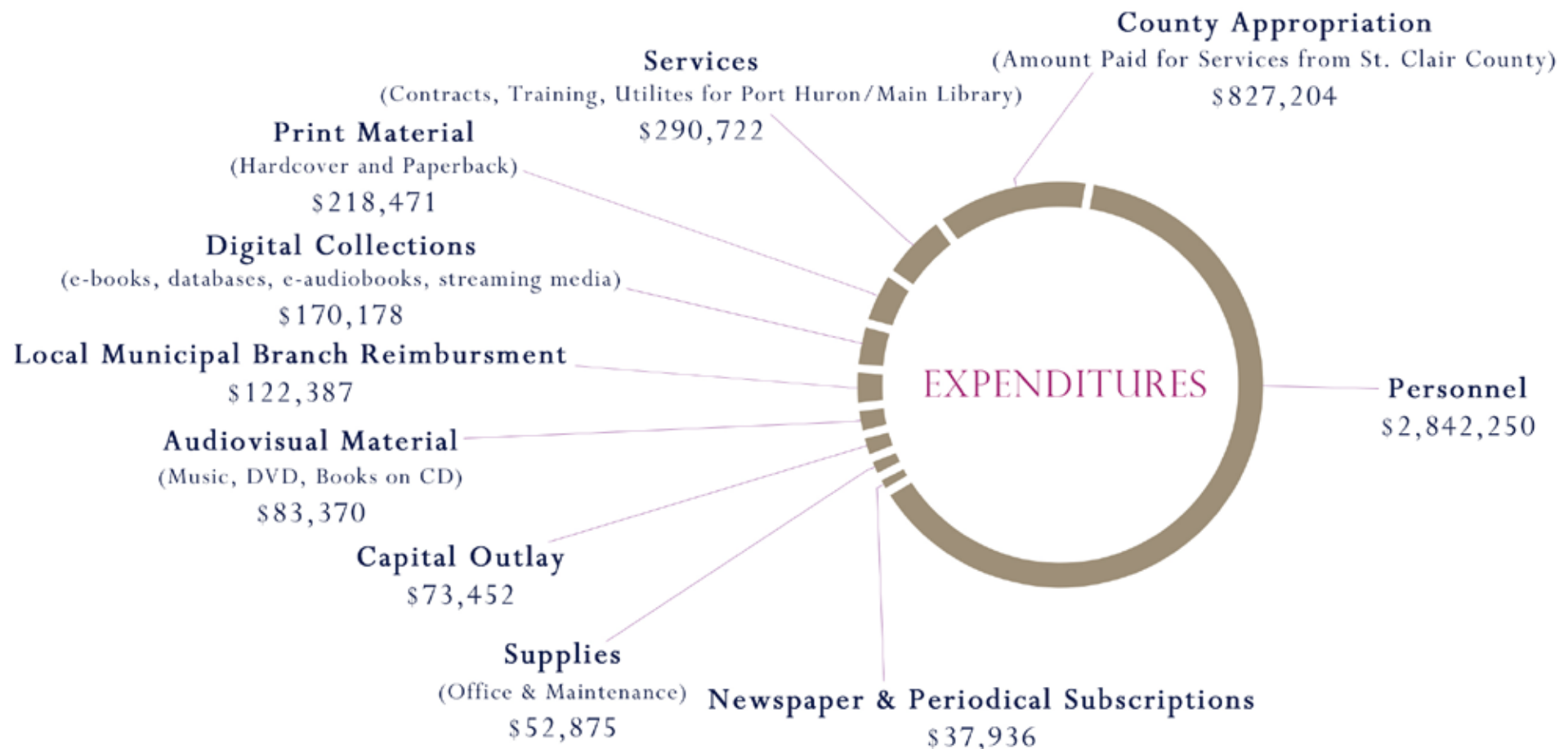
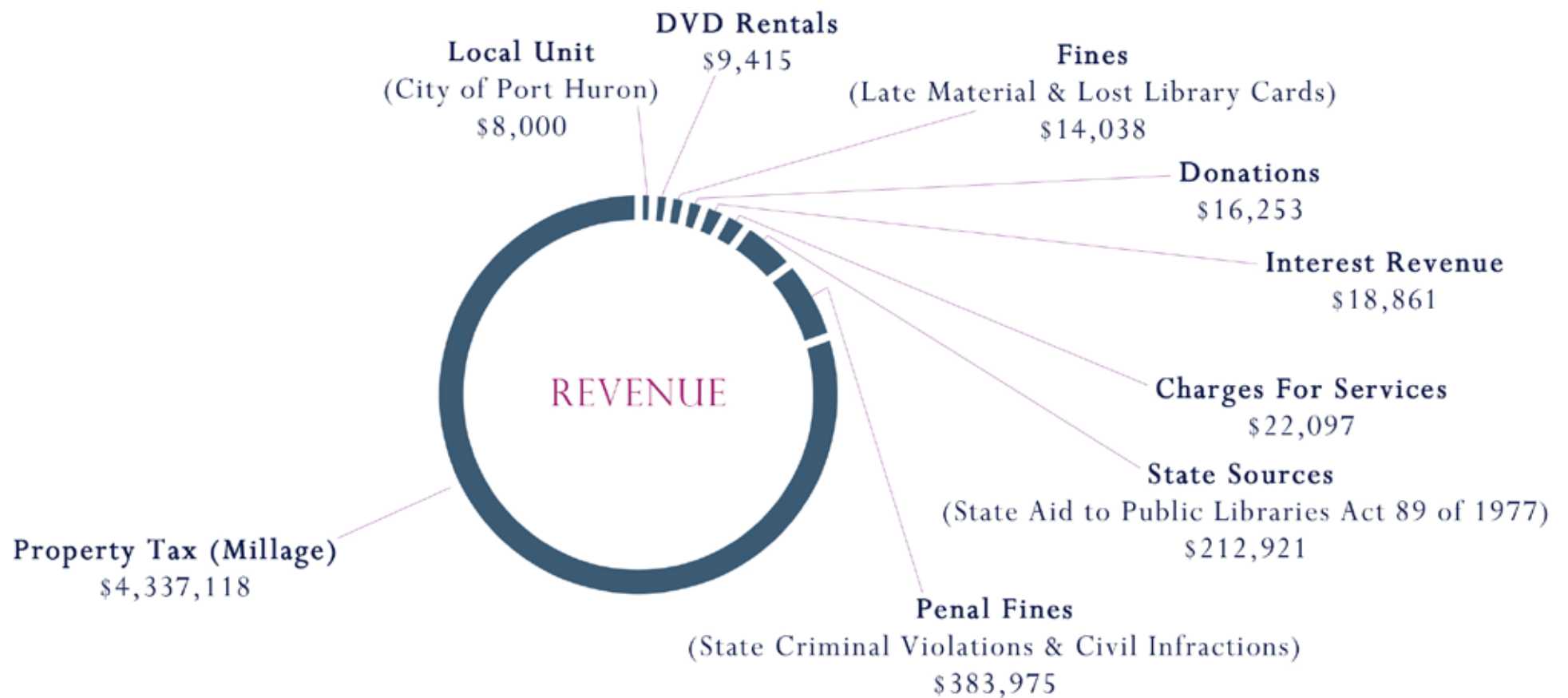
Algonac-Clay Library	Tues. at 1:00pm: Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5
Burtchville Library	As needed; contact the library for more information
Capac Library	Tues. at 1:00pm: Nov. 30, Jan. 25, Feb. 22 Mar. 29
G. Lynn Campbell Library	Mon. at 1:00pm: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Mar. 7, Apr. 4
Ira Library	Tues. Jan. 11 at 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Marine City Library	Mon. at 6:00pm: Jan. 10, Apr. 11
Memphis Library	Mon. at 3:30pm: Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. TBD, Feb. TBD, Mar. 21, Apr. 18
Port Huron Library/Main	Fri. at 1:00pm: Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15
St. Clair Library	Thurs. at 1:00pm: Jan. 20
Yale Library	As needed; contact the library for more information

ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM





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The St. Clair County Library Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
November 23, December 28, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26.
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 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Algonac - Clay Twp.
2011 St. Clair River Dr.
Algonac 794.4471
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Burtchville Twp.
7093 Second St.
Lakeport 385.8550
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Capac
111 N. Main
Capac 395.7000
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Kimball Twp.
1955 N. Allen Rd.
Kimball 982.9171
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Ira Twp.
7013 Meldrum Rd.
Fair Haven 586.725.9081
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Marine City
300 S. Parker St.
Marine City 765.5233
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Marysville
1175 Delaware
Marysville 364.9493
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Memphis
34830 Potter St.
Memphis 392.2980
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

St. Clair
310 S. Second St.
St. Clair 329.3951
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00

Yale
2 Jones St.
Yale 387.2940
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-5:00
Tue & Thur 11:00-7:00



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Your Library System will be closed:
November 11, 25 & 26, December 23, 24, 30 & 31,
January 17, February 21, May 30, July 4