West Branch District Library

Some of the resources your library has to offer...

**Community Room for everyone**

We make the community room available for your meetings and special events.

**Wide range of technology services**

Computer usage has increased 88% over the last 9 years, with over 70 users a day. Wireless Internet gives you even more options for computer use!

**Welcome Children!!**

Helping to expose local children to everything the library has to offer!

**Rain Garden Workshops and Plant Sales**

We have the first rain garden in Ogemaw County! Our workshops teach locals an alternative garden option!

“A Library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.”

Henry Ward Beecher

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OUR COMMUNITY, OUR LIBRARY

A Brief History:
Our library was established in 1905 as a City Library.

In May 2000, West Branch Public Library became a “District Library” upon voter approval by citizens in the City of West Branch, Edwards, Horton, Foster, Ogemaw and West Branch Townships. In August of 2000, a ten year millage of 4/10 mill was approved by the same voters (40¢ on each $1,000 of taxable property value). This millage was renewed in August 2018 and expires August 2029.

In 2005, a 3,000 square foot addition was added, to the pride of most everyone in our community. The library serves as a community center for information, recreation, and culture. 119 Years after it’s beginning, your library is still serving YOU!

You do not need a library card to come and use the Wifi, read a book, magazine, work on a puzzle, or shop at the Book Nook.

Some of the Valuable Services Your Library Offers You:
Books—over 32,081
Books on CD
DVD, current and classic movies
Local history collection, genealogy, census
Ogemaw Herald on microfilm (1923-Present)
High Speed Internet with WiFi
BookNook—used book store
Photocopy and fax services
Income Tax Forms
Community Meeting Room—very nice!
Special Programs for all ages:
Preschool Story Time Summer Reading Program, Books For Lunch, Author Visits, Silent Auctions, Art and Wine Walk & more!
Libby—e-books and Audio Books
Let’s Discuss Book Club
True Crime Book Club
Library Excursions to Cultural Venues

How is our Library Funded?

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What are penal fines?
A portion of fines collected for traffic violations.

Who is included in Property Tax/Millage?
City of West Branch, West Branch Township, Foster Township, Ogemaw Township, Edwards and Horton Townships.

How are other libraries funded?
67% of funding for libraries in Michigan is generated by direct voted millage and contractual fees.

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*0 % less than 1 % of the budget*

The average price of a house in Ogemaw County is $150,000.

To figure the millage on a house with an assessed value of $75,000
Multiply $75,000 x .0004= $30/year or
$ 2.50 per month