

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



 **CASS** LIBRARY
DISTRICT



(866) 808-7323



319 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49047



www.cassdistrictlibrary.org

LOCATIONS

MAIN BRANCH

319 M-62
Cassopolis, MI 49031
(269) 357-7822

EDWARDSBURG BRANCH

26745 Church St.
Edwardsburg, MI 49112
(269) 487-9215

HOWARD BRANCH

2341 Yankee St.
Niles, MI 49120
(269) 487-9214

MASON/UNION BRANCH

17049 US-12
Edwardsburg, MI 49112
(269) 357-7821

LOCAL HISTORY BRANCH

145 N Broadway
Cassopolis, MI 49031
(269) 357-7823

LIBRARY BOARD

EILEEN TONEY, PRESIDENT

Representing Howard Township

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Representing Volinia, Penn and Newberg Townships

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Representing Mason Township

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Representing Calvin, Ontwa, and Porter Townships

LAURA HUGHES

Representing the Village of Edwardsburg



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

GENERAL FUND

Taxes	\$1,619,561
State sources	\$42,118
USF Grant	\$61,934
Penal fines	\$126,369
Patron service fees	\$18,977
Investment income	\$62,869
Local contributions and other	\$13,168
Total revenues	\$1,944,996

EXPENDITURES AND GENERAL FUND

Salaries	\$617,124
Payroll taxes	\$45,000
Employee benefits	\$136,949
Library materials/ processing	\$178,028
Contractual/ professional services	\$68,992
Insurance	\$17,952
Programs	\$21,776
Utilities/ internet	\$120,927
Repairs and maintenance	\$46,767
Capital expenditures	\$25,697
Automation	\$88,354
Supplies	\$23,657
Other	\$3,638
Total expenditures/ expenses	\$1,394,861
Fund Balance/ Net Position - End of Year	\$1,305,862

Annual audit conducted by Kruggel Lawton CPAs

LIBRARY VALUE CALCULATOR

Figures indicate how much patrons would pay out-of-pocket if the library didn't exist or if these services and resources were not freely available.

ADULT BOOKS BORROWED

\$519,163

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS BORROWED

\$19,968

CHILDREN'S BOOKS BORROWED

\$572,424

AUDIOBOOKS BORROWED

\$2,128

INTERLIBRARY LOAN MATERIALS

\$22,195

DOWNLOADED MATERIALS

\$661,185

MOVIES & CDS BORROWED

\$55,676

HOURS OF COMPUTER USE

\$82,476

ADULT PROGRAMS

\$35,730

TEEN PROGRAMS

\$4,764

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

\$43,414

TOTAL \$2,260,432

Figures calculated through ilovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do/calculator



OUR NEXT CHAPTER

2024 was a milestone year for the new Edwardsburg Branch, marked by steady progress and highlighted by the erection of the building's steel frame in December. While construction advanced significantly, unexpected material delays and engineering issues extended the project timeline by nearly five months, shifting the anticipated opening to December 2025.

Neighbors and patrons may recall that site work began in earnest in May 2024. Although the Library had hoped to preserve many of the existing trees, most were found to be in poor health and had to be removed. In their place, the Library is committed to replanting a variety of healthy, native trees and plants—an investment in creating a beautiful, sustainable landscape for generations to come.

This year also saw the launch of the Our Next Chapter capital campaign, in partnership with the Michigan Community Gateway Foundation. The campaign introduced several naming opportunities and fundraising efforts, including t-shirt and ornament sales, to support this once-in-a-generation project. The Library has already contributed over \$1 million in cash and issued 30-year bonds to help bring this vision to life.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS! TO LEARN MORE OR TO DONATE, PLEASE VISIT: [CASSDISTRICTLIBRARY.ORG](https://cassdistrictlibrary.org)

TOTAL RAISED = \$109,089



EDWARDSBURG BRANCH PROJECT DONORS

**ANONYMOUS
EDWARD & MARY BESSINGER
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DAVID & TERESA DAVIS
BARBARA & EDWARD GORDON
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PATRICIA MERCER
MIDWEST ENERGY AND COMMUNICATIONS
TAMMY NIEMIER
JEFFREY & TINA VANBELLE**

Thank you!

2024 BY THE NUMBERS



63,863
BRANCH VISITS

27,759

MAIN BRANCH

7,571

HOWARD BRANCH

21,258

**EDWARDSBURG
BRANCH**

6,817

**MASON UNION
BRANCH**

458

LOCAL HISTORY BRANCH



6,801
COMPUTER USERS

4,707

**REFERENCE
QUESTIONS ANSWERED**



16,526

WIFI SESSIONS



27,806

WEBSITE USERS



136,703

TOTAL ITEMS CIRCULATED



20,534

ITEMS BORROWED

83,899

ITEMS CIRCULATED



8,715

BORROWED

23,555

ITEMS DOWNLOADED



8,715

BORROWED

8,878

LENDED



91,504

**TOTAL LIBRARY
DATABASE
USAGE**



2,573

SEARCHES



6,692

SESSIONS

82,092

USERS



dear reader

147

USERS

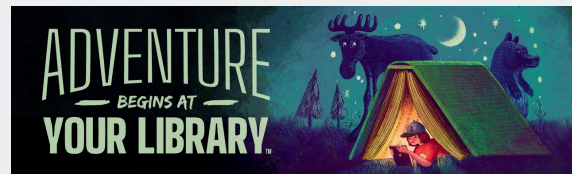
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PROGRAMMING



2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

678 
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

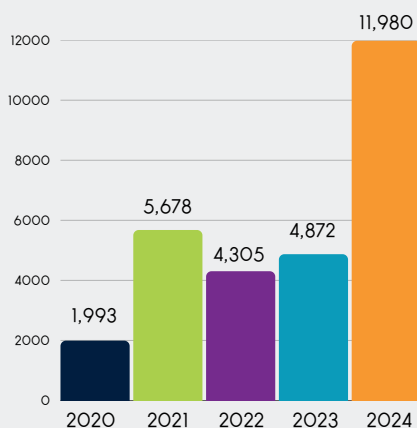


2024 PROGRAM STATISTICS

449 
LIBRARY PROGRAMS

11,980 
PROGRAM ATTENDEES

151 
STORYTIMES



501% INCREASE IN
PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE
SINCE 2020

PROGRAMMING
2020  2025
\$7,000 \$22,000
214% BUDGET INCREASE

PROGRAM DONORS & PARTNERSHIPS

Ashley's Take Out
Bergman Small Animal, PC
Cass County Council on Aging
Cass County Fair
Cass County Fair Court
Cass County Medical Care Facility
Cass County Parks Department
Cass County Road Commission
Cassopolis Public Schools
Central Cass Fire Department
Circle Credit Union-Cassopolis
Dussel's Farm Market & Greenhouse

Edward Lowe Foundation
Edwardsburg Public Schools
Friends of the Mason/Union Branch
Great Start Cass
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana
Happy Jake's
Harding's Markets
Helping Hands of Cass County
Howard Ellis Public School
Levan Family
Midwest Energy & Communications
Miss Cassopolis Court

Penn Township Fire Dept.
Pokagon Band Police Dept.
Porky's Party Place
Savage Bean Coffee Co.
Saylor's Pizza of Dowagiac
SEPSA Fire Authority
Thomas J. Mosier Well Drilling
Tri County Head Start
True's Towing and Recovery
Van Buren/Cass District Health Dept.
Village of Cassopolis
Village of Edwardsburg
White Pigeon Public Schools