



## DEAR FRIENDS,

This past year was nothing short of magical at the library. From the library's quiet spaces, to our bustling community events, the library truly offered something for everyone.

The heart of our mission is making essential resources accessible to everyone in our community. We are proud to provide high-impact services such as free internet access, workforce and job-readiness resources, early literacy support, tech help, printing services, and shared community spaces. **We also have books!**

Thank you for supporting a library that continues to grow, adapt, and serve our community in meaningful ways. If it's been a while since your last visit, or if you've never stopped in, we warmly invite you to discover all that Benzie Shores District Library has to offer.

Warmly,

Stacy Pasche, MLS  
*Library Director*



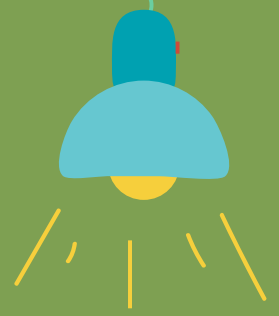
## FRIENDS OF



**BENZIE SHORES  
DISTRICT LIBRARY**

The Friends of Benzie Shores District Library play a quiet but powerful role in keeping our library strong. Through memberships and special events, they help offset operational costs by funding programs, materials, and extras that stretch every tax dollar further. Their support allows the library to say “yes” more often to new ideas and community needs. Joining the Friends is an easy way to invest in a place you already love, connect with fellow library supporters, and make a real, local impact.

We invite you to become a Friend and help ensure the library continues to thrive for everyone. To join the Friends, scan the code or visit <https://bsdlibrary.org/donations>



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**42,422**  
LIBRARY VISITS



**65,813**  
ITEMS CHECKED OUT  
Thanks to our patrons, BSDL continues to have the highest circulation in Michigan for a **CLASS 1 LIBRARY!**

**49,681**  
PHYSICAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT



**16,132**  
DIGITAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT

**OVER 20,000**  
INTERNET SESSIONS



FREE WIFI  
ACCESSED  
**19,244**  
TIMES



FIVE PUBLIC  
COMPUTERS  
USED **1,513**  
TIMES

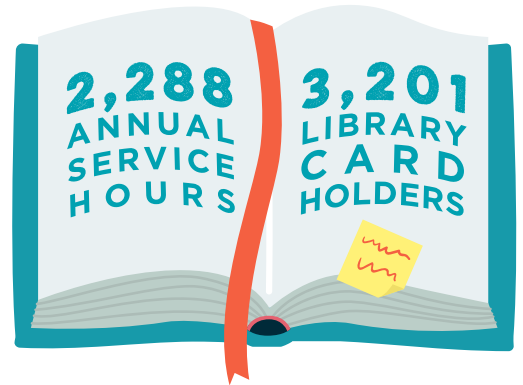
**215**  
PROGRAMS



**3,533**  
ATTENDEES

## HOW ARE WE FUNDED?

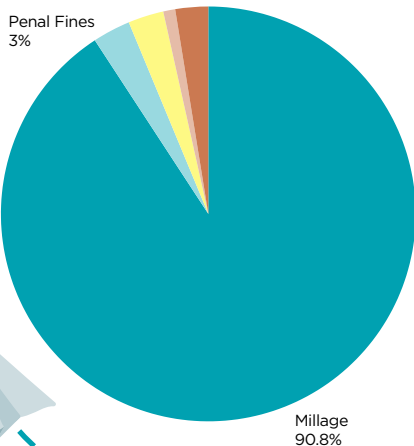
Library funding comes primarily from local tax support, along with state aid, grants, fines and fees, and generous contributions from Donors and the friends of the library. This mix of funding allows us to maintain core services while also exploring new programs, technology, and resources that respond to community needs.



## HOW ARE FUNDS USED?

Library funds support daily operations such as staffing, collections, technology, building maintenance, and public programming. We also invest in improvements that strengthen library operations and enhance the patron experience. Careful budgeting ensures that essential services remain strong while allowing room for thoughtful growth and innovation.

*\*Data from FY 2024/25 State Aid Report, filed annually with the State of Michigan.*

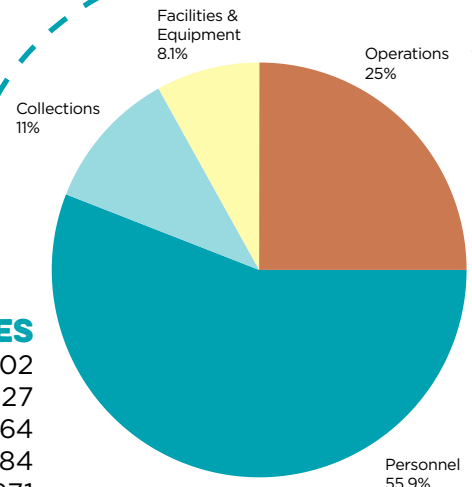


### OPERATING INCOME

Millage Income	\$387,214
Penal Fine Revenue	\$12,587
Other Local Income	\$11,832
State Aid Income	\$3,973
Contributions & Grants	\$10,912
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$426,518</b>

### EXPENSES

Personnel	\$231,502
Collections	\$45,527
Facilities & Equipment	\$33,464
Operations	\$103,384
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$413,871</b>



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# DITCH YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS!

## INSTEAD OF:

- Subscribing to streaming services like Netflix, Disney+, or Prime
- Subscribing to Audible
- Purchasing magazines
- Subscribing to newspapers



## TRY THESE FOR FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD:

- Stream films on Kanopy or hoopla
- Listening to audiobooks with Libby or hoopla
- Read popular magazines on Libby
- Read the newspaper at the library.



Did you know your library card is the gateway to **FREE** books, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies & more!

