



Grand Ledge Area District Library

August 2, 2022

Library Millage Request



What is the Library asking for?

You will be asked to vote on a renewal of the Library's current 1.1414 mills and an increase of 0.0586 mills, for a total millage rate of 1.20 mills for 10 years. That means you will pay \$1.20 for every \$1,000 of the taxable (assessed) value of your property to support Grand Ledge Area District Library operations.

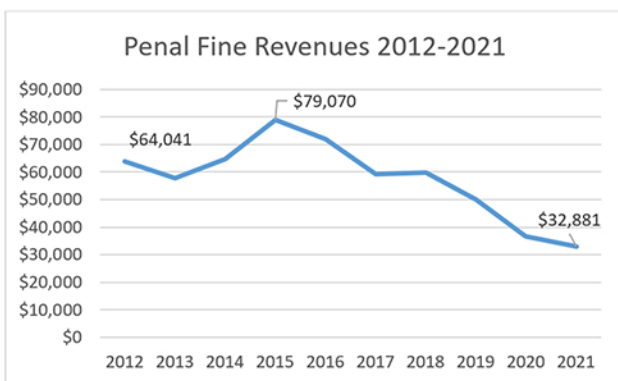
Our original 1.20 millage rate was approved in 2000 and renewed in 2010 and has been reduced by the Headlee amendment to the present amount of 1.1414. Our current millage support expired on December 31, 2021. If approved, you will see this new 1.20 millage rate starting on your 2022 winter taxes.

How much will this cost property owners?

If the Library millage is approved, the 1.20 millage will appear on the 2022 winter tax bills and for a home with a \$100,000 Market Value the annual taxes would be \$60/year. The average homeowner's annual tax bill for the Library will be \$88.32.

Market Value	Taxable Value	Cost/Year	Cost/Month	Cost/Day
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$60.00	\$5.00	\$0.16
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$120.00	\$10.00	\$0.33
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$180.00	\$15.00	\$0.49
*\$147,200	\$73,600	\$88.32	\$7.36	\$0.24

*Median value of owner occupied housing in Grand Ledge, 2016-2020, U.S. Census QuickFacts



How much money does your millage support provide?

Millage revenue made up about 89% of the Library's 2021-2022 operating budget. District-wide, the 1.20 millage is estimated to provide \$770,482. This includes the 0.0586 mil increase to restore the library's funding to the amount original 1.20 mills approved by voters in 2000. This additional amount adds up to an estimated \$37,000 in tax revenue. This increase in funding is critical as other sources for funding for the library such as Penal Fines have decreased over the last 10 years.

How are public libraries in Michigan funded?

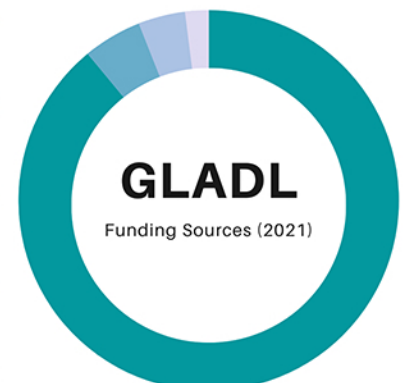
Public libraries in Michigan are primarily funded through local property tax millage. In 2021-22, it made up 89% of Grand Ledge Area District Library's funding. Penal fines from the county provided approximately 5% and State Aid provided another 2% of the 2021-2022 budget. Remaining 4% of funding came from donations, grants, fines and fees, and other miscellaneous sources.

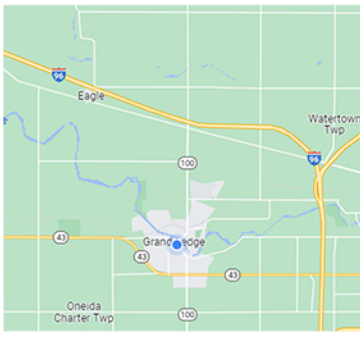
PROPERTY TAXES 89%

PENAL FINES 5%

GRANTS, INTEREST,
AND MISC. REV. 4%

STATE AID 2%





Who may vote on the library millage renewal election?

All registered voters of the City of Grand Ledge, Oneida Township, and those voters in Watertown, Riley and Westphalia townships that live in the Grand Ledge Public School District.

- Need to find your polling location? Looking for a sample ballot?

Michigan.gov/Vote can help!

• To locate your precinct within the City of Grand Ledge, or for more information about voting and how to get your absentee ballot visit **cityofgrandledge.com/187/Elections**

What is the wording on the ballot on August 2, 2022?

"Shall the previously voted millage for the Grand Ledge Area District Library of 1.200 mills, as reduced to 1.1414 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 1.1414 mills and increased by .0586 mills for a total levy of 1.200 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and be levied for ten (10) years, 2022 through 2031, inclusive, for general library operating purposes, raising an estimated \$770,482.00 in 2022?"



How long has Grand Ledge had a library?

Over 100 years! With just 60 books as a nucleus, the Grand Ledge Ladies Library Association opened their library to the public in December, 1911-- on Saturday afternoons only--in a single room, on the second floor of a local building. The Library quickly grew in popularity and usefulness. By 1912, the Grand Ledge City Council offered a furnished room, light and heat if the library moved to the Water Works Building, (now the Masonic Temple). By 1931, construction began on a new library building, which was dedicated on Saturday, November 7, 1931.

Beginning in 1998, the Library began to evolve-- to provide more technology services, programming, and expanded collections to serve the growing needs of the greater Grand Ledge community. By 2000, the Grand Ledge Area District Library was formed. The Ladies Library Association would be proud their "vision" continues, 111 years after their Library was founded.

How much is the Grand Ledge Area District Library used?

In 2021, GLADL welcomed 47,688 visitors, circulated over 143,118 items, and hosted 8,353 patrons of all ages at 198 educational or recreational programs. GLADL provides public computer access, copying, printing, scanning, faxing, and free wireless internet. Utilizing the CARES and ARPA programs to further increase community access to digital resources, GLADL added hotspots, tablets, Chromebook and laptop computers with hotspots for patron check out. GLADL offers Summer Reading activities for hundreds of people of all ages, thanks to the Friends of the GLADL and many local sponsors. Through the Library of Michigan, GLADL provides books and digital content to every student and teacher in the Grand Ledge Public School District.

GLADL is "open" 24/7, with a rich variety of digital and online content - ebooks, audiobooks, streaming video books for early literacy; plus international cooking, language learning, and streaming independent films. Teens and adults can access Career development, online tutors, study guides, resume assistance, job coaching, software training, and skills development too. During the pandemic GLADL expanded patron services with curbside assistance, exterior locker pickup or in person browsing for an 80% increase in our hold pickup feature by library patrons.

GLADL continually seeks innovative ways to serve our growing community. We welcome your suggestions! Please contact Library Director, Lise Mitchell at (517) 622-3550 or email at questions@gladl.org. We're always looking for volunteers, advocates, and Friends to help make GLADL the best Library it can be – funded by our community, for our community.