



WHITE LAKE
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
Summer 2010

Library millage –Vote– Tuesday, August 3rd

Declining property values have reduced the amount of revenue the Library receives. White Lake Township voters will be asked to approve 0.4 mills to fund library operations for eight years. Income must be replenished to sustain the same level of basic library services.



How is the Library funded?

Over 90% of the Library's revenue comes from property tax, and declining property values have decreased the amount of revenue the Library receives. Annual tax revenue is projected to decline from \$900,000 in 2010 to \$650,000 in 2013. Other sources of revenue – including state aid, penal fines and interest from investments – also have declined. (See inside for more)

Why does the Library need this millage?

If operating revenue is not replenished, the Library will need to reduce or eliminate:

- Hours and days of operation
- The number of books, audio books, DVD's, downloadable audio books, eBooks, online resources, magazines, and newspapers purchased for children, teens and adults
- The number of youth, teen & adult programs offered, including story time, summer reading, book clubs, movie viewings, concerts, author

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from the Director Lawrence Ostrowski

Until recently, one sure way to start a conversation in most any social situation was to comment on the local weatherman's poor record of predicting the upcoming weather. Today however, armed with "Storm Tracker" technology when they say a major snow storm is only hours away you can prepare for severe weather.

I share this observation only because the decline in funding we are going to experience in January of 2011 already occurred in the vast majority of public libraries in Ohio in July 2009. While funded somewhat differently, I can tell you that as an administrator in three different public libraries in Ohio over 11 years, that a 20% drop in revenue at a public library in Michigan will have a similar impact as in Ohio. What are those impacts? A number of libraries have had to go from being open six to only five days a week, others have chose to open later and close earlier. Some have had to do both. As you might suspect, serious cutbacks on the purchase of new books, CDs and book on CD have occurred. Some stopped purchasing DVDs and

terminated contracts to permit users to download audio books. A number of libraries increased their fines and fees. Programs for adults and children have been eliminated and some libraries even dropped story times for pre-schoolers.

Since last July, sixty-one public libraries in Ohio have gone to the voters in their local communities to address the drop in funding. Heartwarming to me to see, was the fact that 9 out of 10 communities passed millages and recognized the value and importance of having a quality library in their community.

White Lake residents will have the opportunity in August to direct the path of the "financial storm" due to hit this January. Personally, it would be gratifying, if the citizens of White Lake took the necessary steps to ride out this **financial perfect storm**.

Larry Ostrowski, Director



Big Read = Big Success



The Library received a \$7,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to conduct a community reading initiative for the month of March based on To Kill a Mockingbird. With this grant money we were able to have 16 events at the Library, give away more than 600 free copies of the book, have more than 50 people participate in our book discussions, distribute more than 2000 Reader's Guides, and add

new copies of the audio book, movie, and large print edition to our collection. The Friends of the Library generously provided refreshments for all the events. Frequently heard comments that month were: "This is terrific! When are you going to do it again?" and "Great programs! Wonderful book!" and "Free? I can have a book to keep?" Thank you to all who participated by reading the book, attending or helping with events, having your picture taken "reading" the book, and sharing the timeless issues presented in this book.

Big Screen Movie Nights

Three times this summer, Hawley Park, just down the hill from the library, will be the place to be for late-night family fun. The White Lake Township Parks & Recreation committee will be showing the Disney film "UP" on Saturday, June 12th, at dusk. Another



movie night on August 21st is planned with the showing of E.T. A third movie night is planned for Thursday, July 15th, as part of the Family Fun PARK IT night program with Oakland County Parks. Look for the Friends of the Library tent at each event.

Millage Information

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visits, and classes on computers, history, art, crafting, finance, nature and more

- **Outreach services to Dublin Center, Independence Village, schools and pre-schools**
- **Librarians available at the Library by phone and email who provide in depth expertise and help to patrons**
- **Interlibrary loans**

Capital improvements are also necessary. It's been almost ten years since the 2001 Library renovation and expansion. The Library needs to replace carpet in high traffic areas, repaint the interior of the building, update technology, and replace roof shingles on the original half of the building.

What cuts has the Library made as revenue has declined?

Wages have been frozen for over 2 ½ years, and employee benefits have also been reduced. In 2010, the Library cut hours by 7% and expenditures for books and DVDs by 20%. The Library has also reduced funding for services like children's story time and computer classes by 50%.

The Library has also renegotiated contracts to reduce costs, added RFID technology, and streamlined processes wherever possible for increased efficiency and economy.

Library use is up as revenue declines

Use of the Library has increased by double digits in just the past two years.

- **Number of people visiting library – 41%**
- **Use of library computers - 28%**
- **Number of materials checked out – 21%**
- **Requests for information- 13%**

Residents are using the Library to help stretch their budget. Many job hunters, students, and businesses depend on the Library to provide free computers and/or internet access for employment, school, and business related research and correspondence.

How much will it cost?

A White Lake Township homeowner, whose house has a market value of \$200,000 and a taxable value of \$100,000, would pay an additional \$40 a year, or \$3.34 a month, in property taxes to the library in December, 2010. A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1000 of a property's taxable value, which is generally equal to half the property's market value. Due to declining property values this same property tax is projected to decline to \$34 in 2011 and \$30 in 2012

Want to know more about Library funding?

Currently the library operates two different levies. The Library receives a 0.3-mill perpetual levy authorized by voters in 1975, which is now collected at the rate of 0.2114 mills due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks. Additionally, the Library receives an eight year renewable 0.5 mill levy originally levied in 1998 and renewed in 2006 by a 75% approval rate. It is now collected at 0.4528-mills due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks. Altogether, the library levied 0.6642 mills in 2009.

By law, the existing Library funding and the proposed Library millage are both for library services only – they cannot be used for other township operations such as police, fire or other general township services. The elected autonomous six-member Library Board oversees the budget that is audited annually by an independent CPA.

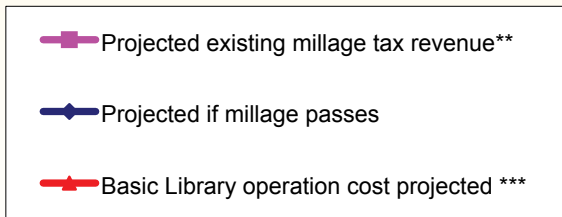
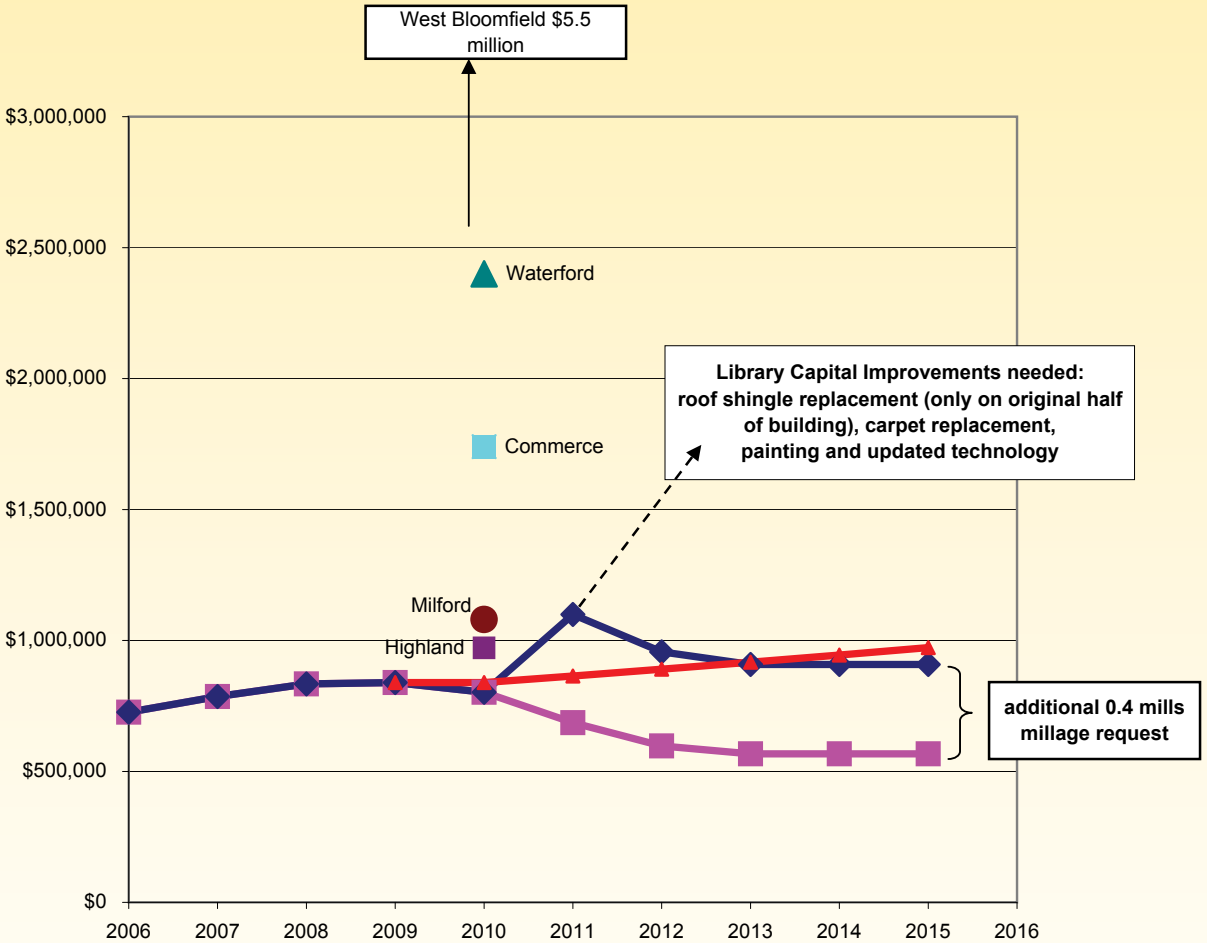
Please vote on Tuesday, August 3, 2010

to determine the level of Library service

you would like in White Lake Township.

Millage Information

White Lake Township Library and Neighboring Libraries Millage Revenue: Actual 2006 - 2009* & Projected 2010- 2016



Sources:
 *1/13/10 Spinal Column Newsweekly
 **Oakland County Assessor Estimates
 ***assume 3% annual cost increase

Children's Programs

Please call the library @ 248-698-4942 ext. 3 to register for children's programs.

Make a Splash @ Your Library

Splash, craft, dance, sing, and more during the 2010 Summer Reading Program! We will have activities for children ages 3 – 11 years and the whole family! All programs are free of charge. Registration begins Tues., June 1

The first 800 children to register will receive a free bag with a complete schedule of events and a reading log to record titles of books read and/or listened to during the summer. Children must register in person.

Earn incentives throughout the summer, including a "Golden Shovel" ticket to our End of Summer Beach Bash! Every child who participates will receive a certificate of completion. **Prizes may be claimed beginning Mon., June 21.**

June 1 – August 14

Summer Story Times

(Limited Enrollment)

Registration begins Thurs., June 3



Treasure Chest Adventures

(Ages 3 – 6 years)

Enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Wed., 10:30 – 11:15 am

June 23, 30, and July 7, 14, 21, 28

Flip – Flops

(Ages 7 – 11 years)

Crafts, games, and more!

Thurs., 10:30 – 11:15 am

June 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

*Drop in to the children's department and dive into new crafts during the weeks of July 5 – July 31.

No registration required.

Lego Club

(Ages 3 and up)

Be a part our monthly Lego Club! We build new theme-based structures each month. All Legos provided.

Registration required beginning Tues., June 8. Space is limited.

Sat., June 26 and July 17: 10:30 – 11:15 am



Monday Matinees

Beat the heat and enjoy a water themed movie each month on the Library's big screen. LOTS of popcorn available. Bring your own drinks. Call the library for movie titles. No registration required.

Mon., 2 – 4 pm June 21, July 19, Aug. 9

Learn to Draw Sea Creatures

(Ages 6 – 11 years)

Presented by Patrice Duvall. Learn how to draw some of your favorite sea animals. All materials will be provided. **Registration required beginning Mon., June 21.**

Space is limited.

Wed., July 7, 6 – 7:30 pm



Book Bunch

(Grades 3 – 5)

Join our summer book club! We'll read and discuss GREAT books while enjoying snacks. **Registration required beginning Mon, June 14. Pick up your copy of the first book beginning Mon, June 21.**

Mon, July 12 and August 2: 10:30 – 11:15 am

July 12: *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell
Aug 2: *Beezus and Ramona* by Beverly Cleary (the beloved story comes to the big screen July 23 – check your local theaters – come and discuss the book after)

Fly Tying

(Ages 8 – 11 years)

Presented by Tom Erickson. Do you enjoy the great outdoors and the thrill of sport fishing? Learn how to tie your own flies for your next fishing trip. All materials will be provided. **Registration required beginning Tues., July 6. Space is limited.**

Tues., July 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Scrapbook Party

(Ages 6 – 11 years)

Presented by Scrapbooker's Inc. Make an awesome scrapbook page to remember all your favorite summer experiences! Bring 4 – 6 pictures that you can cut. All other materials will be supplied. **Registration required beginning Mon., July 12. Space is limited.**

Sat., July 24, 11 am – 12 noon

(more programs to the right)

Teen Programs

(Ages 12 – 18 years) Call (248) 698-4942 ext. 3 to register for programs

Make Waves @ Your Library

Read anything you want this summer and attend programs to earn raffle tickets towards great prizes, including a Nintendo DS, tickets to the Waterford Oaks Waterpark, and a “Fun in the Sun” prize pack. Visit the library for weekly drawings and earn other prizes as you read!

Registration begins Tues., June 1.

June 1 – Aug 20



Pizza Picks

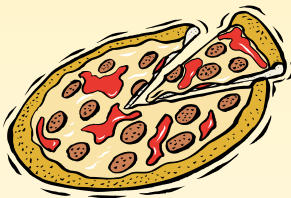
Join our book club, read great books each month, and eat lots of pizza! No registration required. Pick up a copy of the first book beginning, Mon, June 14.

Wed, June 30 and July 28:

6:30 – 7:30 pm

June 30: *Swim the Fly* by Don Calame

July 28: *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer



Teen Movie

Enjoy a movie that definitely includes some BIG waves! No registration required. Call the Library for movie title.

Fri, July 9: 2 – 4 pm

Eco-ware

Create your own unique piece, using recycled materials like can pull-tabs, old watch parts, and other “green” stuff. Go a little steam punk or keep it real – your choice. Think zipper pull, key ring holder, cuffs, pendants or . . . All materials provided. Registration required beginning Tues, July 6. **Tues, July 20: 2 – 4 pm**

Just Add Water

Play some outdoor games, make crafts AND snacks all by just adding water! Sure to be interesting. No registration required.

Sat, July 31: 11 – 12:30 pm

End of Summer Reading After Hours Party

Read at least 45 hours this summer and win a ticket to our summer reading after hours “pirate” party. This year will be all out! Watch a movie, make a craft, eat tons of food and enjoy being the only ones in the library! Grand prize drawings will be held. **Fri, Aug 20: 6 – 9 pm**

More Programs!

Start Your Engines!

Dive into the driver’s seat of a Monster Truck and an ARCA race car! Vehicles will be on display in the library parking lot provided by Terry Lilley and Matt Carr.

No registration required. Bring your camera for a photo opportunity.

Thur., July 29, 2 – 4 pm



Early On Music and Movement

(Birth – 3 years)

Presented by Marie Koppmeyer, PT. Explore music and movement activities with your child that promotes learning and fun! Use songs, finger plays, games and toys to enhance growth and development.

Registration required beginning, Mon., July 19. Call Sue McIntyre (248) 209-2520 to register. Space is limited. Tues., Aug. 10, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Beach Bash

Reach your reading goal and join our end of the Summer Reading Program party! Games, prizes, and more!

Sat, Aug 14: 10:30 – 12 noon

Rain Date: Sat, Aug 21: 10:30 – 12 pm



Adult Programs

Register as noted by calling 248-698-4942, ext. 2.
Programs may be cancelled due to lack of registration.



Adult Summer Reading Program

Join the Summer Fun!

Pre-registration is not required. Simply read or listen to any 5 books and record the titles on an entry form. Random prize drawings will be held throughout the summer for participants who complete and return their entry forms to the Library. You can enter the drawing more than once, but each time you enter you have to read 5 more books! Entry forms will be available at the Library starting June 1st. Please call the Library at 248-698-4942 ext 2 if you have any questions about Adult Programs.

June 1 – August 14, 2010

Computer Club

Drop in, ask questions, share tips. All skill levels welcome, with or without laptops. Registration not required.

First Thursdays each month from 10:30 am – noon
June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept 2

Movie Matinees for Adults

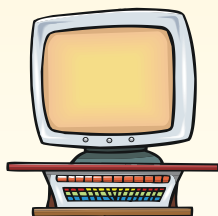
Popcorn provided. Please call for movie title and to register.

Second Thursdays each month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9

Computer Classes

The TLN Mobile Computer Lab returns for FREE computer classes. Each class is 1 ½ hours long. Maximum class size of 6, minimum of 3.

Registration required, beginning June 10.



Beginning Computer:

For people with little or no computer experience. Learn to use a mouse and some basic computer terms and skills. Choose ONE of the following sessions:

Thur. June 24, 10:30 am OR 1:00 pm OR 3:30 pm

Beginning Email:

Learn the basics of email and set up a free email account. Must have basic computer and mouse skills. Choose ONE of the following sessions:

Fri. June 25, 10:30 am OR 2:30 pm

Beginning Excel 2003:

Learn the fundamentals of this spreadsheet program. Must have basic computer and mouse skills. Taught by Don Willem from the Dublin Community Center. Choose ONE of the following sessions:

Mon. June 28, 4:00 pm OR 6:00 pm

Beginning Internet:

Begin to search the Internet, evaluate websites and save your favorite web pages. Must have basic computer and mouse skills.

Choose ONE of the following sessions:

Tues. June 29, 10:30 am OR 1:00 pm OR 3:30 pm

Beginning Word 2003:

Learn the fundamentals of this word processing program. Must have basic computer and mouse skills.

Thur. July 1, 2:30 pm

Read & Discuss Book Group with Professor Sandra Sutherland. 6:30 – 7:30 pm, second Tuesdays each month

June 8 *Sula* by Toni Morrison

July 13 *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

Aug. 10 *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*
by Maggie O'Farrell

Sept. 14 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
by Rebecca Skloot

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Programs may be cancelled due to lack of registration.

Introduction to Yoga

For adults of all ages, shapes, and fitness levels. The health benefits of yoga are numerous. Always consult your doctor before starting any exercise program. Bring a mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothes. Register for either or both sessions.

Tues. June 8 and Tues. June 15, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Job Searching Programs

Employment Lab

Use the TLN Mobile Computer Lab laptops to apply for jobs online without the usual computer time restrictions. Registration begins on June 10 for time slots.

Sat. June 26, 10:00 am – 4:45 pm

Job Search Workshop

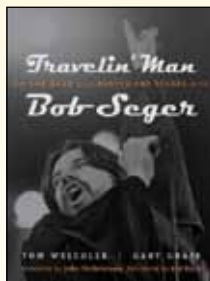
Michigan Works! will provide you with tips on résumé writing, searching for jobs, and interviewing. Please register.

Mon. July 26, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Bob Seger: Travelin' Man

Tom Weschler and Gary Graff, authors of *Travelin' Man: On the Road and Behind the Scenes with Bob Seger*, will speak about their book and sign copies. Books will be available for purchase. Please register.

Wed. Aug. 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm



The Way Work Changed

In celebration of Labor Day, Professor Emeritus Dennis Fiems will discuss the significance of the Industrial Revolution in changing the way we work and live. Please register.

Wed, Aug. 25, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Family Program

Splastastic Musical Revue by Harpbeat!



Join us for a concert in Hawley Park with Donna Novack and the beautiful music of her harp. Highly interactive and fun for all ages! Bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic dinner and make a family night of it! No registration required. Concert will be held indoors if it rains.

Mon, July 19: 6:30 – 7:15 pm

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their sponsorship of this newsletter and the summer reading programs.

Friends of the Library

Mini-Golf a Major Success!!

The Friends Mini-Golf Event on March 6-7, was big success again with over 200 attendees on Sunday and 52 teens participating on Saturday night. The addition of obstacles on the course made it much more challenging and exciting. Look for an expanded event in 2011, with a Sunday night session for area church youth groups to compete against one another.

Thank you 2010 Library Mini Golf Sponsors!

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Book Sale • Saturday June 12th, 10 am - 3 pm

Regular Sale 10-1

Hardcover \$1, Paperback \$.50, Youth \$.25

1-3 pm, \$5 a bag

No Scanners, Please.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

July 3-5, for Fourth of July weekend
Sept. 4-6, Labor Day weekend

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