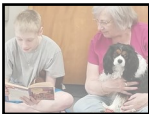




10 Reasons to Love Your Library

1. Libraries serve everyone.
2. Libraries promote literacy and are essential to education.
3. Libraries attract businesses and build better communities.
4. Libraries provide entertaining and educational programs for everyone.
5. A library is a magical place for kids and adults... and even dogs! 
6. You can meet like-minded people; or be challenged by new ideas.
7. Libraries are repositories of local history.
8. Libraries can bring you the world.
9. Books. Movies. Music. Magazines. Internet. Audiobooks.
10. Where else can you get so much for so little?

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

- “You are always so nice and helpful!” - Paige, 13 (Twp.)
- “The answer to ‘bored, bored, bored?’ Books, books, books!” - Anonymous
- “Thanks for watching my kids like they were yours!” - Alisha (City)
- “I like the new website - good job!” - Pat (Twp.)
- “Storytime with Ms. Crystal was so much fun!” - Kim (Twp.)
- “Libraries rock!” - Lori (City)



Hours

Tuesday 10:30 - 6:30
 Wednesday 10:30 - 6:30
 Thursday 10:30 - 4:30
 Friday 10:30 - 4:30
 Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

Closed Sunday and Monday



GALESBURG-CHARLESTON MEMORIAL DISTRICT LIBRARY



The Heart of Our Community

VOTE ✓
August 7, 2018

188 E. Michigan Avenue
 Galesburg, MI 49053

269-665-7839

<http://galesburgcharlestonlibrary.org>

GALESBURG-CHARLESTON MEMORIAL DISTRICT LIBRARY

WHAT WE ARE ASKING...

On August 7, 2018, residents of Charleston Township and the City of Galesburg will be asked to approve the renewal of a 1-mill property tax, with an additional 0.3-mill, for a period of 10 years (2019 - 2028) for the purpose of operating the district library. The current millage expires in December 2018. The additional funds will allow us to expand services and opportunities for residents.



ABOUT THE LIBRARY

- The Galesburg-Charleston Memorial District Library was formed in 2014 and provides services to the residents of Charleston Township and the City of Galesburg.
- The population of the library's service area is 3,951 people. (2010 Census)
- The library is funded through property taxes, penal fines and state aid.
- The library's collection contains books for children and adults, audiobooks, dvds, magazines and electronic books.
- Available services include computers with internet access; wireless (wi-fi) access; copying, faxing, printing and scanning.
- The library provides a variety of programs and classes for children and adults.
- The library participates in state-wide resource sharing through MeL.
- We are a member of the Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative and Michigan Library Association.

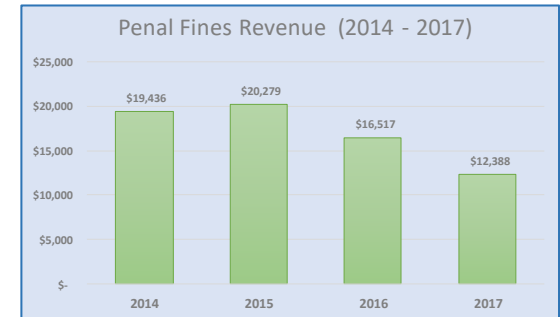


WITH INCREASED FUNDING WE CAN...

- Improve technology
- Hire more staff
- Host more classes
- Improve hours
- Provide more programs for children, teens and adults
- Continue needed facility maintenance and improvements
- Offer new collections

SINCE BECOMING A DISTRICT LIBRARY IN 2014...

- Library visits have increased 35%.
- Program attendance is up by 70%.
- Collections have been updated - books, audios, DVDs.
- All residents qualify for reciprocal borrowing with Kalamazoo Public Library.
- Updated facilities - new bathrooms!
- Library is no longer dependent on City / Township budgets.
- School involvement and community awareness has increased.



Penal Fines have decreased 35% since 2014.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Home Value	Taxable Value	Cost of .3 mil
\$75,000	\$37,500	\$11.25 / year
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$15.00 / year
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$22.50 / year
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$30.00 / year

For more information, please contact Helena Hayes, Library Director, by phone at 269-665-7839 or email at director@gcmdl.org.

Millage Revenue (2014 - 2017)

