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Branch Information

AuGres Community Library

230 N. Mackinaw, P.O. Box 146
AuGres, MI 48703
Phone: 989.876.8818
2023 Circulation - 7,160

East Tawas Library

760 Newman St.
East Tawas, MI 48730
Phone: 989.362.6162
2023 Circulation - 14,729

Mary Johnston Memorial Library

114 N. Court St., P.O. Box 698
Standish, MI 48658
Phone/Fax: 989.846.6611
2023 Circulation - 11,981

Omer Little Eagles Nest Library

201 E. Center, P.O. Box 186
Omer, MI 48749
Phone: 989.653.2230
2023 Circulation - 2,389

Plainfield Township Library

220 N. Washington, P.O. Box 247
Hale, MI 48739
Phone: 989.728.4086
2023 Circulation - 4,803

Robert J. Parks Library

6010 N. Skeel Ave.
Oscoda, MI 48750
Phone/Fax: 989.739.9581
2023 Circulation - 12,325

Tawas City Library

208 North St.
Tawas City, MI 48763
Phone: 989.362.6557
2023 Circulation - 8,379

Whittemore Library

483 S. Bullock
Whittemore, MI 48770
Phone/Fax: 989.756.3186
2023 Circulation - 3,360

For current branch library hours,
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Note:
The Circulation numbers
reported above include only barcoded
items circulated through our Horizon automation system.



IOSCO-ARENAC DISTRICT LIBRARY

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

In the Headlines...

- The District purchased thirteen staff and public-use computers to replace aging equipment at Headquarters and in the branches
- The District sponsored a Local Authors Fair on June 24, 2023 at Harbor Park in East Tawas. It was a great event that was well received.
- The District approved participating with Valley Library Consortium to acquire BiblioCommons. This online catalog will replace Enterprise and greatly enhance patron's experience in searching for reading materials. It is anticipated that BiblioCommons will be up and running by spring of 2024.
- The Tawas City Library received a face-lift with new paint and carpet. Thank you to the volunteers that helped move books and furniture out of the library and then return them at the end of the project.

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More Headlines

- There were 40,009 virtual visits to the District's website.
- Public Internet computers were used 10,314 times and there were 176,887 logins by patrons on their own laptops/devices using District provided WiFi.
- There were over 30,780 digital books, audiobooks, magazines, music and movies checked out using Libby and Hoopla.
- Branch library staff issued 1,250 new borrower cards in 2023.
- Headquarters staff added 8,595 new books, CD books and magazine subscriptions to the District collection, spending \$123,484.
- The District shared \$473,928 of the millage funds with local units of government to support branch library operations.
- Library staff checked out over 82,851 books, audios, videos and magazines to patrons using our automated system.

Libraries are more than books!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that Kari Besancon took over as District Director on August 25, 2023. She was, most recently, a librarian at the East Tawas library. Kari originally hails from Las Vegas where she was an elementary school teacher-librarian for 14 years. She has a Masters of Library & Information Science degree, a Bachelor of Psychology degree and is certified with the State of Michigan. Kari lives in East Tawas with her husband John along with their dog and cat, Chelsea and Mike.



Programs for Kids...

- ✍ There were 104 programs which were enjoyed by over 3,133 kids of all ages.
- ✍ The 2023 Summer Reading Club theme was "All Together Now". There were thirty-eight programs. They included Mellypop! Puppet Theater, Cirque Amongus, NERF Mobile Games, REPCO Animal Encounters, Clark Lewis Juggling Stunt Show, The Magic Bookshelf with Doug Scheer, Comedy Magician Cameron Zvara, and more....
- ✍ Spring Break Staycation brought loads of fun for kids with Michigan Snakes Alive, Rob the Magic Guy, the Joel Tacey Show, and more...
- ✍ The youngsters loved the stories, games and crafts at the Storytimes for Preschoolers.
- ✍ Spooky Halloween fun and magic was popular with Joel Tacey presenting Tales From Beyond, Magician Michael Pierce and Rob the Magic Guy.



Fox Snake at Michigan Snakes Alive program.

... and Grown-ups, too!

We offered a wide variety of programs and events for grown-ups. These programs were both educational and entertaining. In 2023 we sponsored 29 programs. A sampling of the programs included:

- ☑ Local Authors Fair
- ☑ Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher
- ☑ Canning and Food Safety
- ☑ History of the Soo Locks
- ☑ Gardening for Bees
- ☑ Under the Radar Michigan
- ☑ Viking Warrior Societies
- ☑ Murder and Mayhem in Michigan
- ☑ Up North in Michigan



2023 Local Authors Fair

FINANCIALS

2023 REVENUE

Millage	\$ 939,179
Penal Fines	214,353
State Sources	49,686
Fines and Forfeitures	4,093
Miscellaneous Income	69,308
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,276,619

2023 EXPENDITURES

Millage Revenue Sharing	\$ 473,928
Wages & Benefits	456,081
Books, Materials, Periodicals & Digital Resources	164,449
Programming	43,840
Technology	46,539
Fixed Assets	23,119
Operating Expenses	90,839
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,298,795

Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	\$ 982,806
Fund Balance-Assigned by Board	-829,498
Fund Balance-Restricted by Board	-62,128
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	-1,906
TOTAL UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE (AT YEAR END)	\$ 89,274