

Bath Township Public Library Millage Factsheet

Current funding...	The Library Center is funded by an allocation of General Fund dollars from the Bath Township Board of Trustees.
Current library access...	Bath residents can utilize the DeWitt District Library free; its library receives funds based on the Bath population. Bath residents must pay to use libraries located in Laingsburg, Haslett or East Lansing.
About the Public Library board...	If the millage passes, it creates an independent Public Library that will be governed by an independently elected Board of Directors. However the initial Board of Directors would be appointed by the Township Board of Trustees to serve for three years until the next election cycle in 2020.
About the proposed millage...	The proposed millage is 0.68 mills for a period of 5 years--\$34.00 per year for a home worth \$100,000.
About the election...	On Tuesday, November 7, registered voters in Bath Township vote in their regular precincts. Absentee ballots may be requested from the Township Clerk until November 6. Elections are funded by the township using funds allocated for this purpose.
What happens if the millage passes?	With passage of the millage and legal establishment of a township library, the Bath Township Public Library will be eligible to receive State of Michigan Library grants and the township library's share (both based upon population) of court fines, also referred to as "penal fines," estimated to be \$53,000/year.
Services offered by the library...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bath Township Library Center serves increasing numbers of patrons of all ages, with over 1,100 individuals currently holding library cards.• The library provides space for tutoring, computer use and wi-fi access.• The library provides materials and programs to help support and augment the local literacy efforts, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Early Reading Programs (provided at the library by child development professionals from MSU),○ Story Time for preschoolers, and○ Summer Reading Program to help address "summer slide" in student reading skills.• The library provides space for local groups to meet, including Cribbage Club, Book Club, and various Scout troops.• The library provides free technology assistance to those who struggle with their computers, cell phones and other devices.• This in addition to the "normal" activities of checking out books, current magazines, DVDs and audio books.• Adoption of the millage would provide for new services, like interlibrary loans from all Michigan libraries (through www.mel.org).

Bath Township has no official position on the millage.

The library millage election will be held Tuesday, November 7.