



Whitehall Township
7644 Durham Rd. Whitehall, MI 49461
Regular Board Meeting
June 23, 2025 @ 4:30 pm

- 1 Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
- 4 Approval of Agenda :
5. Public Comment:
- 6 Consent Agenda :
 - Acct payables, Financials, Zoning Reports,
 - May 27 Reg Mtg Mins,
- 7 Announcements/Communications:
 - Update Silver Crk water ext.,
 - MMP Update
 - Charter Comm.
8. Public Official.
9. Unfinished Business
 - Resolution 25-13 Correction
- 10 New Business;
 - Treasurers 1/4ly report
 - Budget Amendment #1
 - Resolution 25-15
 - Disc Park Rental
 - Tree Removal
11. Public Comment:
12. Board Comments:

13. Adjournment:

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTE: Citizens should use this opportunity to address the Board. As a courtesy to the Board, please state your name and address and address to the Chair only. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes. Questions or concerns? Please contact the business office Mon. thru Thurs. 9:30 –4:00



WHITE LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

2024 by the Numbers

46,396 people came through
our doors from January thru December.
That's more than **154** visitors per day
& an increase of nearly **10%** over 2023



WHITE LAKE
COMMUNITY LIBRARY



3,176 people
have an active account
at our library, including
528 new borrowers
registered in 2024,
up **22%** from 2023.



21,008 titles were downloaded through
Libby and Hoopla, up more than **15%** over
last year. These digital checkouts are now
22% of total annual borrowing.

96,504 items
were borrowed
here in 2024.



That's **1,856**
checkouts per week!

Your library card can be used to borrow
books from libraries all over the state,
including college libraries!



LAKELAND LIBRARY
COOPERATIVE
LEADING • LEARNING • LENDING



INSTITUTE of
Museum and Library
SERVICES

We loaned out **8,193** books to other
libraries last year, and borrowed **5,742** for our patrons.



Visitors used the library's
internet **17,393** times in
2024. That includes **13,221**
wireless sessions, serving
an average of **412** unique
patrons each month.

294
programs were offered
for adults, teens, and
children in 2024. Total
attendance at all
events was more than **6,393**



Our website had **77,609** visitors,
or nearly **1500** each week!
That's an increase of **66%** due in
part to our new user-friendly platform!



There were **45,579** items
on our shelves, plus more than
2 MILLION digital items
available to our patrons.



Our Facebook page reach was **95,500**,
an increase of **110%**! Our page interactions
jumped by a full **80%** in just one year.

That's more than
165 titles
for every person
living in our district.





WHITE LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

2024 Annual Report

Director's Message

The White Lake Community Library will mark its 25th anniversary in the fall of 2025, and we have much to celebrate! Our beautiful building is in good shape with a new boiler, new roof, new carpet, and more, and we will be adding a new front entrance canopy soon. We received a grant to add rooftop solar panels that will generate up to half our electricity needs. We greatly expanded our Library of Things collection to include yard games, video games, household tools, and more. We are offering more programs and events for all ages, and we are finding ways to make the library more accessible and user-friendly whether you are visiting in person or online.

Last year's library survey clearly showed that our community values the library and appreciates the staff. We are grateful for that, and we look forward to implementing the new strategic plan that was developed from those survey responses. Despite the loss of federal funding for grants and statewide services, we will continue to find ways to support our community and provide opportunities for connection, exploration, and learning in the months and years ahead.

Virginia DeMumbrum

Board Members

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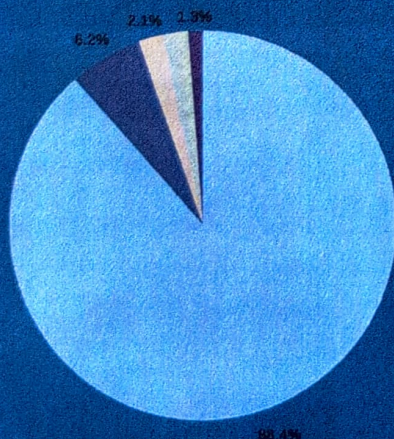
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2024 Highlights

- **New Website:** We launched our new site on a platform that provides better accessibility for all our patrons along with more flexibility for staff in designing user-friendly and appealing pages.
- **New Strategic Plan:** After nearly a year of hard work, including community surveys, focus groups, and board and staff input, a new strategic plan was developed. The 2025-2027 plan includes goals and objectives to guide our efforts as we strive to help our community connect, explore and learn.
- **New Furniture:** After 25 years, it was time to replace the meeting room furniture. The new pieces make the room more welcoming and adaptable to the many types of meetings, programs, and events held in that space.

2024 Revenue Sources



Property Taxes
\$568,118

State Revenues
\$39,789

Patron Services
\$13,344

Interest
\$13,300

Donations/Other
\$8,169

Financial Information

In 2024, the Library received \$653,011 in revenues and incurred \$631,650 in expenses, resulting in an increase in net position of \$21,361. At the end of the year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$172,233 or 30.9% of the general fund's total annual expenditures, which gives us an emergency fund of about 4 months' worth of operating expenses.

The Capital Projects fund ended the year with a balance of \$150,734, much of which will likely be needed to repair some water damage at the front entrance and add a canopy to prevent further damage. We are also keeping some in reserve in case the rooftop solar project goes over the \$82,234 grant we received from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.



2025–2027 Strategic Plan

VISION

Connect, Explore, & Learn: The library is the welcoming heart of our community and a trusted guide on the pathway to connections, ideas, and opportunities.

MISSION

We empower our community by providing experiences, opportunities and resources to inspire connection, exploration, and learning.

GOAL 1 – BUILDING & SPACES

The library will be a central part of our community with welcoming, accessible, and sustainable spaces that are responsive to the needs of residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess building and space utilization and pursue ways to meet community needs and enhance visitor experiences both indoors and out.
- Explore ways to decrease energy usage and increase sustainability.

GOAL 2 – SERVICES & COLLECTIONS

The library will provide access to information, ideas, and opportunities in multiple formats and through various programs and events. Community needs and interests will inform our purchasing and planning.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop a coordinated collection development plan that balances our physical, digital, and Library of Things collections.
- Review and update marketing and outreach plans to broaden our reach in the community and to coordinate the marketing efforts of all staff.
- Create continuing education plans in order to keep staff and board abreast of evolving library services.
- Establish new policies and procedures to address gaps in the current policy manual, especially with regard to emergency management and succession planning.

GOAL 3 – PARTNERSHIPS

The library will strengthen existing partnerships and forge new collaborations to better serve the community through efficient use of resources.

OBJECTIVES

- Seek partners/sponsors for popular annual events to ensure they can be funded and staffed for years to come.
- Review current partnerships and seek ways to nourish those that are mutually beneficial and improve service to the community.
- Explore new partnerships with groups, agencies, and businesses who share similar goals and values so that we can work together in helping our community thrive.