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The Daily Reporter, July 9, 2022, page B5



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Spotlight: BDL

Located in south central Michigan on the Indiana border, the Branch District Library (BDL) was formed in 1991 from the Branch County and Coldwater libraries. BDL has been an Evergreen library since 2008, the first public library in the state to use the ILS. With 6 locations and a county-wide service area of approximately 45,000, BDL's branches range from the 17,000-square-foot 1886-vintage Coldwater Branch



where the Michigan Library Association was conceived, to small rural branches like our Algansee Branch, which even has a hitching post regularly used by our Amish patrons. Community support for the library is strong, with grassroots efforts resulting in the construction of our newest library in Union City in 2011 and the passage of increased



library funding in 2014.

As a smaller library system without an in-house ILS staff, BDL has always contracted for Evergreen services, most recently with the Equinox Open Library Initiative's Seguoia service. This means BDL basically uses stock Evergreen, but that doesn't mean our patrons are missing out on anything. Evergreen's core features have provided our patrons with a powerful, accessible catalog from the very first day, and it just keeps getting better. Uptime on the Sequoia platform is amazing, and the EOLI support staff have been a valuable part of our team on a number of big projects: for example, not only going fine-free in 2017, but completely wiping the slate clean on all fines and fees in 2021 as part of BDL's pandemic response to our community.

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