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Branch District Library 8-year millage renewal on next Tuesday's ballot

By Jim Measel

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BRANCH COUNTY, MI (WTVB) – Branch County voters will be asked during next Tuesday's Primary to renew a Branch District Library millage for the next eight years.

The annual millage is not to exceed .4983 mill or \$0.4983 on each \$1,000 of taxable value through 2029.

If approved, it's estimated the revenue that would be collected in the first year of levy is about \$800,000.

Backers of the library point out this millage means 40 percent of the library's funding.

They also say the average household in Branch County paid about \$69 in total property taxes to the library in 2021 and that the average library-using household got about \$145 worth of value from their library use last year.

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AUG. 2 PRIMARY ELECTION

Branch District Library seeks millage renewal

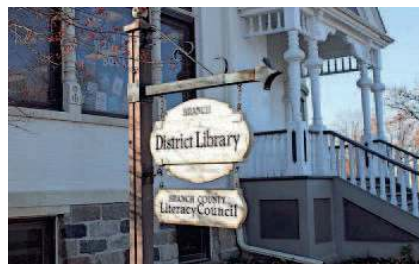
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On Aug 2, Branch District Library is asking taxpayers for a renewal of 0.4983 mills for library services. The millage will continue to support library branches in Algansee, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood and Union townships.

Eight years ago, voters said "yes" to the millage and the funding provided for extended hours at many of the branches and increased services.

The millage will cost a homeowner with a taxable value of \$100,000, about \$49 for the year. Added to the 0.6029



Branch District Library, offering services in six locations in the county, is asking for a millage renewal Aug. 2.

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perpetual millage it is about a 1.1 mill total, equaling \$69 per year for the aver-

age household.

Local millage is about 90 percent of the district library funding — the remaining comes from fines levied by the court system, 2 percent from the state of Michigan and a bit from individual donations and grants.

Statistics from the past eight years at Branch District Library:

- 160,000 in-person visits per year.
- 180,000 items used per year.
- 22,000 cardholders.
- 240 hours open each week.
- 100,000 items on the shelves.
- 900,000 items available for digital download.
- 1,000 events hosted for all ages each year.

WTVB, August 3, 2022

Library millage renewal approved by large margin; fire protection millage proposals all pass

By Jim Measel

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BRANCH COUNTY, MI (WTVB) – Branch County voters overwhelmingly approved the renewal of a Branch District Library millage for the next eight years on Tuesday.

It passed by a margin of 4,733 yes to 2,788 no.

The annual millage is not to exceed .4983 mill or \$0.4983 on each \$1,000 of taxable value through 2029.

It's estimated the revenue collected in the first year of levy will be about \$800,000.

Backers of the library pointed out this millage means 40 percent of the library's funding.

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ELECTIONS 2022

Library and fire safety millages get approval

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Branch County voters approved the Branch District Library millage request and voted in favor of fire safety in three townships.

Branch District Library millage renewal of .4983 mill for 8-years, was voter-approved by 4,733 to 2,788. The continued levy will raise about \$800,000 the first year.

Gilead Township special assessment for fire operations passed 126 to 25 in favor of an annual special assessment not to exceed 1.25 miles. It will

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