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Grosse Pointe Public Library 2026 Update

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Highlights of 2025-26

- JOIN OF THE JOINER FAIR
- PARTNERSHIP WITH CNS HEALTHCARE
- LEGAL FIRST AID CERTIFICATION
- MEETING THE COMMUNITY NEEDS
- STRONG FINANCIAL RESULTS
- MILLAGE UPDATE
- NEW STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED

2025 Joiner Fair Success

- Partnership with the Family Center and the War Memorial
- Based on the film Join or Die
- Interviewed the filmmaker
- Had 60+ local organizations with tables at the joiner fair
- 2026 Community Joiner Fair October 7



CNS Healthcare

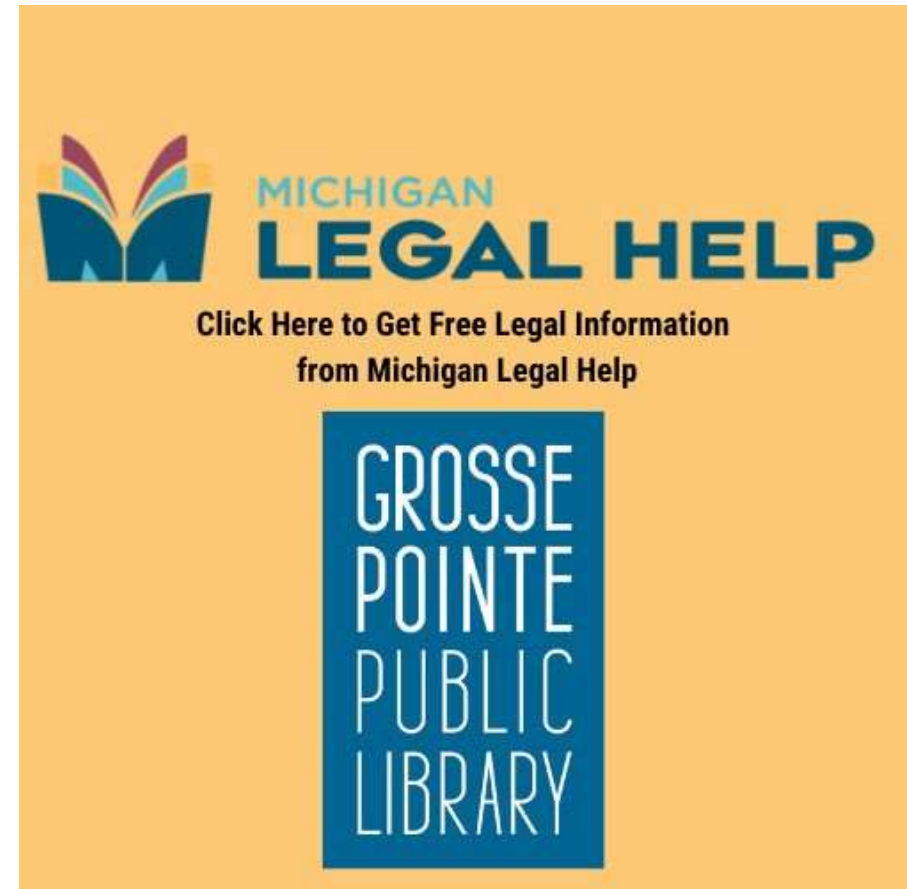
Partnership

- Started the partnership in July 2025
- Support staff for patrons needing social work/mental health intervention
- Masters level social work practicum student at Ewald
- Security Ambassador added at Ewald Branch
- Social Work hours every Monday & Thursday afternoon
- Very well received



Meeting Community Needs

- Legal First Aid Certification
- 9 Librarians completed training
- Available at all 3 branches
- Provide information about **FREE** legal resources to patrons



Meeting Community Needs

- 302,000+ visits/yr
- 752,810+ items circulated
- 332,500+ eBook, audiobook & movie downloads
- 346,060+ website visits



LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS
checked out

309,300+

physical items



Meeting Community

- Summer Reading Needs
- DIA Inside/Out Program
- Community Impact Day with GP Chamber
- Albert Kahn Foundation
- Gleaners Food Bank



Meeting Community Needs National Author Programs

- Books on the Lake
- Authors to the Pointe



Lily King



Virginia Evans

Saturday, April 18
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Ford House
\$40 per person

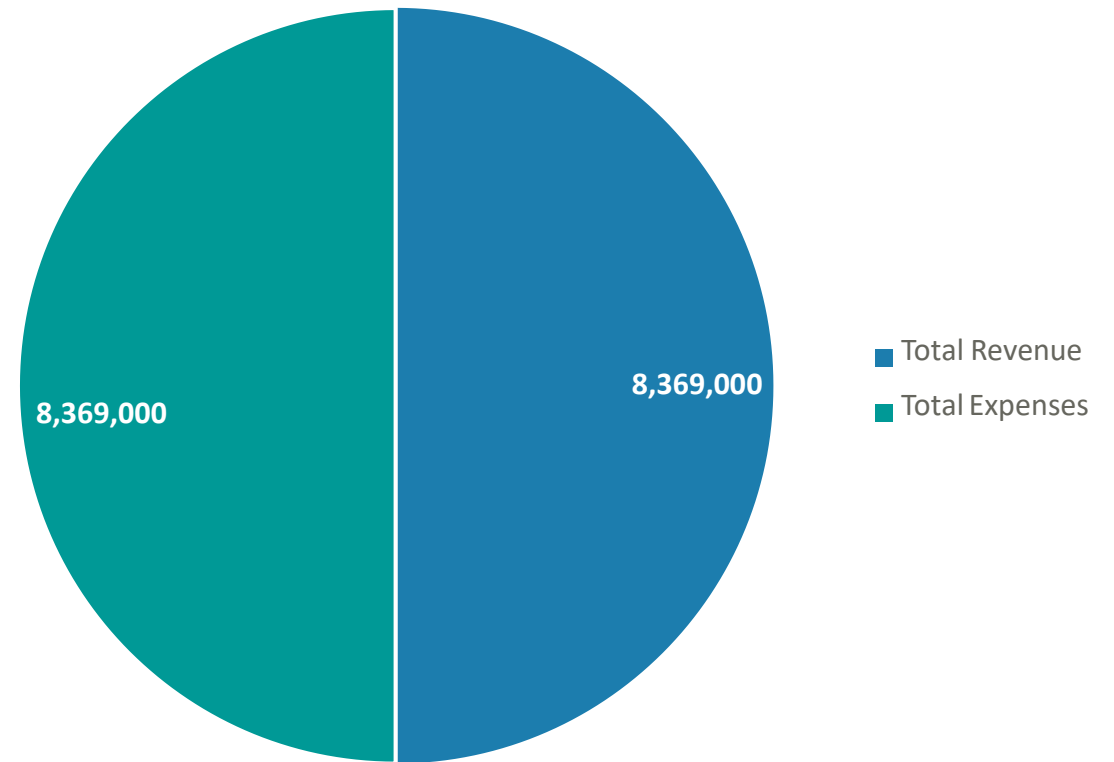
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Strong Financial Results

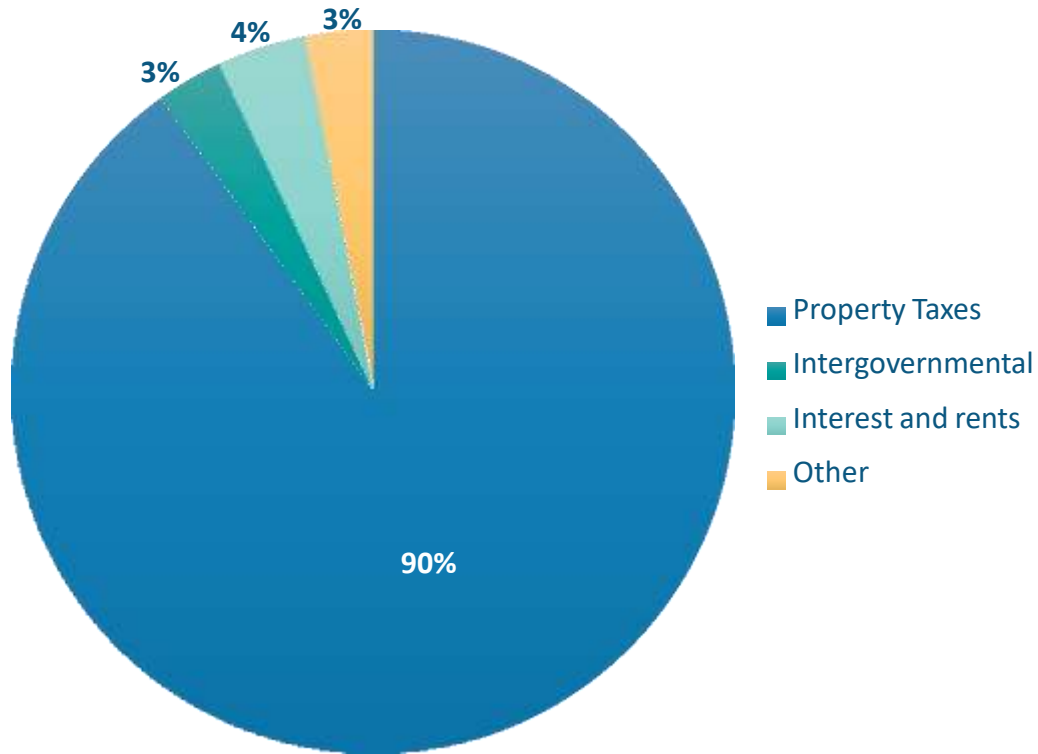
- **Total revenue \$8.37 million**
- **Total expenses \$8.37 million**
- **Unmodified Audit Opinion**

FY 2025

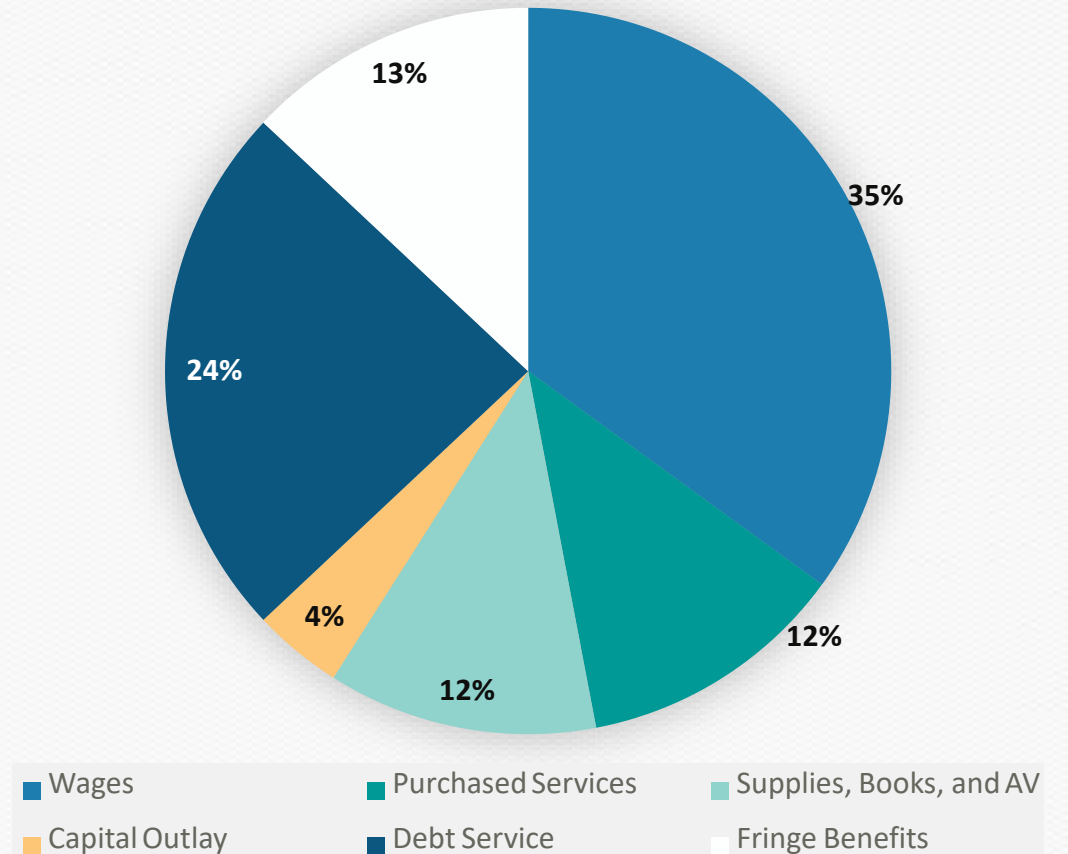


Library Budget

Revenues

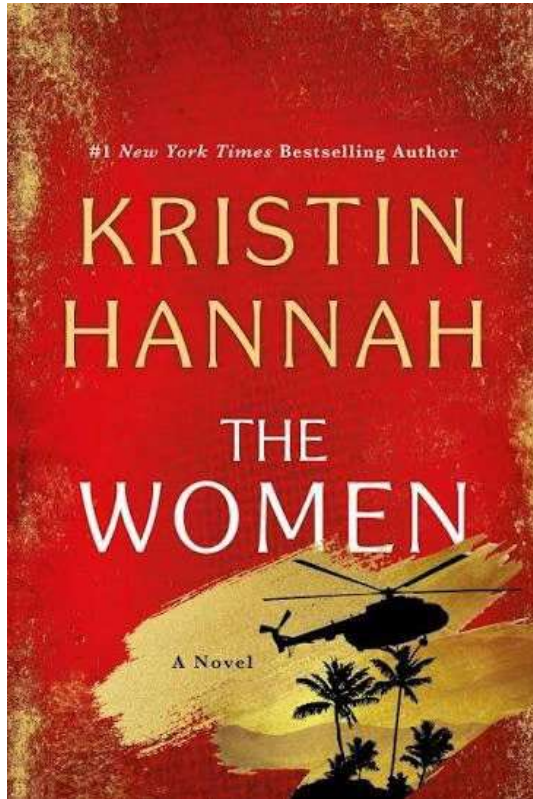


Expenditures



Digital Usage Continues to Grow

- About 50% of GPPL circulation is now digital



LIBRARIES ARE PAYING MORE FOR DIGITAL

Comparing cost of The Women by Kristen Hannah



*The library can only lease the eBook for 24 months at this cost.



History of the GPPL

- Originally part of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools
- District Library in 1994
- Agreement with GPPSS and City of Harper Woods on May 16, 1994.
- In 1994, voters approved 1.700 mills in perpetuity to fund the library
- At that time, the library had one building (Central) with limited operations inside Parcels and Pierce Middle Schools



Original Central Library circa 1950s



Interior Park Branch 1962



Woods Branch circa 1950

Increased demand led to the construction of two branches

- Improved walkability
- Walkable communities = high



Ewald Branch in GP Park Built 2005



Woods Branch in GP Woods built 2006



Supplemental Millage 2011

1994 perpetual millage insufficient to support 3 buildings

Voters approved additional 0.70 mills in 2011

Renewed in 2018 for 0.6847 mills



Millage

Renewal

- Current renewing millage expires in 2027
- Will be on the ballot this November



Impact if Millage Fails

Library hours reduced to Monday – Thursday

Daytime only

Dramatic reduction in new materials acquisitions

Limited availability of meeting rooms

Long waits on phone and for librarian assistance

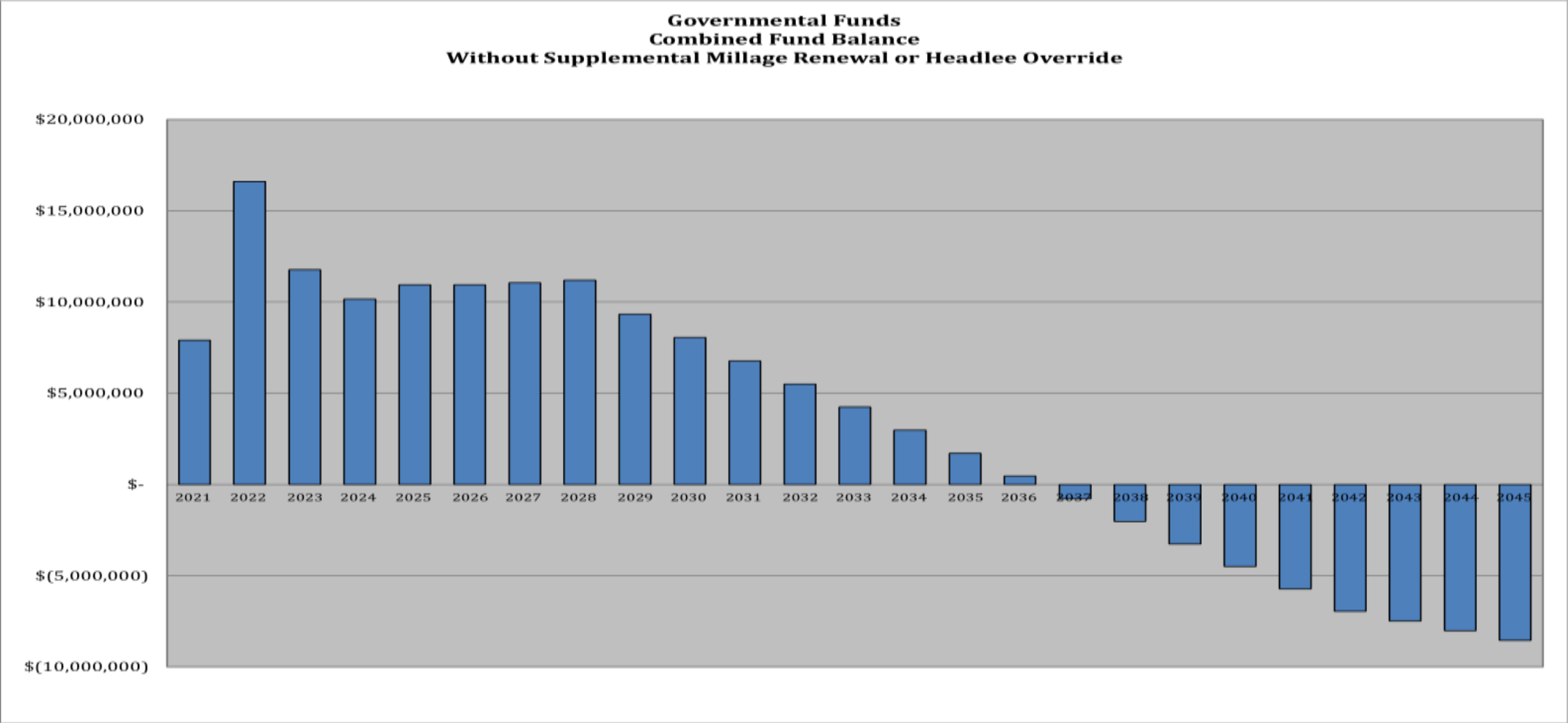
Possible elimination of the following services:

- Early literacy story times
- Book discussion groups – adults, children & families
- Homebound outreach programs
- Reader dog programs
- Children's author and entertainment programs
- Adult author programs
- Teen programs



Combined Fund Balance

Without Supplemental Millage Renewal or Headlee Override



New Five-Year Strategic Plan Adopted June 2026

**Based on
community
feedback --
five
strategic
focus areas**

- **Curated Resources**
- **Meaningful Experiences**
- **Enhanced Communication**
- **Connecting the Community**
- **Infrastructure and Sustainability**



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