

Dear Hamburg Community,

The Hamburg Township community chose to invest in the Library when passing the operating millage of 0.800 mil in 2016. As that millage comes to a close, we'd like to let you know how your investment has paid off. Overwhelmingly, you shared that you wanted more of what you love: more e-services, more ways to make your life easier, more enrichment, more community services. We've worked hard these past 8 years to bring useful services to you.

More e-services: We have partnered with Pinckney and Fowlerville Libraries to bring you more e-book and e-audio titles through Axis360. PressReader offers over 3,000 e-magazines and e-newspapers from across the world. Ferguson's Career Guidance is a service for all ages to assist in researching careers and finding jobs. InfoBase Learning Cloud offers accredited courses for barrier-free professional development. Niche Academy has tutorials on how to use many online services. And for the genealogy hobbyist, we offer Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and Fold 3.

More ways to make life easier: We have eliminated fines for senior citizens and offer children the chance to 'read away their fines.' Program registration has been streamlined and updated to an online platform. The library was rearranged to enhance popular materials and create individual study rooms. In partnership with Pinckney Community Public Library, all PCS students automatically receive a library card that allows them to use all services at both libraries. UV air purifiers were added to the HVAC units for a cleaner and healthier environment; and updates throughout the building and sidewalks keep the library in line with new handicap codes. Tax payers are saving almost \$8000 a year in energy costs after updating the HVAC system as well as converting all lighting in the building and grounds to LEDs.

More enrichment: To support community enrichment, the library now offers binoculars, board games, book club kits, children's learning & activity kits, cookie cutter sets, musical instruments, a projection screen, a digital camera, and a sewing machine for check-out. Literacy computers were added for our younger patrons to help develop their literacy skills.

More community services: Any township resident who can't make it into the library can have the library come to them through Homebound Delivery. Curbside Service is available to anyone who would rather not enter the library building; the staff is happy to deliver items to your vehicle. Virtual programming for all ages allows patrons to learn and engage with their neighbors and community anywhere internet is available. Drop-in Tech Help and Genealogy Help, currently suspended due to Covid, have proven to be very popular and will resume soon. AARP Tax Assistance has helped at least 180 households each year in preparing and filing their taxes. The library's WiFi system was upgraded to reach the library's outdoor facilities.

On the August 2, 2022 primary ballot, the library will have a millage request for 0.900 mil to fund library operations for 8 years. Please consider what the library means to you and your community when casting your ballot. Elsewhere on this page, you will find a multitude of information regarding the millage, the library budget, and how millage dollars are spent. Please take some time to go through the information.

The Library Board and staff work diligently every day to fully serve the community while watching millage dollars carefully. We sincerely hope we have provided services to meet your needs. With the new millage election upon us in August 2022, we will be hosting several Q&A meetings where we hope to see you and hear your ideas. You can always reach us via email at hamb@tln.lib.mi.us, phone at 810-231-1771, or in person.

It has been an honor to serve you,

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