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2022 MILLAGE RENEWAL FACT SHEET

- The Branch District Library (BDL) is seeking a **renewal** of its millage at the current rate of 0.4983 mills.
- For property with a taxable value of \$100,000, this millage will result in a tax bill of \$49.83, a **0-mills** net increase.
- This millage proposal will be on the August 2, 2022 ballot.
- The millage will last for 8 years.
- This millage provides approximately 45% of BDL's property tax revenue.
- The remaining 55% of BDL's property tax revenue comes from a perpetual millage, currently at a rate of 0.6029 mills.
- These two millages together support the library operations and services at 6 locations around Branch County.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

- About 88% of BDL's funding comes from property taxes. About 7% comes from fines from the court system, about 2% comes directly from the State of Michigan, and the rest comes from other sources like individual donations and grants.
- BDL has averaged about 160,000 in-person visits each year over the last 8 years, with a total average usage of about 180,000 items each year. BDL has averaged about 22,000 cardholders over the last 8 years.
- BDL is open about 240 hours each week, with over 100,000 items on our shelves and another 900,000 items available for digital download anywhere, at any time.
- BDL holds about 1,000 events each year for all ages, drawing tens of thousands in attendance.
- The average household in Branch County paid about \$69 in total property taxes to the library in 2021. The average library-using household got about \$145 worth of value from their library use in 2021.
- For more see: www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/millage



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