

Belleville Area District Library Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
April 8, 2025 at 7:30 PM

The Belleville Area District Library Board will meet in person in the library's 2nd floor Conference Room.

Agenda:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Jackson-Smith, Peters, Priest, Stoudemire
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Library Government Accounting Software
7. Committee Reports
 - A. Building-Cichewicz
 - B. Bylaws-Priest
 - C. Finance-Stoudemire
 - D. Outreach-Jackson-Smith
 - E. Personnel-Priest
 - F. Policy-Fleming
 - G. Art
8. Approve Accounts Payable
9. Director's Report/Comments/Communications
10. Trustee Comments
11. Chair Comments
12. Adjournment

Any citizen wishing to provide input or ask questions about any agenda item may speak during the meeting's Public Comments section or forward comments to the Library Director in advance by leaving a message at 734-699-3291 or via the Contact Information found at www.belleville.lib.mi.us. Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the library at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, using the above contact information.

Next Regular BADL Board Meeting: May 13, 2025, at 7:30 PM

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board member were present: Dan Fleming, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, Maria Jackson-Smith, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Nikki Pickeral. Excused: Joy Cichewicz.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to approve the agenda as presented with a correction to change Marketing to Outreach under Committee Reports number 6-D. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve February 11, 2025 Minutes:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the February 11, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. It was also noted that Jackson-Smith was on the art committee and Fleming was on the building committee.
5. **Public Comments:** Barbara Miller: DIA Art Authority is going to send out a county-wide invitation to all libraries to discuss and inform librarians about DIA programs. John Juriga: Was happy to see everyone.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Building:**
 - a. **Proposal for vape detectors:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to approve the quote from O'Neal Construction for \$10,301 to install vape detectors in all six public bathrooms. The motion carried unanimously. Signage will be posted that vape detectors are in use.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No Report.
 - C. **Finance:** No Report.
 - D. **Outreach:** No Report.
 - E. **Personnel:** No Report.
 - F. **Policy:** No Report.
 - G. **Art:** No Report.
7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Jackson-Smith. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Director's Report:** See attached.
9. **Trustee Comments:**

Fleming: Used the one-on-one tech tutoring service at the library with Library Assistant Kam Reynolds. Kam was very helpful.

Hughes-Grubbs: Happy to be at the meeting and was happy to see everyone.

Jackson-Smith: Asked how the Belleville Visioning Workshop to develop a new master plan, went on Saturday, March 8th. Suchy stated that it went well, with good constructive conversations; eleven people attended.

Priest: Brought a woman who has lived in Belleville for 10 years to the library for the first time. The woman received a library card and said that the library was beautiful.

Stoudemire: Really excited to see John Juriga and Barbara Miller. Glad to have Alma back.

10. Chair Comments: Peters stated that she spoke to Sabrina Williams-Richards from the DDA about a tentative High School Senior Day, June 13, 1-4 pm near the library. This event will have activities and food trucks, either at 4th Street Square or 4th Street Place. She shared that Elaine from the Friends was grateful for Library Assistant Gwen Fuller's help with the power point presentation at the Friends Annual Meeting.

11. Adjournment: Motion by Fleming, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Proposal for:
Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, MI
February 26, 2025
Quoted by: Dominic Schneider

Software and Services for BS&A Cloud



Thank you for the opportunity to quote our software and services.

At BS&A, we are focused on delivering unparalleled service, solutions, support, and customer satisfaction. You'll see this in our literature, but it's not just a marketing strategy... it's a mindset deeply embedded in our DNA. Our goal is to provide such remarkable customer service that our customers feel compelled to remark about it.

*We are extremely proud of the many long-term customer relationships we have built. Our success is directly correlated with putting the customer first and consistently choosing to **listen**. Delivering unparalleled customer service is the foundation of our company.*

Cost Summary

Software is licensed for use only by municipality identified on the cover page. If used for additional entities or agencies, please contact BS&A for appropriate pricing. Prices subject to change if the actual count is significantly different than the estimated count. Module fees are charged annually and include unlimited support.

Cloud Modules - Annual Fee

Financial Management		
GL-General Ledger		\$1,410.00
AP-Account Payable		\$1,150.00
	Total	\$2,560.00
Subtotal		\$2,560.00

Data Conversions/Database Setup

GL-Conversion-Tyler FundBalance		\$3,890.00
COA, Balances, Budget, Journal Transaction history for up to 7 years		
AP-Conversion-Tyler FundBalance		\$2,600.00
Vendors, Invoices and check history for up to 7 years		
	Total	\$6,490.00

Project Management and Implementation Planning

Services include:

- Analyzing customer processes to ensure all critical components are addressed.
- Creating and managing the project schedule in accordance with the customer's existing processes and needs.
- Planning and scheduling training around any planned process changes included in the project plan.
- Modifying the project schedule as needed to accommodate any changes to the scope and requirements of the project that are discovered.
- Providing a central contact between the customer's project leaders, developers, trainers, IT staff, conversion staff, and other resources required throughout the transition period.
- Installing the software and providing IT consultation for network, server, and workstation configuration and requirements.
- Reviewing and addressing the specifications for needed customizations to meet customer needs (when applicable).

Total **\$3,575.00**

Implementation and Training

- \$1,100/day
- Days quoted are estimates; you are billed for actual days used
- Training days quoted/billed in full day increments only

Services include:

- Setting up users and user security rights for each application
- Performing final process and procedure review
- Configuring custom settings in each application to fit the needs of the customer
- Setting up application integration and workflow methods
- Onsite verification of converted data for balancing and auditing purposes
- Training and Go-Live

Setup Days

ITS Setup - FM	Setup Days: 2	\$2,200.00
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Total Setup Days: 2	Subtotal: \$2,200.00
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Training Days

ITS Training - FM	Training Days: 3	\$3,300.00
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Total Training Days: 3	Subtotal: \$3,300.00
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Total Days: 5	Total: \$5,500.00
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Cost Totals

Cloud New Purchase – Annual Fee	Subtotal	\$2,560.00
Project Management and Implementation Planning	Subtotal	\$3,575.00
Implementation and Training	Subtotal	\$5,500.00
Data Conversion/Database Setup	Subtotal	\$6,490.00

Total Proposed	\$18,125.00
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Travel Expenses Estimated	\$6,140.00
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Estimated Travel Expenses are outlined in this proposal. The final invoice will reflect actual expenses following the completion of all training activities based on the Federal Guidelines described below.

\$160/\$185/\$225 per day hotel, varies by state
\$90 per day car rental
\$70 per day meals
\$730 per trip airfare/related expenses
\$0.70/mile round trip for drive distance



Board Presentation

**ERP Software
Designed for Local
Government**



Agenda

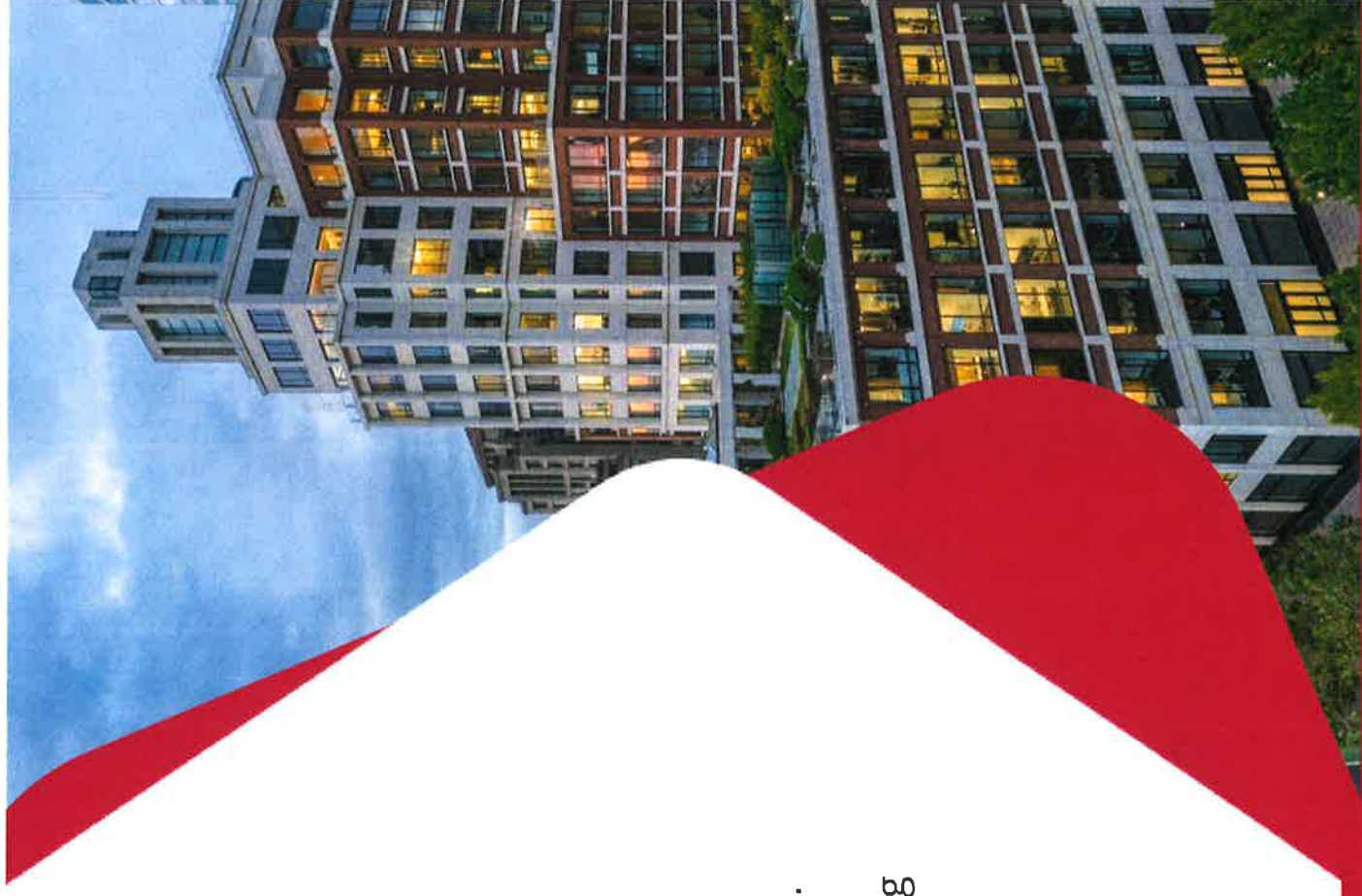
- About BS&A Software
- Technology
- Benefits
- Timeline

The logo for BS&A Software, featuring a stylized 'S' made of two overlapping curved lines in light grey and red, followed by the text 'BS&A' in a large, bold, red sans-serif font.

BS&A

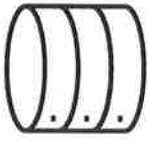
S O F T W A R E.

- BS&A Software is the leading provider of Financial Management, Utilities Management, and HRMS software for the Public Sector.
- BS&A has been providing our software solutions to the Public Sector for over 30 years.
- BS&A has a 99%+ client retention rate, meaning once a municipality chooses to move forward with BS&A, they want to remain a client in perpetuity.



BS&A's Software Platforms

What You Have Today



.NET / Desktop

.NET is an on-premise, client-server solution. This platform was released in 2008, making it a 16-year-old product.



What We Recommend

Cloud

Cloud is the platform of the future. BS&A released in 2021, and it offers significant technological enhancements creating a more advantageous environment.

Why BS&A Cloud?



Automatic Updates & Maintenance

Save time & effort through automatic updates. Stay up-to-date with the latest software features & security patches from an always modern interface.



Enhanced Security

Strengthened security posture through Multi-factor authentication (MFA), reducing unauthorized access.



Dedicated Teams

Protect against attacks before they take place with threat intelligence monitoring.



Disaster recovery backup

Minimize data loss during continuity disruptions.



High Availability & Reliability

Reliable infrastructure with 99.99% uptime



Seamless Integration

Efficient collaboration & data sharing across departments & teams.



Scalability

Flexible scaling to meet your requirements without the limitations of on-premises systems.



Unified Data

Centralize data across your data silos.



Cost Savings

No upfront hardware costs, pay-as-you-go pricing, and reduce overall IT expenses.



Accessibility

Boost productivity and access data remotely.

Let's Compare the Differences

.NET		Cloud
Comprehensive Access	VPN only or Remote Connection to Access solutions	Browser-based system, allowing for easy
Robust Security	Limited security settings by user.	Detailed data access control, including role-based access restrictions
Disaster Recovery	No built-in disaster recovery features, need an additional service purchased outside of BS&A.	Disaster recovery included in the cloud platform
Hardware Requirements	Requires hardware like a Windows PC, SQL Server, and routine maintenance	No need for a server
Automatic Updates	Requires end-users to install updates manually on each workstation for each module	Cloud automatically updates, providing a
Background Reporting/Processing	Requires halting the module to execute reports, leading to system freezes	Cloud solutions allow for seamless system processes in the background
Unlimited Storage	Storage capacities are determined and purchased separately by the municipality, independently of BS&A's products.	Cloud includes unlimited storage on Microsoft Azure
User-Defined Workflows	On-premise offers limited workflow capabilities.	Cloud technology facilitates efficient workflow
User-Defined Dashboards	Dashboards are not available	Cloud supports unlimited role-based dashboards

1986

DOS

Jim Bellefeuil releases DOS, the first iteration of what we know as BS&A Software today.

2008

.NET

BS&A Software releases .NET, replacing Pervasive as it became outdated.

1995-2001

Pervasive

BS&A Software releases a new platform, moving from DOS to Windows using the Pervasive database engine.

2021

Cloud

BS&A Software releases Cloud, the 4th iteration of our software solutions that are utilized throughout 19 states in the U.S.

Cloud Adoption Statistics

424+

The number of units live or in progress



The United States experienced “...an unprecedented and unrelenting barrage of **ransomware attacks that impacted at least government agencies, educational establishments and healthcare providers at a potential cost in excess of \$7.5 billion.**”

- [ICMA.org](https://www.icma.org) "A Look at Local Government Cybersecurity in 2020"

Elevate Your Experience with BS&A Cloud

Experience. BS&A Cloud is our fourth iteration of our solutions over the last 30 years... We are prepared to take you to Cloud.

Ownership. We take ownership of the implementation **by putting 90% of the workload on our shoulders.**

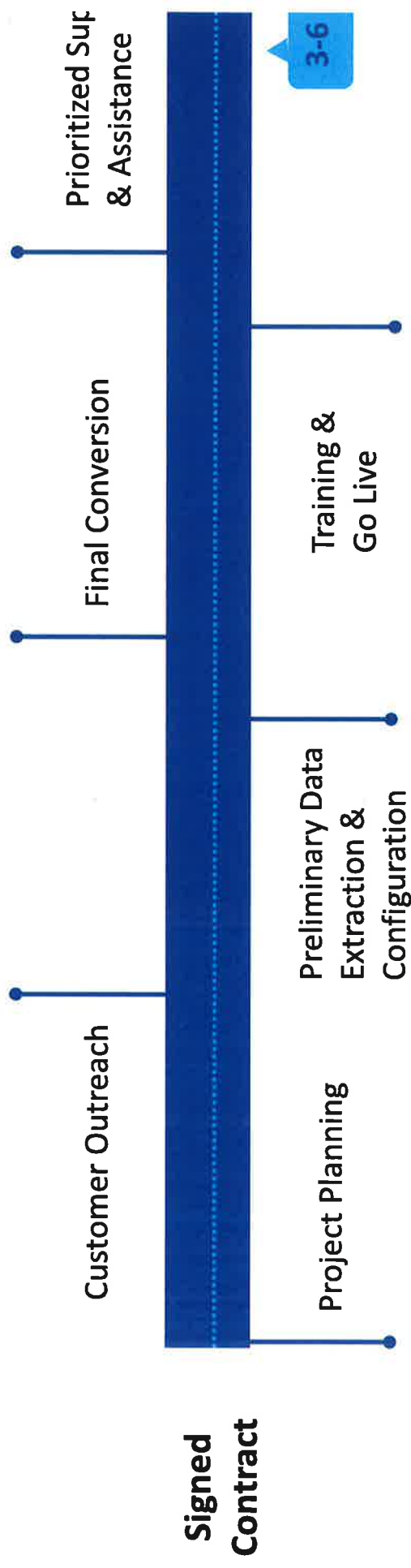
Teamwork. Our team and your team work together at each stage of the process – no silos.

Support. We support you the way we always have – with attention and understanding.

Share of Implementation
Responsibility



A Path Forward: Standard Upgrade Timeframe





Thank you



Belleville Area District Library

Date: 04/01/2025

Time: 8:23 PM

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Operating:

Check Date	Vendor Name	Check Description	Amount
03/11/2025	CITY OF BELLEVILLE FIRE DEPART	Staff First Aid, CPR, AED Trng	266.00
03/18/2025	A PRODUCTION BUILDING SOLUTION	March Cleaning	3,565.00
03/18/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Mat'ls; Prg Suppl	225.01
03/18/2025	APPLIED INNOVATION	Contracted Services - printers	829.88
03/18/2025	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH	Dental	959.67
03/18/2025	CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS	Telephone/fax	332.01
03/18/2025	DANA DAVIDSON	WSWG Guest Author	250.00
03/18/2025	DEMCO	Processing/Office Supplies	141.76
03/18/2025	DTE ENERGY	Electric and Heat for Sumpter	243.73
03/18/2025	FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE AREA	February 2025 Payout	621.95
03/18/2025	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	Alarm services - Sumpter	56.96
03/18/2025	MCLS	MCLS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	250.00
03/18/2025	METCOM, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	345.00
03/18/2025	METERNALLY, LLC	BOOKS & MATLS - LIB OF THINGS	928.56
03/18/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	office & bldg supplies	133.26
03/18/2025	SHARON DUCKWORTH, CPA	ACCOUNTING	1,025.00
03/18/2025	SPRINGSHARE LLC	SCHEDULING SOFTWARE	1,137.00
03/18/2025	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	FEB BOOKBILLING	6,721.04
03/18/2025	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	February Placements	60.75
03/18/2025	UNITED HEALTHCARE	employee healthcare	18,265.87
03/18/2025	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC	DUMPSTER SERVICE - MARCH	485.42
03/18/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Mat'ls; Prg Suppl	164.63
04/01/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Materials; suppl.	950.97
04/01/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG SUPLS	150.25
04/01/2025	CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Lib. Programs, Postage, books	846.64
04/01/2025	DTE ENERGY	4th Street Gas Bill	1,093.02
04/01/2025	DTE ENERGY	4th Street Electric Bill	3,073.29
04/01/2025	LONG MECHANICAL SERVICE	Building maintenance	998.00
04/01/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	building supplies	1,089.63
04/01/2025	PNC BANK	SRP Prize Books	854.60
04/01/2025	RIVERVIEW VETERANS MEMORIAL LI	lost book fee for	29.95
04/01/2025	SMAL L HOUSE FARM	Grow Great Vegetables Program	342.00
04/01/2025	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Employee Health Insurance	741.14
04/01/2025	TECH LOGIC	AMHS Serv Renew	7,803.00
04/01/2025	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	Telephone Service BELL#20	509.51
04/01/2025	UNIFIRST CORP	building repairs & maint.	165.29
04/01/2025	WILCOX BROS.	Sprinkler System	685.00
04/01/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	books & mat'ls; Office suppl.	441.22
04/01/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	books & mat'ls	865.79
04/01/2025	FORMSTACK, LLC	Online lib cards thru 1/27/26	417.96

40	Checks Total:	58,065.76
40	Bank Total:	58,065.76
40	Grand Total:	58,065.76

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APRIL 2025

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

March: Adults: 30 Youth: 26

LIBRARY VISITS	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	11,759	10,769	9.19%
Fiscal Year	111,463	100,432	10.98%

TOTAL CIRC	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	21,870	21,513	1.66%
Fiscal Year	185,738	191,153	-2.83%

ADULT PROGRAMMING	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	233	248	-6.05%
Fiscal Year	1,615	1,273	26.87%

YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	596	324	83.95%
Fiscal Year	3,793	3,706	2.35%

REF. QUESTIONS	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	1,822	1,730	5.32%
Fiscal Year	14,947	14,715	1.58%

INTERNET USE	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	1119	952	17.54%
Fiscal Year	8,699	8,867	-1.89%

YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET	2024/25	2023/24	% change
March	293	251	16.73%
Fiscal Year	2,301	2,505	-8.14%

BUILDING: Matt Ratzow, from O'Neal Construction, was onsite last Thursday to meet the automated door installer and the electrician. He also discussed the flagpole light replacement project with the electrician. The roofers have been called to troubleshoot a leak from the green roof into the Cozadd Room.

PENAL FINES: I have been in contact with Allen Wilson, our Wayne County Commissioner. The County Ways and Means Committee met regarding this issue, but our library has not received any official communications from the County.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES: The IMLS is a federal program which funds statewide grants and services in Michigan. In response to an executive order by President Trump, almost all of the staff of the IMLS has been placed on leave and all processing of grants has been suspended. Through funding from the IMLS, our library's patrons have received free access to Melcat, the statewide interlibrary book loaning service, as well as a wide variety of Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases such as:

- Learning Express (resume and cover letter assistance; GED test prep, ACT and SAT test prep, computer basics video courses, etc);
- Auto Repair Source (car repair guides);
- Search databases that provide the full-text of numerous journal and magazine articles for students of all ages, as well as for adults researching a health condition or legal matter, etc.

As a public library, we rely heavily upon the above vital resources, which are funded by Congress.

I do not yet have any information regarding a discontinuation or interruption of these services, or if libraries will be able to fund them independently of the loss of IMLS funding. MeL and MeLCat are paid for through \$3.4 million in federal funding and \$1.4 million in state funding.

ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE: Tyler Technologies will discontinue our old government accounting software, FundBalance, in December 2026. Our accountant, Sharon Duckworth, and I have been exploring three possible systems: Tyler Technologies, BS&A and Sage Intacct. A lot has changed since the last time we chose accounting software, including the price, but new software will provide us with a secure cloud-based product that will offer more flexibility and reporting functionality. I am recommending BS&A which is also used by the City of Belleville, the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth District Library, and the Orion Township Library. (Sharon Duckworth has been through a conversion to BS&A for one of her other clients).

STAFF: The library's annual staff in-service day is Friday, April 25. We have hired a trainer from the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services to hold a workshop on workplace wellbeing and resiliency. It will cover stress reduction and techniques for staff to bring out the best in themselves and others. The afternoon will feature mini-Ted

talks from staff members on a variety of topics (in homage to Fred C. Fischer, we are calling them Fred Talks). The librarians will also spend time this day in the stacks working on collection development.

PROGRAMMING: Happy National Library Week! This year's theme is "Drawn to the Library", and our library is celebrating with a few special programs including I Love My Library Storytime, a Quiet Reading Book Club Kickoff, and Dress Like a Book Character Day. April is National Poetry Month, and the library is holding a poetry contest. Winners will receive prizes and have their poetry displayed in the library. Our library is a stop on ALA President Cindy Hohl's "We All Belong" library tour which will focus on the important work of librarians and library workers. The public and the boards and staff from our library and neighboring libraries are invited to attend on Tuesday, May 6 at 9:30 am. Following her talk, she will present a children's storytime at 11 am.

MEDIA CENTER: Nikki Pickeral repainted the Sumpter Media Center's hours on the front entrance with a spring theme. A family who was driving down the road happened to see the artwork and stopped in. They happily received library cards and checked out some books for their children.



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POLITICS

Entire staff at federal agency that funds libraries and museums put on leave

MARCH 31, 2025 · 4:36 PM ET



Andrew Limbong



The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the main source of federal funding for libraries.

Shannon Finney/Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has placed its entire staff on administrative leave.

The IMLS is a relatively small federal agency, with around 70 employees, that awards grant funding to museums and libraries across the United States.

This month, President Trump named Keith E. Sonderling — the deputy secretary of labor — the new acting director of IMLS. This followed Trump's previous executive order shrinking seven federal agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

According to a statement from AFGE Local 3403, which represents IMLS workers, the agency's staff was notified by email about being placed on paid administrative leave for up to 90 days, after a "brief meeting between DOGE staff and IMLS leadership." Employees had to turn in government property, and email accounts were disabled.

Sponsor Message



CULTURE

How will Trump's executive order affect the Smithsonian?

What is the IMLS?

The IMLS is an independent federal agency that provides grants to libraries and museums across the country. According to the American Library Association, the IMLS provides "the majority of federal library funds." The IMLS says it awarded \$266 million in grants and research funding to cultural institutions last year. This money goes to help staff, fund maintenance and create new programs. In comparison, the projected 2025 budget for the National Endowment for the Arts was \$210 million.

For instance, in 2023 the IMLS funded projects such as a workforce training program, including internships, at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Florida, a pilot program in Iowa to help library staff address patrons' psychological needs and basic library functions (books, computers, internet) for various Native American tribes. You can find programs that the IMLS has funded to libraries and museums in your state through its dashboard.

According to the advocacy group EveryLibrary, public libraries are primarily funded by city and county taxes. And federal funds account for a much smaller portion of a library's budget. However, the group issued a statement following Trump's executive order, saying that "without this core federal funding for state libraries, museums, and archives, we risk losing critical programs and services in every state."



CULTURE

Trump wants to restore statues and monuments. Will that happen?

According to AFGE Local 3403, the status of grants that were previously awarded is unclear. And, the union statement said, without staff to administer the programs, it's likely most grants will be terminated.

Steve Potash is the CEO of OverDrive, which distributes digital products such as audiobooks, e-books and movies to libraries. He said in an interview that small and rural libraries will be most affected by cuts to federal funding.

"When a public library which has growing demand for their online and digital materials is getting any kind of budget cuts, hard decisions have to be made," said Potash.

Clarification

April 1, 2025

An earlier version of this story stated that employees of the IMLS were put on paid administrative leave for 90 days. The email they received states it is "up to" 90 days. Also, the story initially stated the Museum of Discovery and Science is in Orlando. It is in another part of Florida, Fort Lauderdale.

libraries museums doge trump executive order



2024 Michigan Libraries Snapshot

Michigan Boasts
396 Public Libraries




74.8 Million

Items Borrowed (including books and ebooks)


97.44%

Libraries offer Wi-Fi


651,603

Attendance at Early Literacy Programs by Michigan Children


30 Million

Library Visits



3.1 Million

Attendance at Library Events

Impactful Use of **\$4.8 Million** LSTA Federal Funds



Allotted by IMLS through the Grants to States Programs



Michigan eLibrary

Supporting Michigan Libraries

\$3.4 Million LSTA/ \$1.4 Million State Funding

Administered by the Library of Michigan in partnership with Michigan's libraries of all types, the Michigan eLibrary will provide all Michigan residents with free access to online full-text articles, full-text books, digital images, and other valuable research information at any time via the Internet; and provide an easy-to-use interlibrary loan system (MeLCat) to allow Michigan residents to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries.

 **1 Million**

MeLCat Items Loaned in 2024



10 Million

MeLCat Items Loaned since 2015



19.2 Million

Trusted Articles and Journals Accessed



\$26.96

For every \$1 spent



\$384,715

Awarded to Libraries Directly



101,127

Internet Hotspots Borrowed



10.7 Million

Wi-Fi connections at the Library



LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN



Museum Library





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1 Million
MeLCat Items Loaned
in 2024


10 Million
MeLCat Items Loaned
since 2015


19.2 Million
Trusted Articles and Journals
Accessed


\$26.96
For every \$1 spent


\$384,715
Awarded to Libraries Directly


101,127
Internet Hotspots Borrowed


10.7 Million
Wi-Fi connections at the
Library

Your Congressional District 6



6.6 Million

Items Borrowed (including books and ebooks)



\$8,750

Awarded to Libraries Directly



214,707

Attendance at Library Events



97.14%

Libraries offering Wi-Fi



38,442

Attendance at Early Literacy Programs



7,826

Internet Hotspots Borrowed

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Joint Statement on IMLS from Michigan Libraries, Museums, and Archives

On March 14, 2025, President Trump issued an [Executive Order](#) (EO) that adversely affects the only federal agency that provides resources to our nation's libraries, museums, and archives. The EO "Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy" directs the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to eliminate non-statutory programs and reduce its functions and personnel to the minimum required by law. For IMLS, this would mean a dramatic reduction in its scope and

capacity to support our nation's cultural institutions. Libraries and museums across the country will feel the effects of these cuts, particularly in areas reliant on discretionary funding and special initiatives.

Michigan receives modest federal funding from IMLS, but our 397 public library systems, 87 academic libraries, nearly 3,000 school libraries, 650 museums, and hundreds of historical organizations pride themselves on using these resources efficiently and innovatively to deliver outstanding programs and services. The changes to IMLS ordered in the EO would be devastating to the cultural and literary landscape enjoyed by all Michigan residents.

What is at stake if IMLS reduces its workforce and dismantles programming, funding, and services to our libraries, museums, and archives?

Close to \$2.25 million/year in individual grants to our libraries, and an additional \$1.77 million/year for our museums and archives could be affected.

In addition, the Library of Michigan may be adversely affected if the \$4.78 million Grants to States were to cease including:

- the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL and MeLCat) – a centralized catalog and resource-sharing service (inter-library loan) created to lend and share materials among all types of libraries in Michigan
- MeL databases that are used extensively by our academic and school libraries
- travel stipends for library staff to attend professional development opportunities to stay current with trends that affect the profession
- funding for cohorts on financial sustainability, digital literacy, artificial intelligence, and public library management
- excellent training and educational opportunities for all library workers through participation in Niche Academy offerings

We strongly support continued funding and staffing and implore President Trump to rescind this Executive Order. Our goal is to ensure that the IMLS continues to fund worthy and essential library, museum, and archival programs that benefit Michigan communities well into the future.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the government spent \$6.75 trillion, exceeding its revenue and resulting in a deficit. While the stated purpose of the EO is to reduce bureaucracy and waste, it is unreasonable to target the federal funding allocated to libraries and museums that represents just a tiny fraction – approximately 0.0043% in FY 2024 – of

the federal budget. This minimal investment supports institutions that are vital to education, cultural preservation, and community enrichment.

While funding for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 (ending Sept. 2025) has been appropriated to the IMLS in the newly approved Continuing Resolution, we have no guarantees of funding for IMLS in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

It is time to take a stand and speak up today by calling, writing, emailing, visiting, or sending a letter to your federal elected officials. We encourage you to use one of the links below that have been set up by various national organizations.

Contact your legislators and tell them to continue fully funding IMLS – both discretionary programs and those explicitly mandated by law. Don't forget that your communication will be stronger by adding your own words, and how this will affect you, your cultural institution, and your community.

American Library Association:

<https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=9CyapZUB9sorxFLO4J0c&lang=en>

EveryLibrary:

<https://action.everylibrary.org/saveimls2025>

American Association for State and Local History:

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/94/>

American Alliance of Museums:

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/95/>

Collectively, we the undersigned, stand together and call on all Michiganders who value reading, learning, history, and enrichment to take a stand in support of our libraries, museums, and archives. We urge President Trump to rescind the EO targeting IMLS and implore Congress to continue fully funding IMLS at levels that protect both discretionary and statutory programs.

Sincerely,

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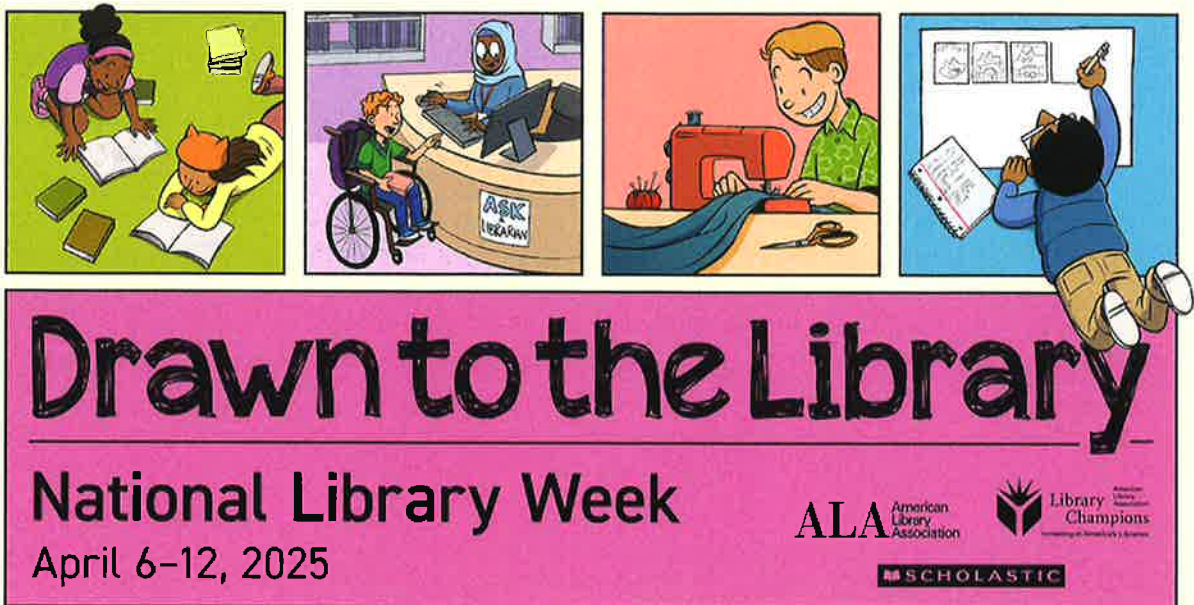
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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK FUN!

Monday, 4/7: The Quiet Reading Book Club Kickoff!
Adults, 7 pm

Thursday, 4/10: Dress Like A Book Character Day
Come to the library dressed as your favorite book character to receive a special treat. All Ages!

Thursday, 4/10: Classic Movie Night
The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (1964)
Adult, 6:30 pm

Friday, 4/11: I Love My Library Storytime Kids, 11 am

Friday, 4/11: Drop-In Book Page Craft Adult, 3 pm

Saturday, 4/12: Sincerely Yours, Local History Through Letters Adult, 6 pm @ The Belleville Area Museum



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Sincerely Yours,

Local History Through Letters

April 12, 2025

6:00 pm

Belleville Area Museum

Enjoy an evening of love, heartache, and mystery with letters from the Belleville Area Museum. Join Belleville Area

District Library's Nikki Pickeral as she reads and shares information on archived letters from the Belleville area.

Stay to enjoy a moment to write a letter yourself!

A graphic for a Spring Poetry Contest. It features a central rectangular image with a scalloped white border. Inside the border is a vibrant spring scene with tall grasses, yellow wildflowers, and a bright sun shining through a blue sky with soft white clouds. The words "Spring", "Poetry", and "Contest" are written in a large, white, stylized serif font with a dark blue outline, stacked vertically and centered over the image.

Spring Poetry Contest

April is National Poetry Month! Celebrate by
submitting your original poetry to
BADL's Poetry Contest!

- All ages welcome; submissions will be sorted into Youth, Teen, and Adult categories.
- Up to 2 poems may be submitted per contestant.
- Email all submissions as a PDF or Word Doc to badlcontest@gmail.com (if you need help with this, let us know!)
- Winners will receive a writerly prize. Winners and runners-up will have their poetry displayed in the library for the month of May.
- Deadline: April 25th

Scan here for more info:





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Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 pm



Classic Movies Series



**Thursday,
April 10
@ 6:30 at the
Belleville Area
District Library**

**The Umbrellas of
Cherbourg (1964)**

**Director: Jacques Demy
Starring Catherine
Deneuve, Nino
Castelnuovo, & Anne
Vernon**



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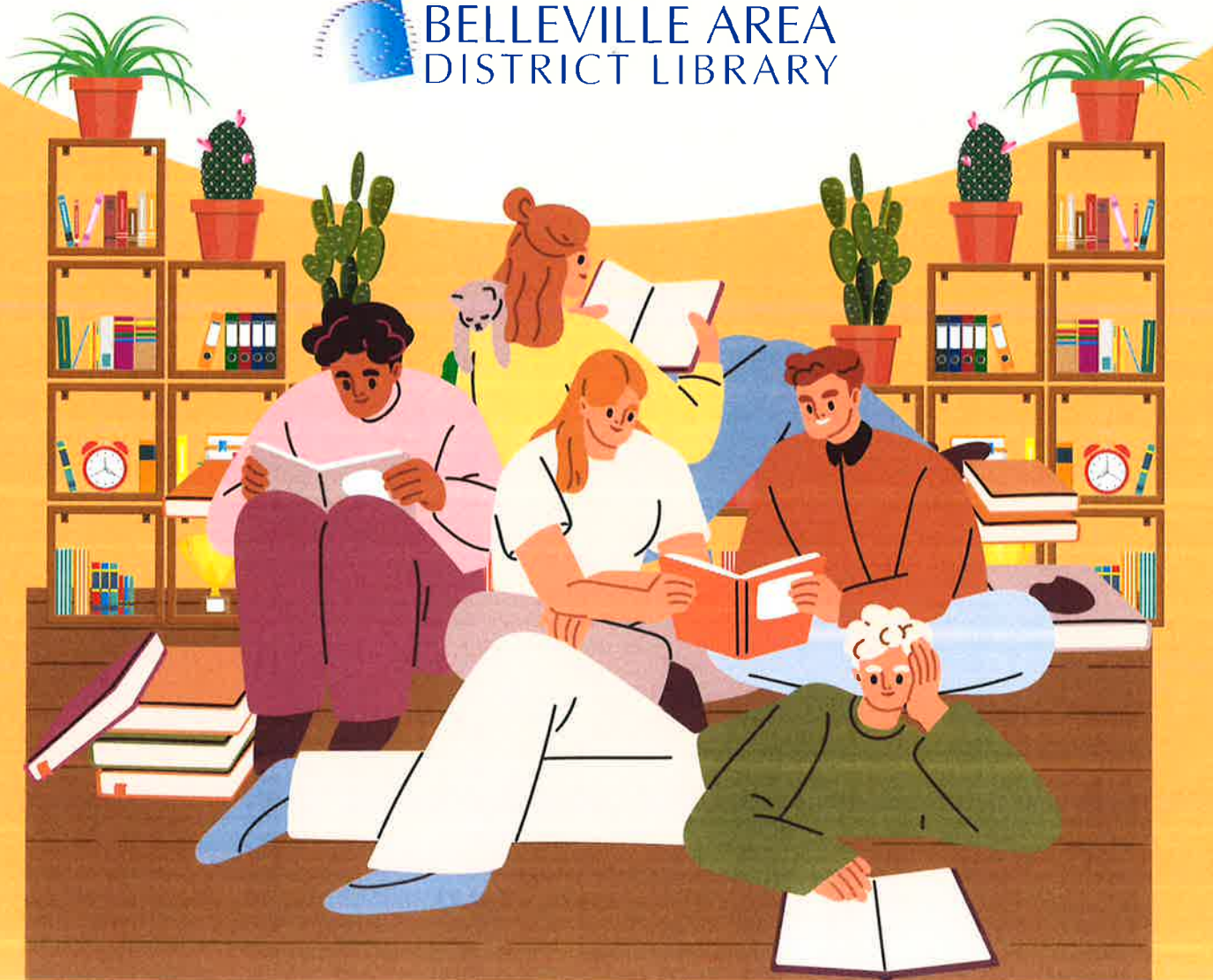
Monday, April 7th, 7-8pm

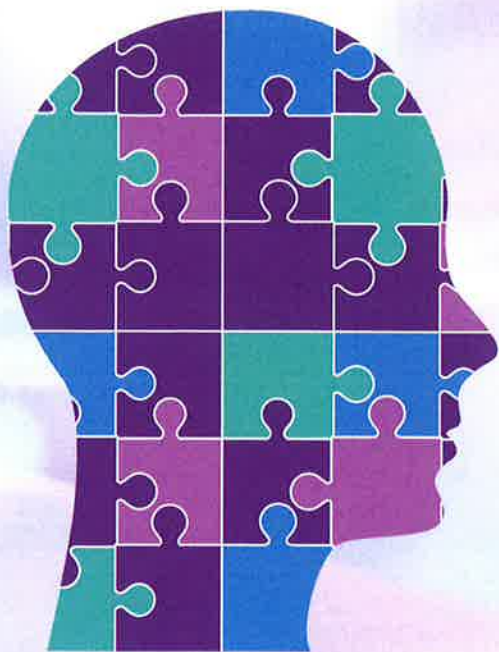
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MAY 3, 2025

12:00 pm

OUTSIDE THE BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

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