

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AND SET MILLAGE RATE  
(GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT)

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Buchanan District Library (the "Board"), County of Berrien, Michigan, held in the Library on the 18th day of June, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members Lyon, Kuhn, McGuirt, Miner, Thornton, Quasny

ABSENT: Members Young

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Nathanael Lyon and supported by Member Janet Kuhn:

WHEREAS, the Buchanan District Library was established under the provisions of the District Library Establishment Act, 1989 PA 24, as amended ("the DLEA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the DLEA, the Board is authorized to levy a tax upon all taxable property within the Buchanan District Library district (the "District"), provided that the districtwide tax is authorized by the electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the electors of the District authorized the Board to levy a districtwide property tax in an amount not to exceed .9 mill for a period of ten (10) years to provide funds for district library purposes, which amount has been rolled back to .8731 mill to comply with the Headlee Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2025, the electors of the District authorized the Board to levy a districtwide property tax in an amount not to exceed .3 mill for a period of ten (10) years to provide funds for district library purposes, which amount has been rolled back to .2962 mill to comply with the Headlee Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it will levy a districtwide tax of 1.1693 mills on December 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, 1963 PA 43, as amended, the Board has, following the required public notice, conducted a public hearing on its proposed July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to hold a public hearing and adopt the budget for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1: Title**

This Resolution shall be known as the Buchanan District Library General Appropriations Act (the "Act").

**Section 2: Chief Administrative Officer**

The Library Director shall be the Chief Administrative Officer and shall perform the duties of the Chief Administrative Officer enumerated in this Act.

**Section 3: Fiscal Officer**

The Treasurer (or other designated official) shall be the Fiscal Officer and shall perform the duties of the Fiscal Officer enumerated in this Act.

**Section 4: Public Hearings on the Budget**

Pursuant to MCLA 141.412, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on June 12, 2026 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Section 5: Estimated Revenues**

Estimated library fund revenues for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, including a voter-authorized millage of 1.1693 mills, and various miscellaneous revenues shall total \$672,710. The Board appropriates the following sums to defray expenses and meet liabilities for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 for District Library purposes based on the statement of estimated revenues, all as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated into this General Appropriations Ordinance. The Library shall use existing budget surplus funds from prior fiscal years to defray expenses not covered by the revenue provided in this paragraph.

**Section 6: Estimated Expenditures**

Estimated library fund expenditures for fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for the various library activities (line items) shall total \$624,188.05, as is set forth in the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated into this General Appropriations Ordinance.

**Section 7: Millage Levy**

The Board hereby certifies that the electors of the District approved a districtwide property tax in the amount of 1.1693 mills (\$1.1693 per \$1,000 of taxable value) (.9 mill at an election in 2020 and .3 mill at an election in 2025, which have been rolled back by Headlee to .8731 mill and .2962 mill respectively).

Pursuant to the DLEA, the Board hereby certifies that it shall levy in 2026, a property tax upon all taxable property within the District in the total amount of 1.1693 mills (\$1.1693 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable valuation of such property to provide funds for all District Library purposes.

The Board hereby certifies that the operating millage to be levied on all taxable property in the District has been reduced, if necessary, to comply with Headlee and the Board has complied with the requirements of the Truth-in-Taxation Act, MCL 211.24e.

**Section 8: 2026 Tax Rate Request**

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to provide a

certified copy of this Resolution and the 2026 Tax Rate Request on Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 to the Berrien County Clerk, the Berrien County Equalization Department, and to each township and city clerk included in the District. The L-4029 shall reflect the approval of the 1.1693 mills as approved more specifically in Section 7.

**Section 10: Adoption of Budget by Reference**

The general library fund budget of the Buchanan District Library is hereby adopted in full as attached Exhibit A, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in Sections 5 and 6 of this Act. Library officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend Library funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each line item. No transfers of line item appropriations shall be made without prior board approval by budget amendment unless authorized by Section 12.

**Section 11: Appropriations not a Mandate to Spend**

Appropriations will be deemed maximum authorizations to incur expenditures. The Fiscal Officer shall exercise supervision and control to ensure that expenditures are within appropriations, and shall not issue any order for expenditures that exceed appropriations.

**Section 12: Transfer Authority**

The Chief Administrative Officer shall have the authority to make transfers among the various line items without prior Board approval, if the amount to be transferred does not exceed five percent (5%) of the appropriation item from which the transfer is to be made, whichever is less. The Board shall be notified at its next meeting of any such transfers made, and reserves the right to modify, amend or nullify any such transfers made. Under no circumstances may the total library fund budget be changed without prior Board approval

**Section 13: Periodic Fiscal Reports**

The Fiscal Officer shall transmit to the Board at the end of each month a report of financial operations, including, but not limited to:

- a. A summary statement of the actual financial condition of the general library fund at the end of the previous month;
- b. A summary statement showing the receipts, expenditures and encumbrances for the previous month and for the current fiscal year to the end of the previous quarter month;
- c. A detailed list of:
  - i. Expected revenues by a major source as estimated in the budget; actual receipts to date for the current fiscal year compared with actual receipts for the same period in the prior fiscal year; the balance of estimated revenues to be collected in the then current fiscal year; and any revisions in revenue estimates resulting from collection experience to date.
  - ii. For each line item: the amount appropriated; the amount charged to each appropriation in the previous month) for the current fiscal year and as compared with the same period in the prior fiscal year; the unencumbered balance of appropriations; and any revisions in the estimate of expenditures.



**2026 Tax Rate Request** (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2026)

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes <b>Berrien</b>	2026 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 04/01/2026 <b>486,472,912</b>
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy <b>Buchanan Library</b>	For LOCAL School Districts: 2026 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2026 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5)** 2025 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d 'Headlee'	(6) 2026 Current Year 'Headlee' Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2026 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d 'Headlee'	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Voted	Operating	Aug-20	0.9000	0.8841	0.9876	0.8731	1.0000	0.8731		.8731	Dec-30
Voted	Operating	Aug-25	0.3000	0.3000	0.9876	0.2962	1.0000	0.2962		.2962	Dec-34

Prepared by <i>Meg Pawlette</i>	Telephone Number <i>269-695-3681</i>	Title of Preparer <i>Director</i>	Date <i>6/18/26</i>
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**CERTIFICATION:** As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

**Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See 2026 STC Bulletin for instructions on completing this section.**

- Clerk
- Secretary
- Clerk
- President

Signature <i>Karen Quasny</i>	Print Name <b>KAREN QUASNY</b>	Date <i>6.18.2026</i>
Signature <i>Molly Thornton</i>	Print Name <b>MOLLY THORNTON</b>	Date <i>6-18-2026</i>

Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	
For all Other	

\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

\*\* **IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

**Buchanan District Library**

**2026-2027 Budget**

**7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027**

			Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Property Tax Revenue			
403.000 · Buchanan City Millage-Operating			143,835.00
406.000 · Buchanan Twp Millage-Operating			219,830.00
407.000 · Niles Twp Millage-Operating			87,824.00
408.000 · Bertrand Twp Millage-Operating			88,871.00
410.000 · PPT Reimbursement			6,000.00
Total 4000 · Property Tax Revenue			546,360.00
4006 · State Aid			
567 · State Aid/Co-op			6,000.00
Total 4006 · State Aid			6,000.00
4305 · Local Grants			
650.01 · Designated Gateway Funds			12,000.00
657 · Other Grants			7,500.00
Total 4305 · Local Grants			19,500.00
4502 · Library Fees			
658 · Library Fees			300.00
659 · Library Penal Fines			55,000.00
Total 4502 · Library Fines			55,300.00
4601 · Interest Income			
Total 4601 · Interest Income			250.00
			250.00
4700 · Other Revenue			
642 · Misc Revenue			200.00
644 · Copy & Fax			3,000.00
645 · E-Rate Rebates			3,600.00
646 · Rental Fees			1,000.00
Total 4700 · Other Revenue			7,800.00

4706 · Donations			
	695 · Building Fund		
	699.001 · Donation Income-General		15,000.00
	699.003 · Donation Income-Promotional Items		2,000.00
	699.004 · Book Sale		1,000.00
	699.005 · Donation Income-Events		10,000.00
	699.006 · Donation Income - Bookmobile		1,000.00
	699.007 · Donation Income - Public Art		5,000.00
Total 4706 · Donations			34,000.00
4708 · Contributions-Other Gov Units			
	685 · Bertrand Twp Donation		2,000.00
Total 4708 · Contributions-Other Gov Units			2,000.00
4900-Loan Proceeds			
	696. Loan Proceeds		
Total 4900. Loan Proceeds			-
Total Income			671,210.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
5601 · Miscellaneous Expenses			
	831 · Membership and Dues		420.00
	864 · Conferences & Workshops		1,500.00
	873 · Travel & Car Allowance		1,500.00
Total 5601 · Miscellaneous Expenses			3,420.00
5602 · Repairs & Maintenance			
	931 · Maintenance-Building		41,500.00
	934 · Maintenance-Equipment		4,564.00
Total 5602 · Repairs & Maintenance			46,064.00
5603 · Public Utilities			
	853 · Telecommunications		6,750.00
	921 · Utilities		40,000.00
Total 5603 · Public Utilities			46,750.00
5604 · Community Promotions			
	885.01 · PR-General		1,500.00
	890 · Fundraising Materials		2,000.00

	890.005 Fundraising Materials-Events		2,500.00
Total 5604 · Community Promotions			6,000.00
5605 · Insurance & Bonds			
	912 · Fire & Liability Insurance		11,263.00
Total 5605 · Insurance & Bonds			11,263.00
5607 · Supplies			
	730 · Postage		750.00
	756 · Library Supplies		4,500.00
Total 5607 · Supplies			5,250.00
5608 · A/V, Books, Periodicals			
	731 · Media		28,000.00
	731.001 · Library of Things		6,060.00
	731.002 · Periodicals		3,200.00
	731.003 · Digital Media		11,450.00
	732 · Local History Projects		1,000.00
Total 5608 · A/V, Books, Periodicals			49,710.00
5609 · Personnel			
	706 · Salaries		270,543.00
	706.010 · Workers Comp		500.00
	712 · Cash in Lieu of Benefits		-
	715.000 · Fringe Benefits		
		715.002 · Fringe-MERS	13,527.15
		715.005 · Fringe Payroll Taxes	20,696.54
		715.040 · Fringe-Health	14,367.36
		715.042 · Fringe-Life Insurance	562.50
	Total 715.000 · Fringe Benefits		49,153.55
Total 5609 · Personnel			320,196.55
5610 · Legal & Professional Fees			
	561 · Legal Fees		3,000.00
	562 · Professional Fees		9,500.00
Total 5610 · Legal & Professional Fees			12,500.00
5611 · Accounting & Audit Fees			
	802 · Accounting Support		7,660.00
	807 · Audit		5,100.00
Total 5611 · Accounting & Audit Fees			12,760.00

5613 · Programming			
	563.01 · Adult Programs		2,000.00
	563.02 · Youth Programs		5,100.00
	563.03 · Community Events		-
	563.04 · Summer Reading		2,000.00
	563.06 · One Book One Buchanan		2,000.00
	563.07 · Stop Lunch Listen		3,300.00
	563.08 · Public Art Project		5,000.00
Total 5613 · Programming			19,400.00
5614 · Bookmobile			
	564.01 · Maintenance		2,500.00
	564.01 · Collection		
Total 5614 · Bookmobile			2,500.00
700 · Technology			
	700.001 Hardware & Labor		5,000.00
	700.003 Subscriptions		17,810.00
Total 700 · Technology			22,810.00
5701-Construction Loan Payment			
	962.011 Construction Loan Payment		41,564.50
Total 5701-Construction Loan Payment			41,564.50
5600 · Capital Outlay			
	970.001 · Capital Outlay-Building		15,000.00
Total 5600 · Capital Outlay			15,000.00
Total Expenses			615,188.05
Net Income (Loss)			56,021.95