

Michigan public libraries millage election results

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LIBRARY NAME	PASSED	FAILED
Alma Public Library	August 2003 - 58% yes vote	
Alpena County Library	August - passed our library millage by 3-1 ratio	
Beaver Island District Library	November	
Boyne District Library	August - asked for a .35 mil increase, in perpetuity, on the August ballot, passed 2 to 1	
Bridgeport Public Library		November - three year, 2 mil construction proposal that failed by only 163 votes
Briggs Public Library	August - passed with 65.59% of the population voting in favor of the extension through 2007	
Camden Township Library	August 2003 - first millage request in 75 years on the ballot in Aug. of 2003. We asked for .75 mil perpetuity. We passed our millage by a 2-to-1 margin.	
Charlevoix Public Library	June - We had an election in June 2004. We passed a .65 mil bond issue for 7.45 million (20 years)we also passed a .65 operating mil for 20 years.	
Commerce Township	November – for library services	
Community District Library	August - .5 mill for 4 years	
Crawford County Library	August	
Detroit Public Library	November - Both proposals passed easily! Prop L was the renewal - won by 76%; Prop M was a one mill increase - it passed by 63%!	
DeWitt District Library	August - Renewal of	

	<i>millage 1/2 mil passed by 74.6% to 25.4% margin</i>	
Dowling Public Library		November - <i>lost two millages at the November election; .3 mills renewal for Baltimore Township .3 mills new millage for Johnstown Township</i>
Harrison Twp.		November - <i>millage proposal to establish a public library</i>
Iosco-Arenac District Library	August - <i>AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS (1998 and 2002 were not successful); 0.5 mills for ten years</i>	
Lyon Township Library		November
Manchester District Library	November - <i>10 years at a mill rate of 1.05</i>	
Marshall District Library	November - <i>After 3 failed attempts (1999, 2000, 2002), the voters of our District approved .693 mill for 8 years.</i>	
Millington Arbela District Library	November - <i>millage passed by 343 votes. We have 1 mill for ten years.</i>	
Ogemaw District Library	August - <i>.3 mil</i>	
Peter White Public Library	August - <i>did pass a renewal for 1.0 mill in one of our townships in the August Primary election</i>	November - <i>failed millage in Powell Township on the November ballot; 3rd time that millage request has failed</i>
Pigeon District Library	June - <i>library millage election passed 111 yes to 25 no</i>	
Ray Township		November - <i>.3 mil</i>
Sanilac County	August - <i>for library services</i>	
Sebewaing Township Library	November - <i>passed a .2 renewal by a 2 to 1 margin</i>	
Walled Lake City Library	November - <i>1 addition mill for continued maintenance and operation of the Library, for 10 years; The millage passed 2,259 to</i>	

	855.	
Wolverine Community Library		November – millage for construction failed

- Results are based on information from 28 of Michigan’s public libraries, or 7% of the state’s public libraries (28 out of 384 public libraries).
- In the instance where the month of the election was not reported, it was assumed that the results were from the November 2004 election. This is due to the fact that the inquiry for millage information requested November 2004 election results.
- Two libraries reported results from August 2003 elections.
- One library gave information for the August and November elections.
- All 12 of the libraries who had millages on the ballot in August (including August 2003 elections) were successful.
- The two libraries that had millage elections in June were successful.
- Of the 15 libraries that had millages on the ballot in November, eight were successful (53%), and seven were unsuccessful (47 %).
- Some comments from those responding were included in the table and are in italics.
- The results only reflect information from Michigan’s public libraries.
- **Please feel free to contribute additional information.**

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