

BIG RAPIDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

REVENUE SOURCE COMPARISON

2007/2008 BUDGET

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Revenue Source	Appropriation	Penal Fines	State Aid	Fines, Fees, Etc.*	Totals	Support Percent
City of Big Rapids	\$240,000	\$65,745	\$7,083	\$7,268	\$320,096	80%
Big Rapids Twp.	-0-	24,319	2,620	6,783	33,722	8.4%
Green Twp.	-0-	12,962	1,396	3,586	17,944	4.5%
Colfax Twp.	-0-	10,132	1,092	3,842	15,066	3.7%
All Other Twps.**	-0-	10,433	1,423	2,022	13,878	3.4%
Subtotal Twp. Support	-0-	57,846	6,531	16,233	80,610	20%
TOTALS	\$240,000	\$123,591	\$13,614	\$23,501	\$400,706	100%

*Fines (mainly from overdue materials charges) are estimated based on measured use of the collections.

**Barton, Home, Grant and Norwich Townships

BIG RAPIDS CITY SUPPORT AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS ILLUSTRATION

1 Mill Equivalent Tax Support	Penal Fines	State Aid	Fines & Fees	Total
\$186,000	\$65,745	\$7,083	\$7,500	\$266,328

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Asbestos Removal	Safety Improvements	Reinforce Floor to 150# sq ft & move restrooms	Total
\$5,000	\$???	\$297,787	\$302,787 +

If the City is unable to work with the Big Rapids School District or the surrounding townships to help in creating and financing a district library, it could consider supporting a city library exclusively. The funding illustrated above includes the equivalent of one mill in property taxes, penal fines, state aid and other income totaling \$266,328. Can the library operate and serve only the citizens of the City of Big Rapids with this funding?

Service could be denied to all non-residents. Michigan law requires public libraries to have an open door policy that allows anyone to enter and use the collections of a library, but policies are allowed that can bar those not supporting the library from checking out materials and attending programs.

Certain improvements to the 1916 library facility have been discussed by the library board. These include construction to improve the floor loading capacity of the building from the current 40 lbs. per sq. ft. to a required 150 lbs. per sq. ft. to adequately support library materials. Other improvements include relocating the restrooms from the basement to the first floor and doing asbestos abatement. This work is estimated at about \$310,000.

The fire marshal has also outlined some needed safety improvements although there are not cost estimates for these changes. Can these needed improvements be funded?