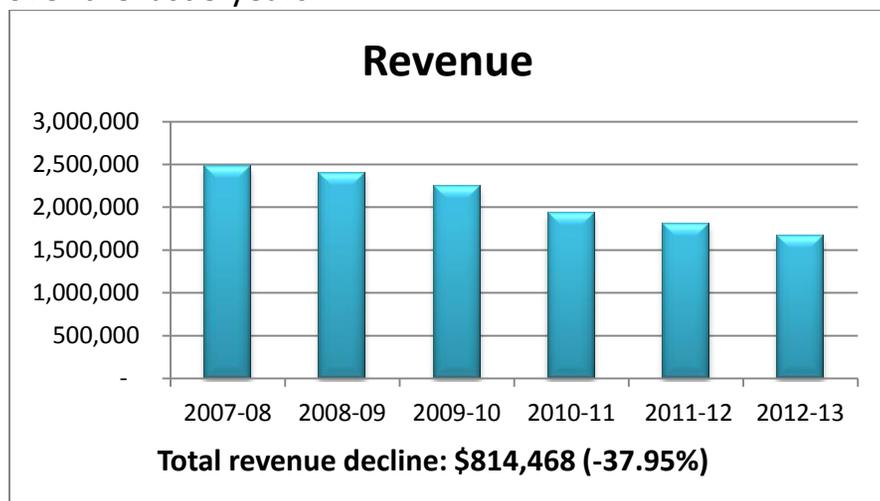




Your Library Budget Questions Answered

What has happened to the library budget?

Due to the decline in property tax values, the Westland Public Library has lost \$814,468 from our annual budget over the last 5 years.



Why is the library changing hours in July?

Due to the decline in our budget we will be laying off 10 employees (almost 30% of our total staff) starting July 1st, which is when our fiscal year begins. We will simply not have enough staff to keep the hours we currently have.

What are the library's new hours?

Sunday-Monday: **Closed**
Tuesday: **10am - 6pm**
Wednesday-Thursday: **12pm - 9pm**
Friday-Saturday: **10am - 5pm**

What else will the library be cutting starting July 1st?

In addition to longer lines at public service desks, the following programs & services are set to be cut or significantly reduced:

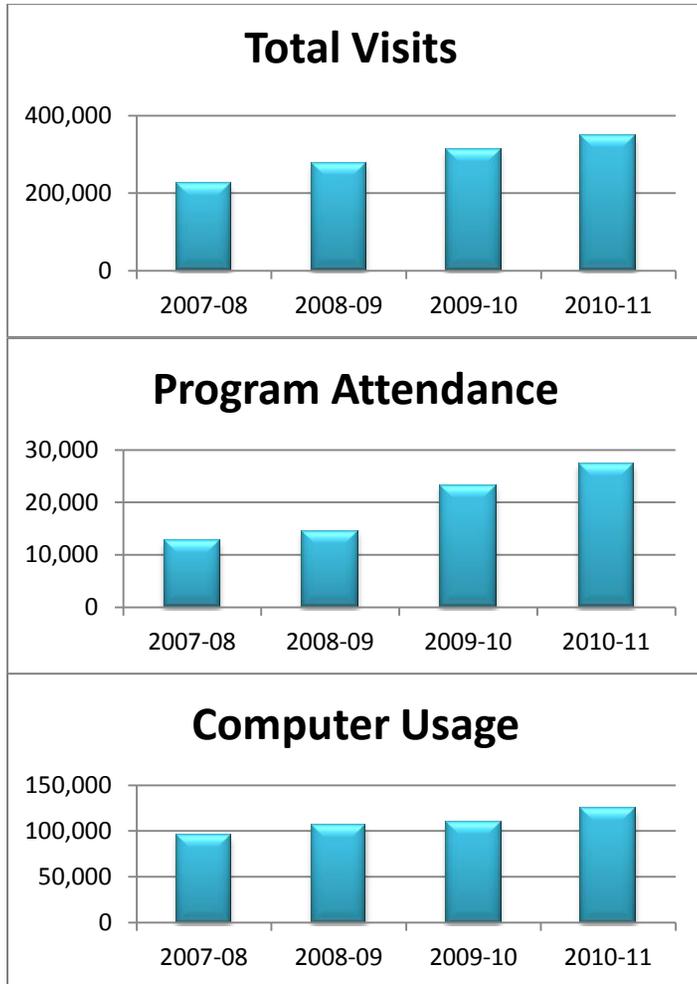
- Friday Night Movies
- eBooks
- Teen Programs
- Job Seekers Lab
- Summer Concerts
- Storytimes
- Computer Classes
- Summer Reading Programs
- New Homebound Program Locations
- 1-on-1 Computer Training
- Craft Classes
- Research Databases
- Health & Financial Programs
- Special Exhibits
- Exercise Classes

Why do I see so few new books on the shelf?

Our budget for ordering new books has decreased by more than 1/3 over the last five years.

Are people using the library less?

No! We have been busier than ever. Look at these stats:



What about the new computers? How can the library afford them with such large budget cuts?

These computers were not purchased with the library's operating budget. The funding for our new computers came from a grant through the federal Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The stipulations of the grant required that all the funds we received be used for equipment related to public computing.

Are there any actions being taken to address the library's budget?

The City Council has voted to place a millage proposal on the ballot of the August 7th primary election. The public will have an opportunity to vote on the millage and by doing so, determine the level of funding for the library.

[Please vote August 7th.](#)

What will happen to the library as revenues continue to decline?

If additional funding is not obtained, there will have to be further reductions in open hours, staffing, programming and collection in the following years.



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