

A Brief Funding history of the Flint Public Library (FPL) since 1979:

Two main sources of funding:

- 1979 to 1997
- 40% of countywide millage of .7 mills shared with Genesee District Library. GDL took 60% of the countywide millage, based on population.
 - Portion of Flint Community Schools (FCS) millage that was dedicated to libraries.

1994

Proposition A passes in Michigan, prohibiting public schools from raising millage on behalf of libraries. All public libraries that are part of school systems begin preparing to form separate local government.

1997

GDL passes a Genesee County millage (.8 mill) excluding the City of Flint, not to be shared with Flint.

1999

Flint District Library formed under state law, by agreement between Flint Community Schools and the City of Flint. The District Library is a unit of local government that can place a millage on the voters of the City of Flint.

1998-99

C.S. Mott Foundation grants FPL \$1.8 million annually to replace the countywide millage that was being collected. FCS continues to support FPL through its classroom fund. C.S. Mott Foundation conducts a public study urging a merger between FPL and GDL.

2000

City of Flint voters pass a 3-year 2.9 mill levy to support FPL (with 80% of the vote), to replace the money no longer available from FCS and C.S. Mott Foundation. Merger study and negotiations continue.

2002

With merger terms unacceptable, FPL proposes to City voters 2.0 mills in perpetuity, .9 mills for 3 years (1993-2011). Millage passes by 67% of the vote in the City of Flint. This is a millage for library operations, as FCS still owns the FPL Main Library building.

2004

Flint Community Schools sells the Flint Public Main Library building to the Flint District Library.

2010-11

Expiration of .9 mill operating levy comes in 2011, and FPL prepares for its next millage request. Request for 1.4 mills (.9 renewal and .5 new) will be on the ballot August 3, 2010.

