



# HART AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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February 13, 2025  
Golden Township Board  
PO Box 26  
Mears, MI 49436

RE: Contract for Hart Area Public Library Services

Dear Golden Township Board Members:

The Hart Area Public Library Board would like to again offer Golden Township the opportunity to renew its full-service contract with the library for the amount of \$30,000. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve your residents with access to books, technology, programs, and other valuable resources. While we understand that this is a significant increase, the Library Board's expectation remains that contract pricing will move incrementally toward the 3/10 of a mill taxable value amount in the coming years.

The Hart Area Public Library Board has set the value of in-house and interlibrary loan services only at 3/10 of a mill, based on 2022 taxable values, which equates to \$61,592 for your township. They have declined to offer in-house services only. By renewing the full-service contract at \$30,000, Golden Township can continue to provide its residents with the full range of library services while also preparing for a gradual and sustainable transition toward a more equitable pricing system. Residents of the City of Hart and Hart Township paid 1.95 mills for library services equating to \$116,000 and \$178,000 in 2023 respectively.

We greatly value our relationship with Golden Township residents and hope to once again offer the high-quality library services your residents deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Rash  
Library Director  
Hart Area Public Library