



## LWVGTA Library Action Committee Releases Report

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"After our successful investigation of public libraries in 2013-2014, the LWVGTA Library Committee decided to turn its attention to school libraries. We last surveyed area libraries in 2000, and much has changed since then."

"We split up duties and contacted elementary, middle, and high school libraries in our three county area. We surveyed eleven public school districts, plus four charter schools. We received 42 surveys back, an 82% return rate."

"Our survey resulted in the following conclusions about the current state of local school libraries:

- Professional Staff
  - **High Schools:** 1/3 were staffed by a



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specialists, or teachers. One school had no library at all.

- **Middle Schools:** 1/2 had a Library Media Specialist supervising.
- **Elementary Schools:** Only two school districts, TCAPS and Kalkaska, had a Library Media Specialist overseeing the elementary libraries.
- Budget
  - All schools operated on \$10-\$15 per pupil (or less.) The exception was [Woodland School](#), which budgets \$70 per pupil.
- Library Hours
  - One library was open only on demand; 13 were open 20 hours a week or less; 18 libraries were open 30 hours a week or more. The remainder were open somewhere between 20-30 hours."

"[A recent study](#) by the Mark & Helen Osterlin (NMC) Library found that 26% of incoming students in non-remedial English classes had never received any research instruction prior to attending college, and 43% indicated that depended entirely on Google for conducting research."

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#### Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, June 10, 5-7pm

[UpNorthTV](#) will hold an evening open house to sign up volunteers with an interest in covering community events in Northern Michigan. They are looking for camera operators, production assistants, and editors. No experience required! There will be free hot dogs and veggie dogs.

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#### Recently Adopted LWVUS Positions:

[Considerations for Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals](#) (Jan. 2016)

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[Under Article 5 of the U.S. Constitution](#) (Jan. 2016)

[Money in Politics](#) (April 2016)

#### Important Dates:

July 5, 2016  
Voter Registration  
Deadline for the  
August Primary

July 26, 2016  
Candidate Filing  
Deadline for the  
August Primary

August 2, 2016  
PRIMARY  
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Visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) for more information about upcoming elections.

## Voter Registration Drive

**Tuesday, June 21, 10am-5pm**

**Wednesday, June 22, 4pm-8pm**

[Woodmere Library](#) (TADL)

610 Woodmere Ave., Traverse City, MI 49686

*Volunteers for this event are already scheduled.*

*Thank you to Inara Kurt, Anne Montgomery, Bev Newson, Peggy Townsend, and Jan Warren.*

## 104th District Representative Primary Forum

**Thursday, July 14, 7-8:30pm**

Garfield Township Hall

3848 Veterans Dr. Traverse City, MI 49684

*Volunteers for this event are still needed!*

*Please contact one of the Voter Services Co-chairs, [Inara Kurt](#) or [Peggy Townsend](#), if you would like to volunteer at the forum.*



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