

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

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The County of Brant Public Library provides literacy, education and personal growth opportunities at its five branch locations across the County of Brant and through its extensive online services.

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Number of FTE's in Division: 22.5



2025 Accomplishments

- Awarded Angus Mowat Award of Excellence by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
- Ranked #1 among comparators for cardholders and circulation per capita
- Expanded workshops and programs for children and teens

2026 Priorities

- Advance new Central Library project
- Expand services to seniors and newcomers to meet growth and demand
- Long- and short-range planning: strategic plan, service review, and master plan

2026 Budget Drivers

- Market adjustments to salaries, wages, and benefits
- Facility maintenance and infrastructure renewal costs
- Inflationary increases to material and service costs

2026 Proposed Budget - Operating Library

	Reorganized 2025 Budget	Adjustments & Inflation	Change Request	2026 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
Federal/Provincial Grants	50,550			50,550		
Fees & Service Charges	18,500	2,000		20,500	2,000	10.8%
Other Revenues	2,600	1,900		4,500	1,900	73.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	71,650	3,900		75,550	3,900	5.4%
EXPENDITURES						
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	2,351,308	188,906	12,659	2,552,873	201,565	8.6%
Materials & Supplies	522,586	18,745	13,800	555,131	32,545	6.2%
Insurance	15,292	632		15,924	632	4.1%
Contracted Services	130,950	5,948	3,000	139,898	8,948	6.8%
Rent & Financial Expenses	3,355			3,355		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,023,491	214,231	29,459	3,267,181	243,690	8.1%
NET LEVY	\$2,951,841	\$210,331	29,459	\$3,191,631	\$239,790	8.1%

2026 Proposed Budget - Operating Forecast

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	Reorganized 2025 Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast	2029 Forecast
REVENUES					
Federal/Provincial Grants	50,550	50,550	50,550	50,550	50,550
Fees & Service Charges	18,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
Other Revenues	2,600	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
TOTAL REVENUES	71,650	75,550	75,550	75,550	75,550
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	2,351,308	2,552,873	2,657,565	2,758,862	2,825,235
Materials & Supplies	522,586	555,131	565,651	579,694	593,869
Insurance	15,292	15,924	16,402	16,894	17,401
Contracted Services	130,950	139,898	143,952	148,140	152,471
Rent & Financial Expenses	3,355	3,355	3,388	3,418	3,450
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,023,491	3,267,181	3,386,958	3,507,008	3,592,426
NET LEVY	\$2,951,841	\$3,191,631	\$3,311,408	\$3,431,458	\$3,516,876