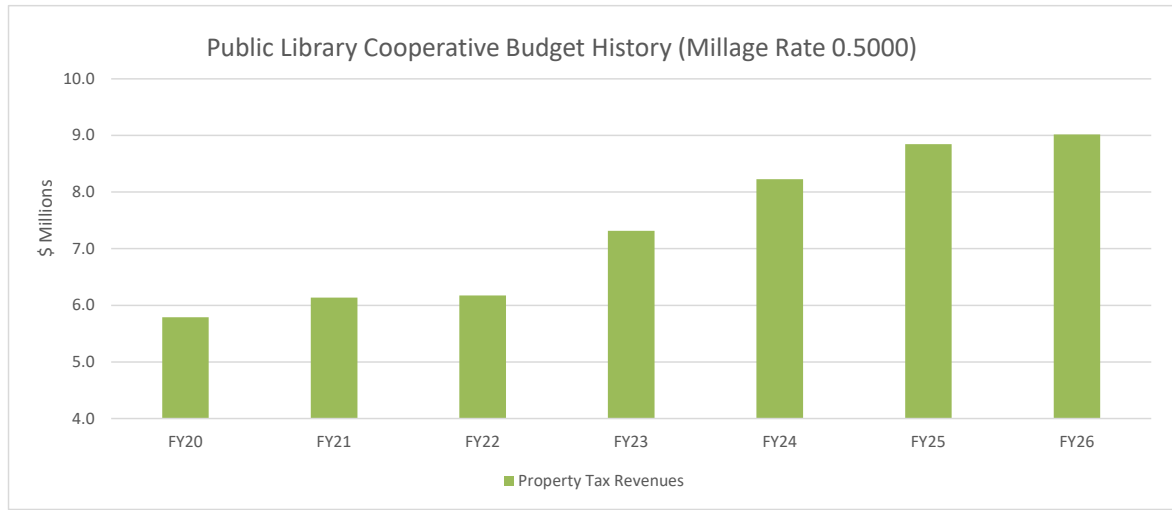
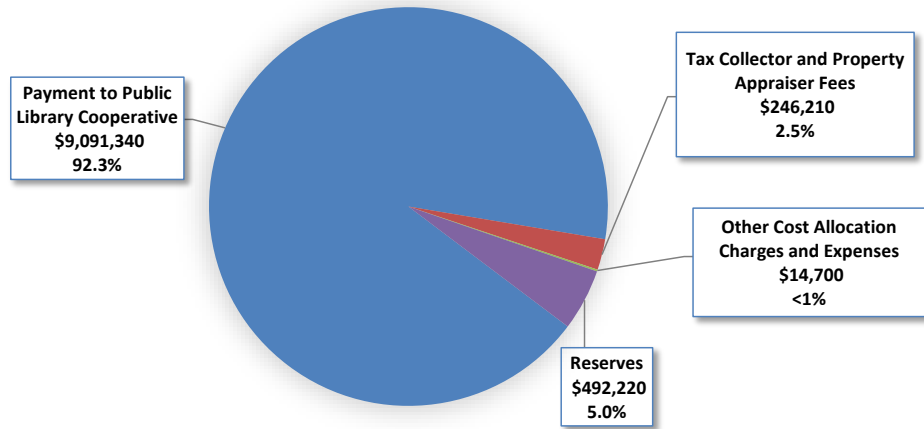


PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE



FY26 Budget Request



The Public Library Cooperative (PLC) is primarily supported by a dedicated property tax levy. The current rate of 0.5000 mill has not changed since FY14. The annual payment to the PLC supports administrative expenses (approximately 10.0%) and payments to the 14 member libraries. The payments are intended to provide funding support in recognition of the services provided by the member libraries to unincorporated residents who are assessed the PLC millage. Distribution of funds among the member libraries is based on a formula reflected in the interlocal agreement that leverages a combination of local support (90%) and non-resident circulation (10%). There are no significant program changes anticipated for the PLC budget in FY26. Anticipated growth of 2.0% in taxable property values increases FY 26 revenues by \$172,340 (2.0%) to 9.0M. With use of interest earnings, FY26 payments to the PLC for administration and distribution to the member libraries increase \$158,680 (1.8%), to \$9.1M. Other expenses in this budget include service fees to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector (\$246,210), and internal service charges for support from General Fund departments (\$14,700). This budget maintains a consistent 5.0% Contingency Reserves, increasing \$8,380 (1.7%) to \$492,220 for FY26.

PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

The Public Library Cooperative (PLC) serves eligible residents of Pinellas County and its member public libraries. The Cooperative serves these groups through the management of county, state and outside grant funds for library development and by facilitating the sharing of materials and resources among its members. The Cooperative is funded by a millage levy in a portion of the unincorporated areas of the county and per capita dues paid by the participating municipalities without libraries. The maximum millage rate that can be levied is 0.5000 mills.

Program Descriptions		FY26	
		Budget Request	FTE *
Public Library Cooperative	In addition to the activities noted above, by offering cooperative library service, the Cooperative is eligible to receive State Aid to Libraries grant funds. State Aid funds a variety of countywide programs including the Talking Book Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Deaf Literacy Center, Countywide Library Automation System support; and Operating materials support. The total request for this County fund increases \$167,660 (1.7%) to \$9,844,470 for FY26.	9,844,470	3.0
TOTAL		9,844,470	3.0

* PPLC has 11 FTE, including 3 FTE funded by ad valorem taxes. None of the PPLC FTE are Pinellas County Government employees.