

State Librarian Goals Remainder 2006 through Fiscal Year 2007
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- In light of continued challenges related to current staffing and budget situations, establish more efficient staff allocation and continue to achieve realistic expenditure planning.
- Maintain the Library of Michigan's position as a significant and essential element of the department's goals and objectives for cultural and economic development, while continuing to articulate and build on library values and outcomes that do not fall wholly within that Departmental initiative.
- In partnership with the new Library of Michigan Board of Trustees Chair, facilitate Board discussion and endorsement of positions on statewide library issues.
- Re-establish, if in a modest way, the LSTA subgrant program for FY07.
- Maintain momentum and purpose for the Michigan Library Digitization Task Force (MLDTF).
- Pursue grant opportunities for programming that enhances library services statewide. Current outstanding grant applications include: IMLS Partnership for a Nation of Learners "Ready to Read" in partnership with WCMU TV, MLA and others; IMLS 21st Century Librarians in partnership with University of Michigan and Wayne State University library schools and other public, school and academic libraries.
- Facilitate completion of school media center libraries marketing piece to be endorsed in conjunction with revised "Guidelines: Michigan School Library Media Programs" benchmarks. Continue to identify and facilitate next steps in ensuring adequate, steady funding and staffing for school library media centers in the state.
- Attain some measure of progress in defining and establishing realistic goals and expectations for Library of Michigan Foundation fund raising and sustainability.
- Complete move of the Law Collection into the main building by summer of 2007.
- Balance the weight of cultural and economic development and effectively championing the other essential roles of libraries outside of CED initiatives for the Library of Michigan and as they relate to libraries in the state.
- Lead in envisioning new ways for the Library of Michigan to effectively interface with academic, school and special libraries, while maintaining and enhancing our interface with public libraries.
- Establish a new, invigorated, proactive and effective relationship with the Michigan Library Association, MAME, MALC and other library associations within the state.
- Continue management of and work to expand participation in the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC) program for both public libraries and library cooperatives.

- Work with HAL office of regulatory affairs and legislative liaison to evaluate the needs and facilitate necessary changes in state aid certification rules and the various antiquated library establishment legislation.
- Continue and/or modify as appropriate the quality LM programming in-house and for libraries statewide, including family history/genealogy programs; Michigan Notable Books; Michigan Reads!; Beginning Workshop; Rural Libraries; Summer Reading Collaborative participation and Summer Reading Workshops; Trustees Training sessions, etc.
- Finalize and implement collaborative agreement with MSU for shared use of their new conservation lab space and equipment on a limited basis for treatment of LM materials, and develop a strategy for preservation and conservation of LM collection materials generally.
- Based on recent comprehensive identification and evaluation of LM collections materials for potential digitization, move forward with more in-house digitization projects.
- Sustain, improve and expand the presence, use and reach of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL), including retooling and redefinition of MeL Internet; review of use and coverage and engagement in new vendor contracts for MeL Databases; completing a much needed MeL usability study; and encouraging and facilitating the addition of MeLCat participants, especially including more school, academic and special libraries.
- Conduct personal outreach to the state's libraries, attempting to achieve broad geographic coverage in travel statewide to see and learn firsthand the needs of the state's libraries of all types and their legitimate expectations of the state library and its state librarian.