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## Michigan's *New* State Librarian

*By Carey L. Draeger*  
Public Information Officer

She began her library career in 1975 at the local public library in the tiny Iowa town of Riceville, population 900. As the rural library's director, the Iowa native helped create the first summer program for children. Twenty-five years later, on March 6, 2000, Christie Pearson Brandau, the assistant state librarian of Iowa, will become the thirty-ninth State Librarian of Michigan. It is the latest accomplishment during a long career in library science, one that has been filled with challenges and one that Brandau loves. "Serving as Michigan's state librarian is another opportunity for me to use the skills and knowledge I've developed over the last 25 years," Brandau said. "I'm excited about the possibilities that await in Michigan."



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### *Thank you from Dianne M. Odrobina*

Back in January of 1999, when George Needham came into my office to tell me of his departure from the Library of Michigan, I knew that much work would be involved in managing the state library. But I also knew that I would experience a corresponding increase in the depth of knowledge I had about the world of libraries. This increased knowledge will be an asset to Christie Brandau when she joins us as the new state librarian on March 6. During the interim period between state librarians, I've enjoyed working with the staff of the Library of Michigan, its Board of Trustees, its Foundation Board and Michigan's library community. The staff has taken on more responsibility and has maintained a high degree of professionalism as they continued their work and built upon the foundation of the work of the Library of Michigan.

Not only has my knowledge been enhanced, but my respect for the profession of librarians has deepened. I simply want to thank you for your willingness to work with me during this interim period and for the work you do every day for your communities and for the library community as a whole. One of the highlights of my thirteen months acting as state librarian was my involvement in the design team and the fruition of Our Preferred Future Conference. I wish the Implementation Council and the action teams the very best as they bring to life the visions we shared at the two-day conference. It was exciting to take another step on the road to a better future for the library community and the constituencies we all serve.

Please extend the same hospitality to Christie you have so graciously given me. With all of our support she can meet only with success.

# Call for MLA Nominations

by Karren Reish  
Reference Librarian

The Michigan Library Association (MLA) seeks nominations for several awards that are presented annually at the MLA conference. These awards recognize different individuals for their outstanding contributions to Michigan libraries.

The responsibility of recommending the award recipients to the MLA board falls to the MLA Awards Committee. This year's award committee members are Bill Gosling (chair), Gerald Bosler, Annette Haines, Kevin King, Dawn Pringle, Karren Reish, Judi Stillion, Brian Stoutenburg, Barbara Wallace and Carol Wieland. The awards for which they are soliciting nominations are:

**Librarian of the Year**, which recognizes an MLA member who has made an outstanding contribution to effective and improved library service.

**Loleta Fyan Award**, which honors newer library professionals who have made a difference in their chosen profession.

**Walter Kaiser Award**, which is given to an individual associated in some way with libraries and the broad educational goals of librarianship.

**Trustee Division Citation of Merit**, which is awarded to a public library board or advisory committee member who has been outstanding in the development of local library service, promoted library cooperation, or worked toward affecting legislation and/or appropriations for libraries.

**Life Membership** is awarded by the MLA Board to individuals who have been employed in Michigan libraries for at least 15 years with active MLA membership for at least 10 years.

Nomination forms are available from the MLA office and must be submitted no later than May 9, 2000.

MLA is also seeking nominations for the ninth annual **Michigan Author Award**. This award recognizes an outstanding published body of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and/or a playscript. The work must be by a contemporary author who currently lives in Michigan; a long-term Michigan resident, recently relocated; or an author whose works are identified with Michigan because of his/her subject. Nominees are cited for a published body of work consisting of 3 or more titles, either juvenile or adult. A panel of judges representing a broad spectrum of expertise in writing, publishing and book collecting determines the award recipient based on overall literary merit. The deadline for the Michigan Author Award nominations must be postmarked no later than April 28, 2000.

For more information on any of the above MLA awards, visit the MLA website at <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us> or contact the Michigan Library Association, 6810 S. Cedar, Suite 6, Lansing, MI 48911, (517) 694-6615.

## Celebrate Library of Congress LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BICENTENNIAL 1800 – 2000

The Library of Congress invites all public libraries to take part in the national celebration of the Library of Congress Bicentennial. On April 24, 2000, the first day of issue, the U.S. Postal Service will release a commemorative postage stamp at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. From April 25 to May 31, libraries around the country may hold their own ceremonies as "second-day" issue sites.

The Library of Congress Bicentennial Program Office will send an information kit that includes a timetable and checklist for planning your event, guidance for planning a ceremony, programming ideas and suggestions, information about envelope designs for your event, publicity guidelines, and many other documents to assist you with event logistics. Staff in the program office are also available to work directly with libraries on planning their events.

This is an exceptional opportunity to invite members of Congress and/or local dignitaries or celebrities to take part in

the second-day issue event. Holding a second-day issue event is a great way to honor a high-profile community member or to partner with interested organizations to exemplify the American Library Association's year 2000 theme, "Libraries Build Community."

More information about the commemorative stamp second-day issue project, including an image of the stamp design, is at [http://www.loc.gov/bicentennial/items\\_stamp.html](http://www.loc.gov/bicentennial/items_stamp.html). A fact sheet for the Library of Congress Commemorative Postage Stamp Second-Day Issue Sites Project is also available at <http://www.loc.gov/bicentennial/factsheet.html>.

If you are interested in holding an event, need additional information, or wish to request an information kit, please contact Kathy Woodrell of the Library of Congress Bicentennial Program at 202-707-7206, toll-free at 800-707-7145 or by email at [kwoo@loc.gov](mailto:kwoo@loc.gov).

## *Foundation Board Is Unanimous In Its Commitment To Support the Preferred Futures Initiative*

*By Sarah Watkins, Executive Director  
Library of Michigan Foundation*

Thomas Moore loves libraries. This is evident in his role as the dean of libraries for Central Michigan University, through his active participation as the chair of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees and as a director of the Library of Michigan Foundation Board. At the Foundation Board's January 18 meeting, Moore joined Foundation Directors Jack Winegardner and Fran Pletz as the trio shared the content, outcome and success of the recent Preferred Future Conference with other Foundation board members. During his presentation, Moore noted the immense impact that the Preferred Future Conference has had on Michigan's library community. He explained that "the conference has created a sense of unity among all (Michigan) libraries."

In response to Moore's query: "What can the Foundation do as a group and as individuals?" the board entertained the following proposals:

The Preferred Future Conference design committee proposes that the Library of Michigan Foundation consider—as a board—endorsing the project in concept now and in the future as an initiative spearheaded by the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees that is intended to benefit all types of libraries and citizens of the state.

As the Foundation continues its strategic planning process, its board members should look for points of connectivity between the Preferred Future effort and how Foundation involvement can be mutually beneficial to the Preferred Future initiative as well as the Foundation.

The Foundation should assume a supportive role and consider funding a relevant aspect of the project to further demonstrate the Foundation's support of the Preferred Futures initiative.

Al Zehnder, the Foundation Board chair, made a motion that the "Foundation endorse the Preferred Future project in concept as a priority initiative spearheaded by the Library of Michigan with the intent to benefit all types of libraries and all citizens of the State of Michigan." Dianne Odrobina seconded this motion. The Foundation Board unanimously passed the motion.

## ***LM Foundation Board Welcomes New Directors***

*By Carey L. Draeger  
Public Information Officer*

The Library of Michigan Foundation Board of Directors has grown by 3 new members. At the Board meeting on January 18, 2000, Board President Al Zehnder officially welcomed Mark A. Harris, James Lawrence (Larry) Lipton and Tiffany Patzer as the newest directors.

Harris is the director of marketing for Genesys Health System in Grand Blanc, Michigan. In addition to his extensive skills in

## **Read Indeed! Request For Proposals**

### ***A Literacy Grant Program of the Library of Michigan Foundation***

*By Sarah Watkins, Executive Director  
Library of Michigan Foundation*

Every year since 1993 the Library of Michigan Foundation Board of Directors has awarded approximately \$60,000 in grants to volunteer literacy programs statewide whose services focus primarily on adult literacy needs. In the 7 years since its inception, the Foundation's Read Indeed! Literacy Grant Program has provided 59 grants totaling over \$494,000 to promote literacy in Michigan.

Michigan's First Lady, Michelle Engler, a strong proponent of literacy and vice president of the Library of Michigan Foundation, believes that "Literacy is critical to our state's competitiveness, its health and well-being, and its future."

To obtain applications for the 2000 awards, contact the Foundation office at (517) 373-1297. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 16, 2000. To qualify for funding consideration, an applicant organization must meet the following criteria:

- be based in Michigan;
- provide services to Michigan residents;
- focus primarily on the literacy needs of adults;
- provide services without charge or fee; and
- the applicant organization must be a public library or a non-profit organization with 501 (C) 3 status (or collaborate with a public library or 501 (C) 3).

Challenge grants are a priority of the LM Foundation Board of Directors. To enhance and encourage new and increased giving through community fundraising efforts initiated by the applicant organization, challenge grant awards of up to \$10,000 are available on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

administration and communication, Harris also has developed a strong background in marketing and market research. Harris will serve on the Board's publicity/marketing committee.

Lipton is the vice president of investments with Salomon Smith Barney and a financial consultant. Lipton will serve on the Board's finance committee.

Patzer is a member of the sales team for Brown Associates, a family-owned company that represents several publishers to schools and libraries around the state. Patzer also serves on the Abrams Foundation Board of Directors and is an avid genealogist. Patzer will serve on the Board's fund development committee.

# TECH time

By Paul Groll  
Network and Information Systems

*A quiet office. A monitor glows. A telephone rings.*

**Dana:** Hello, Tech Support. This is Dana.

**Kelly:** Dana, I'm having some trouble with my email, and it's raised a number of questions in our office.

**Dana:** OK, how can I help?

**Kelly:** Well, our system administrator recently notified me that some incoming mail was "blocked by the server." Why would that happen?

**Dana:** On most systems an email filter is in place on the mail exchanger.

**Kelly:** What's a mail exchanger?

**Dana:** A mail exchanger, or mx, is a special server that handles all incoming email: it receives email from the net, decides where it goes, and delivers it to the correct user inbox, according to the address. It also takes all outgoing mail from local users and posts it to the Internet or to the in-house system.

**Kelly:** OK. What's a filter?

**Dana:** For obvious reasons, there may be many types of incoming messages that system administrators do not want the mx to receive or distribute. These usually fall into two categories: files that pose a risk to operations and files that pose a risk to security. A third category, files that are simply annoying, often overlap with one of the first two as well.

**Kelly:** That sounds like a reasonable goal, but as a user, I don't see what that all means. Can you give me some examples?

**Dana:** Sure. One type of filter that protects operational resources is a size filter. Imagine, for example, that an outside sender sends an attachment, in separate messages, to 20 of your users. Now assume that the attachment is a picture file, or even a movie, and that it's 10MB. Within minutes, your network and mx are overwhelmed as they try to take in and properly store 200MB of data. Later, the network and mx server can be brought to their knees with the load that's created when they try to deliver these files, as each of the 20 recipients attempts to open these attachments.

**Kelly:** Sounds simple enough. Is this common?

**Dana:** Sadly, it is, especially around the holidays. That's when users send electronic greeting cards or theme movies as attachments to friends, sometimes hundreds of recipients! This seriously hampers network performance, interferes with all other network traffic, and even crashes the mx server.

**Kelly:** Is this the source of my warnings?

**Dana:** Could be. To help prevent this type of failure--called a denial-of-service attack in security jargon--your system administrator may set an mx filter to quarantine any incoming message larger than, say, 4MB. This helps prevent the email system from being swamped.

**Kelly:** Quarantine? How does that work?

**Dana:** The postmaster or system administrator dumps incoming files that are trapped by a filter into a special storage area for later examination. Other filters include those that trap files with viruses, junk mail, spam, and many others. These need to be examined to see whether or not they present a real risk. Often, those that are OK are then forwarded to the recipient, sometimes with an explanation.

**Kelly:** What if it does have a virus, or is over the size limit?

**Dana:** If it contains a virus, it is usually deleted or removed from the network. Then the system administrator contacts the sender and the sender's postmaster to alert them to the fact that they mailed a virus. If it's over the size limit, the postmaster examines the file to determine what to do with it.

**Kelly:** Examines it? You mean, the postmaster opens and looks at it?

**Dana:** Yes. If it's work related, data, or something similar, it must be sent to the recipient. These files are often simply saved to the network and the user is notified. If it is an annoyance file, such as a greeting card, movie, spam mail, junk mail, etc., it is usually deleted, and a caution or notice is sent to the recipient, and sometimes to the sender.

**Kelly:** So someone, either the postmaster or system administrator, looks at my email?

**Dana:** Sure, but only under the ethical restrictions that define their roles, but that's a topic for another time. The point is that the mx filters help your system administrators and postmasters in one of their primary roles--to keep your networks and servers available and productive for your primary operations.

**Kelly:** Thanks, Dana. I'll talk to you soon!

**Dana:** Bye.

# Trustees Corner

By Ellen Richardson  
Library Law Specialist



## *Library Laws Handbook Updated*

Since its first edition in 1988, the *Library Laws Handbook* has been a handy and valuable reference tool for the Michigan library community. The Legislative Service Bureau provides the text of the laws selected by staff at the Library of Michigan. The handbook brings together various state constitutional provisions and public acts that reference the establishment, governance and funding of the state's public libraries. From penal fines to state aid; from village libraries to library cooperatives; from uniform charts of accounts to the investment of surplus funds; the handbook guides library trustees and directors to the source of the law.

In 1998 the handbook was published in a loose-leaf format. A three-ring binder was provided along with the current pages. As the various laws were amended or interpretations were issued, users could supplement the edition themselves with copies of public acts, attorney general opinions, or other helpful information. The development of the Michigan Legislature website ([www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)) brings the latest amendments to every library within hours of legislative activity. This website also gives access to the Michigan Compiled Laws database. Opinions of the Michigan Attorney General are available in a timely fashion on the department's website ([www.ag.state.mi.us](http://www.ag.state.mi.us)).

Despite the advances made in providing information electronically, it is probably a good idea to publish periodically a new edition of the basic publication. This assures that everyone is "on the same page" and that first-time readers are current through a certain date. All of the public acts in the latest edition of the handbook are current through the end of the 1999 Michigan legislative session.

The 2000 edition of the *Library Laws Handbook* will be mailed to your libraries soon. All public libraries in the state will receive the new text. The binders will not be sent unless specifically requested by the library. Additional copies of the edition and binders, if needed, are available from the Library of Michigan. All copies are sent free of charge as a public service of the Library of Michigan.

What can you expect to find in the 2000 edition? Amendments to the following public acts are noteworthy:

The Investment of Surplus Funds Act, Act 20 of 1943, was extensively amended to require each municipal unit to adopt an investment policy in conformity with the law and to appoint an investment officer with designated duties. Libraries were alerted to the amendments in the March/April 1998 *Access* "Trustees Corner."

The District Library Establishment Act, Act 24 of 1989, was amended to prohibit overlapping district libraries. The new provisions allow participating municipalities to exclude those parts of their jurisdictions that are already included within the legal service area of a public library. The January/February 1998 *Access* addressed these changes.

Amendments to the Public Library Gifts and Donations Act, Act 136 of 1921, authorize public libraries to invest gift moneys in community foundations.

The Library Privacy Act has been amended twice since the last edition of the *Library Laws Handbook*. A "library record" now includes a patron's name, address and telephone number. A new section addresses the ability of library governing boards to restrict minors' access to certain types of information on the Internet. Several issues of *Access* addressed the challenges of providing Internet access in public libraries.

The Library of Michigan staff remains committed to supplying the latest legislative information to Michigan's library community. If the *Library Laws Handbook* and the legislative websites don't provide the necessary information, please contact the Library Law Specialist at 517-373-1299, or the Library of Michigan Law Library at 517-373-0630 for additional information.

# \$2 Million in LSTA Grants Awarded

by Naomi Krefman

Federal Programs

Michigan libraries were awarded \$2,096,542 in federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) subgrants, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Library of Michigan is the state administrative agency for this federal program and processes over \$4.6 annually to benefit Michigan libraries and the populations they serve.

In addition to the subgrants listed below, every library in the state is also eligible to participate in the statewide project called AccessMichigan, which is funded in part by Library Services and Technology Act funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and by an appropriation from the State Legislature. AccessMichigan is located at [www.accessmichigan.lib.mi.us](http://www.accessmichigan.lib.mi.us). This project brings the full text of over 1,000 magazines and newspapers, indexes and abstracts, reference books, telephone directories, and health information to public libraries, schools, and colleges via the world wide web, at no charge to participating libraries.

## Advanced Technology

Canton Public Library	\$104,843
James White Library, Andrews University	\$100,759
Kalamazoo Public Library	\$150,000
Michigan State University Libraries	\$150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$505,602</b>

## Basic Library Technology

Akron-Fairgrove Junior/Senior High School Library	\$75,000
Alba Public Schools K-12 Library	\$21,380
Alpena Public Schools Libraries	\$96,696
Cass District Library	\$72,210
Fairview Area Schools Libraries	\$24,247
Glen Lake Community Library	\$25,000
Houghton Lake Community Schools Libraries	\$50,796
Indian River Area Library	\$24,850
Millington Community School District Libraries	\$31,896
Negaunee Public Schools Libraries	\$25,000
North Branch Area Schools Libraries	\$25,000
Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation	\$134,814
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$606,889</b>

## Children in Poverty

Hart Area Public Library	\$18,300
Hesperia Public Library	\$14,012
Hiawathaland Library Cooperative	\$25,000
Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative	\$25,000
Public Libraries of Saginaw	\$25,000
South Haven High School Library	\$18,650
Spies Public Library	\$22,565
Three Rivers Public Library	\$20,300
Warren Public Library	\$25,000
Wayne County Library, River Rouge Branch	\$23,975
Wayne County Public Library, Lincoln Park Branch	\$10,825
White Pigeon Middle/High School Library	\$7,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$236,221</b>

### Community Information Network

Bayliss Public Library	\$27,650
Branch District Library	\$50,000
Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative	\$49,947
Otsego County Library	\$39,791
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$167,388</b>

### Internet Training Center

Chippewa River District Library	\$50,000
Cromaine District Library	\$25,274
Fremont Area District Library	\$39,259
Independence Township Library	\$50,000
Mid-Michigan Library League	\$49,964
Northland Library Cooperative	\$50,000
Public Libraries of Saginaw	\$46,415
Royal Oak Public Library	\$21,726
Wayne County Library-Taylor Community Library Branch	\$31,100
Woodlands Library Cooperative	\$29,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$393,093</b>

### Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library

Chesterfield Township Library	\$24,589
Chippewa Temporary Facility Library	\$22,685
Macomb Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped	\$24,988
Macomb Region of Cooperation	\$24,220
Newberry Correctional Facility Library	\$18,291
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$25,000
Salem-South Lyon District Library	\$5,859
St. Clair County Library, Special Tech. Alternative Resources	\$16,717
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$187,349</b>

**Total subgrants awarded \$2,096,542**

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## Libraries Without Walls, May 9

*By Maggie Bacon and Scott Norris*

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is sponsoring a one-day conference to introduce and demonstrate adaptive technology to educators and consumers. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how adaptive technology meets the information needs of persons with visual or physical impairments via the Internet, online catalogs and electronic media. This project is funded with a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Library of Michigan.

Professor Emeritus Norman R. Coombs from the Rochester Institute of Technology will be the keynote speaker and will discuss distance learning for persons with visual impairments and universal web design. Mario Delgado from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) will demonstrate the APH "Louis" database of educational texts in special format and participate in a panel discussion related to various resources for students who are visually and physically impaired.

Steve McClure and Al Swain from the Centers for Independent Living will discuss educational strategies for students who are physically disabled. Carla Reeb from Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic and Robert Hill from the Michigan Assistive Technology Resource will discuss services to students with visual and physical impairments.

Two other events will round out the day: attendees may visit exhibitors of adaptive technology from 10:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on the fourth floor north at the Library of Michigan. Accessing the Internet with adaptive technology will be demonstrated by Library of Michigan staff throughout the day.

The cost for this event is \$10.00 per person and includes lunch. Librarians may receive .4 CEUs for attending the conference. Please register by April 25, 2000. For more information, please contact Scott J. Norris, adaptive technology coordinator, at (517) 373-5516, or you may email him at [scottn@libofmich.lib.mi.us](mailto:scottn@libofmich.lib.mi.us).

# 1999 Penal Fines Increase by One Percent

by Janet Laverty  
Director, Business Services

The annual survey of county treasurers indicated that the total penal fines collected in 1999 increased by only 1% over the 1998 collection. A total of \$28,389,170 was collected compared to \$28,327,623 in 1998. Interest on the penal fines amounted to \$503,632 for a total of \$28,892,802 available for distribution to public and county law libraries.

Public Act 236 of 1961 provides the direction for the county treasurer to credit the county law library fund from the library fund. The amount each county is able to appropriate for its law library is determined by the population of the county. \$377,413 was credited to the law library fund in 1999.

Forty-six Michigan counties showed an increase in the per capita rates. Montcalm County showed the greatest per capita rate increase at 26% over 1998. Montcalm's per capita rate increased from \$5.04 per capita to \$6.34. Although Mackinac County experienced a slight decrease of 3% in their per capita rate, they had the highest per capita rate for the year at \$17.13.

Of the 32 counties that saw a decrease in their per capita rates, Baraga County experienced the largest decrease--36%. Their rate went from \$4.33 in 1998 to \$2.75 in 1999. Genesee County had the lowest decrease in rates, \$1.05 per capita, or 5%.

The report included in this publication shows the amount of penal fines collected by the county treasurers as of June 30, 1999, the reported interest for the preceding 12 months, and the amount distributed to the county law libraries and public libraries. The per capita rate is derived by dividing the public library distribution amount by the county's library service population. The previous year's per capita rate is included for comparison.

The Library of Michigan verifies each public library's service population on June 30th of each year and provides the number to each county treasurer by July 15th of any given year. The Library of Michigan reviews all library service contracts in effect, as well as the legal service populations, on the last day of June to determine the service population for each public library.

A variety of factors continue to affect penal fine income, such as the success rate of collections by the courts, local economic factors and parallel ordinances. The result is year-to-year fluctuations in the total amount distributed. A ten-year penal fine distribution historical report is available from the Library of Michigan by contacting Donna Holdridge at 517 373-1587 or by email at [dholdrid@libofmich.lib.mi.us](mailto:dholdrid@libofmich.lib.mi.us).

## 1999 Michigan Penal Fine Distribution Report

County	Certified Population	Penal Fines Collected	Interest Income	Total Penal Fines	Law Library Distribution	Public Library Distributions	1999 Per Capita Rate	1998 Per Capita Rate	% Change 1998-1999
Alcona	10,145	\$72,740	\$997	\$73,737	\$2,500	\$71,237	\$7.02	\$6.17	14%
Alger	8,972	\$46,793	\$90	\$46,883	\$2,000	\$44,883	\$5.00	\$6.59	(24%)
Allegan *	90,697	\$636,521	\$0	\$636,521	\$6,500	\$630,021	\$6.95	\$6.30	10%
Alpena	30,605	\$173,635	\$3,479	\$177,114	\$3,500	\$173,614	\$5.67	\$5.67	0%
Antrim	18,185	\$109,072	\$2,683	\$111,755	\$2,500	\$109,255	\$6.01	\$5.03	19%
Arenac	14,906	\$229,594	\$0	\$229,594	\$2,500	\$227,094	\$15.24	\$12.34	23%
Baraga	7,954	\$23,784	\$122	\$23,906	\$2,000	\$21,906	\$2.75	\$4.33	(36%)
Barry *	51,790	\$152,190	\$3,264	\$155,454	\$3,250	\$152,204	\$2.94	\$2.51	17%
Bay	111,723	\$465,130	\$0	\$465,130	\$6,500	\$448,519	\$4.01	\$3.44	17%
Benzie	12,200	\$104,293	\$0	\$104,293	\$5,000	\$99,293	\$8.14	\$7.78	5%
Berrien	161,378	\$1,045,265	\$33,715	\$1,078,980	\$6,500	\$1,072,480	\$6.65	\$7.15	(7%)
Branch	41,502	\$204,164	\$0	\$204,164	\$4,500	\$199,664	\$4.81	\$4.08	18%
Calhoun	135,982	\$500,449	\$0	\$500,449	\$6,500	\$493,949	\$3.63	\$3.67	(1%)
Cass	49,477	\$201,867	\$5,388	\$207,255	\$4,500	\$202,755	\$4.10	\$4.75	(14%)
Charlevoix	21,468	\$121,325	\$2,245	\$123,570	\$3,596	\$119,973	\$5.59	\$5.77	(3%)
Cheboygan	21,398	\$227,305	\$6,931	\$234,236	\$3,500	\$230,736	\$10.78	\$11.04	(2%)
Chippewa	34,604	\$207,462	\$0	\$207,462	\$3,500	\$203,962	\$5.89	\$6.31	(7%)
Clare	24,952	\$143,827	\$3,205	\$147,032	\$3,500	\$143,532	\$5.75	\$5.76	(0%)
Clinton	57,883	\$398,690	\$10,378	\$409,068	\$6,500	\$402,568	\$6.95	\$6.68	4%
Crawford	12,260	\$141,330	\$0	\$141,330	\$2,500	\$138,830	\$11.32	\$11.77	(4%)
Delta	37,780	\$219,634	\$0	\$219,634	\$4,500	\$215,134	\$5.69	\$4.98	14%
Dickinson	26,831	\$146,929	\$0	\$146,929	\$3,500	\$143,429	\$5.35	\$4.81	11%
Eaton	92,879	\$327,348	\$6,659	\$334,007	\$6,500	\$327,507	\$3.53	\$3.30	7%
Emmet	25,040	\$120,417	\$2,630	\$123,047	\$3,500	\$119,547	\$4.77	\$5.03	(5%)
Genesee	430,459	\$448,613	\$11,248	\$459,861	\$8,500	\$451,361	\$1.05	\$1.10	(5%)
Gladwin	21,896	\$154,845	\$0	\$154,845	\$3,500	\$151,345	\$6.91	\$8.34	(17%)
Gogebic	18,052	\$104,909	\$2,733	\$107,642	\$2,500	\$105,142	\$5.82	\$4.64	25%
Grand Traverse *	73,634	\$339,394	\$0	\$339,394	\$6,500	\$332,894	\$4.52	\$3.77	20%
Griatiot	38,982	\$629,154	\$8,893	\$638,047	\$4,500	\$633,547	\$16.25	\$17.18	(5%)
Hillsdale	43,431	\$170,029	\$4,421	\$174,450	\$4,500	\$169,950	\$3.91	\$3.60	9%
Houghton	35,446	\$62,856	\$668	\$63,524	\$4,567	\$58,957	\$1.66	\$1.59	4%
Huron	34,951	\$246,461	\$2,261	\$248,722	\$3,500	\$245,222	\$7.02	\$6.59	6%
Ingham	281,912	\$721,991	\$21,356	\$743,347	\$8,500	\$734,847	\$2.61	\$2.83	(8%)
Ionia	57,024	\$385,247	\$11,406	\$396,653	\$6,500	\$390,153	\$6.84	\$6.74	1%
Iosco	30,209	\$243,819	\$1,196	\$245,015	\$3,500	\$241,515	\$7.99	\$7.07	13%
Iron	13,175	\$62,774	\$0	\$62,774	\$2,500	\$60,274	\$4.57	\$4.36	5%
Isabella	54,624	\$470,885	\$3,401	\$474,287	\$6,500	\$467,787	\$8.56	\$8.31	3%
Jackson	149,756	\$271,408	\$0	\$271,408	\$6,500	\$264,908	\$1.77	\$2.60	(32%)
Kalamazoo	223,411	\$447,506	\$10,064	\$457,571	\$6,500	\$451,071	\$2.02	\$1.76	14%
Kalkaska	13,497	\$190,422	\$0	\$190,422	\$2,500	\$187,922	\$13.92	\$11.35	23%
Kent	500,631	\$1,633,895	\$52,663	\$1,686,558	\$8,500	\$1,678,058	\$3.35	\$3.16	6%
Keweenaw	1,701	\$5,028	\$0	\$5,028	\$2,000	\$3,028	\$1.78	\$1.78	(0%)
Lake	8,583	\$90,067	\$2,467	\$92,534	\$2,000	\$90,534	\$10.55	\$8.73	21%
Lapeer	74,768	\$469,078	\$0	\$469,078	\$6,500	\$462,578	\$6.19	\$5.91	5%
Leelanau	16,527	\$85,124	\$1,023	\$86,147	\$2,500	\$83,647	\$5.06	\$4.47	13%
Lenawee *	91,627	\$598,804	\$0	\$598,804	\$6,500	\$592,304	\$6.46	\$5.06	28%
Livingston *	116,166	\$563,495	\$15,923	\$579,418	\$6,500	\$572,918	\$4.93	\$4.03	22%
Luce	5,763	\$29,666	\$837	\$30,503	\$2,000	\$28,503	\$4.95	\$5.37	(8%)
Mackinac	10,674	\$185,301	\$0	\$185,301	\$2,500	\$182,801	\$17.13	\$17.58	(3%)
Macomb	717,400	\$756,189	\$13,615	\$769,805	\$8,500	\$761,305	\$1.06	\$1.02	4%
Manistee	21,265	\$228,135	\$0	\$228,135	\$7,000	\$221,135	\$10.40	\$11.86	(12%)
Marquette	70,887	\$138,257	\$0	\$138,257	\$6,500	\$131,757	\$1.86	\$1.69	10%
Mason	25,537	\$127,836	\$0	\$127,836	\$3,500	\$124,336	\$4.87	\$4.06	20%
Mecosta	37,308	\$267,530	\$5,740	\$273,269	\$4,500	\$268,769	\$7.20	\$6.66	8%
Menominee	24,920	\$169,017	\$3,583	\$172,600	\$3,500	\$169,100	\$6.79	\$6.26	8%
Midland	75,651	\$202,553	\$5,585	\$208,138	\$6,500	\$201,638	\$2.67	\$3.04	(12%)
Missaukee *	16,760	\$82,741	\$2,057	\$84,798	\$2,500	\$82,298	\$4.91	\$5.37	(9%)
Monroe	133,600	\$762,115	\$0	\$762,115	\$6,500	\$755,615	\$5.66	\$7.48	(24%)
Montcalm	53,059	\$336,505	\$6,629	\$343,134	\$6,500	\$336,634	\$6.34	\$5.04	26%
Montmorency	8,936	\$51,282	\$1,638	\$52,920	\$2,000	\$50,920	\$5.70	\$4.91	16%
Muskegon	158,983	\$361,438	\$10,583	\$372,020	\$6,500	\$365,520	\$2.30	\$2.26	2%
Newaygo *	38,207	\$186,599	\$2,988	\$189,587	\$9,000	\$180,587	\$4.73	\$4.63	2%
Oakland	1,083,592	\$1,317,772	\$38,574	\$1,356,346	\$0	\$1,356,346	\$1.25	\$1.33	(6%)
Oceana	22,455	\$228,373	\$3,223	\$231,596	\$3,500	\$228,096	\$10.16	\$9.27	10%
Ogemaw	18,681	\$268,108	\$6,958	\$275,066	\$2,500	\$272,566	\$14.59	\$17.60	(17%)
Ontonagon	8,854	\$75,089	\$2,176	\$77,265	\$2,000	\$75,265	\$8.50	\$7.43	14%
Osceola	20,146	\$255,541	\$1,891	\$257,432	\$3,500	\$253,932	\$12.60	\$12.99	(3%)
Oscoda	7,842	\$79,618	\$353	\$79,970	\$2,000	\$77,970	\$9.94	\$11.33	(12%)
Otsego	17,957	\$159,334	\$2,004	\$161,338	\$2,500	\$158,838	\$8.85	\$7.98	11%
Ottawa	187,768	\$978,959	\$38,987	\$1,017,946	\$6,500	\$1,011,446	\$5.39	\$4.87	11%
Presque Isle	13,743	\$42,539	\$197	\$42,736	\$2,500	\$40,236	\$2.93	\$2.89	1%
Roscommon *	23,189	\$311,638	\$7,626	\$319,263	\$2,500	\$316,763	\$13.66	\$13.38	2%
Saginaw	211,946	\$874,704	\$22,248	\$896,952	\$6,500	\$890,452	\$4.20	\$4.55	(8%)
Sanilac	39,928	\$236,186	\$0	\$236,186	\$4,500	\$231,686	\$5.80	\$5.80	0%
Schoolcraft	8,302	\$47,642	\$1,250	\$48,892	\$2,000	\$46,892	\$5.65	\$6.35	(11%)
Shiawassee	69,770	\$177,053	\$814	\$177,867	\$6,500	\$171,367	\$2.46	\$2.14	15%
St. Clair	145,607	\$659,518	\$0	\$659,518	\$6,500	\$653,018	\$4.48	\$4.63	(3%)
St. Joseph	58,913	\$184,201	\$3,554	\$187,755	\$6,500	\$181,255	\$3.08	\$3.88	(21%)
Tuscola *	55,991	\$493,451	\$1,646	\$495,097	\$6,500	\$488,597	\$8.73	\$8.21	6%
Van Buren	70,060	\$406,125	\$0	\$406,125	\$6,500	\$399,625	\$5.70	\$5.70	0%
Washtenaw *	283,095	\$449,851	\$11,276	\$461,127	\$8,500	\$452,627	\$1.60	\$1.68	(5%)
Wayne *	2,117,142	\$2,597,915	\$71,802	\$2,669,717	\$0	\$2,597,915	\$1.23	\$1.30	(5%)
Wexford	26,360	\$244,821	\$4,288	\$249,109	\$3,500	\$245,609	\$9.32	\$10.92	(15%)
TOTALS	9,321,364	\$28,389,170	\$503,632	\$28,892,802	\$377,413	\$28,433,474	\$6.13	\$6.04	1%

\* County's certified population is greater than actual population due to legal service area overlaps.

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- 6 Christie Pearson Brandau, new State Librarian of Michigan, begins working at Library of Michigan
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# MAY 2000

- 2-4 Making Dollars and Sense of Library Finances Workshops, LM
- 9 Libraries Without Walls 2000, LM
- 21-26 Beginning Workshop, LM

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Brandau is no stranger to life at a state library. Until March 1, Brandau served as the assistant state librarian in Iowa for 9 years. The State Library of Iowa is configured somewhat differently from the Library of Michigan in that it includes Iowa's state medical library, the state data center, audio/visual services, and patents, as well as the state law library, library services to state government and the federal document depository. In addition to directing the library development section of the State Library of Iowa, Brandau oversaw the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program. Some of Brandau's major accomplishments during her Iowa tenure include the State of Iowa Libraries Online (SILO) network, which utilizes leading-edge technologies to provide Iowa libraries with interlibrary loan services, a statewide union catalog, information databases, such as OCLC's FirstSearch, and web page information. She was also part of the successful effort to establish the first state aid program for Iowa libraries. This program, passed during the last legislative session, is a standards-based program developed in conjunction with the Iowa library community.

What attracted Brandau to the Library of Michigan? "The beautiful state, the libraries, the excellent reputation of the Library of Michigan," she said. "Events such as the Preferred Futures Conference, which brought participants from around the state together to build library programs for the future, were part of the Library of Michigan's draw."

Throughout her career, Brandau has developed a specific philosophy about libraries and library service to the community. She believes libraries are vital to education, to lifelong learning and to an informed citizenry. "By enhancing and supporting libraries, we also enhance education and democracy," Brandau said. She also is convinced that outstanding customer service is essential in libraries; that library staff is key to excellent libraries; that good library service is built on good resources; and that libraries as a place are important to local communities. Her areas of interest include library development, partnering and library cooperation, topics she plans to pursue as Michigan's State Librarian.

Michigan legislators are also pleased about Brandau's decision to come to Michigan. "Ms. Brandau's work as Iowa's assistant state librarian has given her the very expertise we need in the areas of outreach to state government, the Library Services and Technology Act, library development and statewide online library networks," said Dianne Odrobina, the administrator for Michigan's Legislative Council, the agency that oversees the Library of Michigan. "The Library of Michigan staff, the Michigan library community and I are pleased and excited about the prospect of working with her."

In addition to meeting and working with the Library of Michigan staff, Brandau plans to travel around Michigan to introduce herself to the library community.

The Library of Michigan's online card catalogue system, ANSWER, has been expanded to include records and information from approximately 750 manuscripts held by the State Archives of Michigan. This marks the first time that the Library of Michigan has entered into an agreement with another state agency to provide information through ANSWER other than records, books and other documents held by the library. The Library of Michigan and State Archives of Michigan are both housed in the beautiful Michigan Library and Historical Center, which set the stage for the library to extend its ANSWER system to the State Archives of Michigan. In addition to updating archival records a regular basis, the archives staff will add new entries to ANSWER as they become available. Those entries will include topics as diverse as Civil War soldier diaries, photograph collections or the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company records from the Upper Peninsula.

The Detroit Public Library recently received \$43,000 from the new MGM Grand Detroit Casino and the Detroit Chapter of Links, Inc. The money was raised thanks to a charity preview of the casino and strolling buffet luncheon held late in 1999. The funds will help to support the construction of an interactive learning environment for children at the library's main branch.

To celebrate National Children's Book Week last November, the Otsego County Library in Gaylord held a contest to encourage students to design a bookmark encouraging people to tap into the world of books. Over 100 local students entered the contest, sharing their perspectives on reading through their artistic talents. All bookmark entries were displayed at the main library for several weeks. The 5 winning bookmarks were submitted by Joanna Bozin, 11; James Conway, 11; Holly Fisher, 9; Kellie Lake, 9; and Kristen Latuszek, 10. "We are delighted with all the novel and unique entries," said Marge Long, coordinator of children's services at the library. "We really appreciate the talent and interest of the stu-



# Around the State

The St. Clair Shores Public Library sailed into the new millennium with the unveiling of its new Millennium Clock on New Year's Day. Mayor Curt Dumas presented the clock, designed to resemble a sailboat, "from all of us to future generations." The surrounding lawn will be landscaped later this summer to include benches, a sidewalk and flowers. The clock will always be accurate because it is satellite controlled through the Global Positioning System.



Baldwin's Pathfinder Community Library recently received \$15,000 thanks to a simple observation from a young reader. After visiting the Pathfinder Community Library with his grandmother last summer, 9-year-old Kevin Holt commented, "The books are old; they really need new ones." Ann Holt, Kevin's grandmother, took Kevin's remark seriously and contacted Library Director Bonnie Povilaitis with information about grant applications from the Ronald McDonald House Charities. In September 1999 the library sent in its request for \$9,991 for new children's books. The charity granted more than the original amount requested, and sent the library \$15,068 for books and a computer designed specifically for children's needs. "If it had not been for Kevin and Ann Holt, we never would have known about the wonderful opportunity with Ronald McDonald House Charities," said Povilaitis.

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