

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
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MISSION

The Michigan Legislature created The Library of Michigan to guarantee the people of this State and their government one perpetual institution to collect and preserve Michigan publications, conduct reference and research and support libraries statewide.

Plinkit (<http://www.michlibrary.org>)

- Provides an easy-to-learn, easy-to-update website template, designed for libraries without specialized technology staff.
- Paid for in Michigan with federal dollars. There is no cost to the libraries and the technology "heavy lifting" is done by the Library of Michigan. Training and refresher courses are free.
- The Library of Michigan's Plinkit program has grown to serve just over 30% of all public libraries in Michigan.

Michigan Reads! (<http://www.michigan.gov/michiganreads>)

- Developed early literacy kits based on *Memoirs of a Goldfish* by Devin Scillian for Fall 2011 and based on *Moose on the Loose* by Kathy-jo Wargin for Fall 2012. Governor Snyder attended the launch of both programs.
- Distributed nearly 5,000 kits, including the book, programming guide, bookmarks, stickers and a poster to all public libraries, all schools serving K-2, and all Head Start and Great Start Readiness programs.
- 3,200 people attended 18 author tour events.
- We estimate over 500,000 children attended a Michigan Reads! program.

Summer Reading Program

- Summer Reading manuals and materials for early literacy, children, teen and adult programs were sent to 663 public library locations and 13 tribal library locations.
- Over 100,000 children participated in Summer Reading.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

- Institute of Museum and Library Services staff (IMLS) approved the evaluation of the Michigan LSTA Five-Year Plan, October 2007 through September 2012.
- IMLS approved our new Michigan LSTA Five-Year Plan, October 2012 through September 2017.

- Michigan's site visit from the Institute of Museum and Library Services staff was successful.

Michigan eLibrary (MeL) (www.mel.org)

- People of all ages throughout the state continue to find and use MeL for school, personal, and academic research, job search and resume assistance, and for borrowing materials.
- The Kids and Teen resources portion of MeL continues to be an important resource for the K-12 community. Usage has skyrocketed 43%.
- Over 12.7 million titles are available for Michigan residents to borrow via the MeLCat system, provided their library is a member library. Currently, 415 libraries participate in MeLCat.
- Michigan residents continued to turn to LearningExpress Library for practice tests and courses as they prepare for college and careers. Use of this MeL resource steadily increased by 4%.
- MeL homepage visits increased by 25%.
- MeL Coordinators traveled all over the state promoting MeL resources at over 70 conferences, workshops, trainings, in-services and presentations.
- Preparations were underway for the 20th anniversary of MeL celebration scheduled for early October.

Partnerships

- Institutions both statewide and local are contacting the Library of Michigan to find out how they can partner with libraries. They recognize that libraries are the place to partner with because of their real connection with communities. The Library of Michigan supports these collaborations and continues to encourage libraries throughout the state to participate in the various available partnerships.
- Public libraries continue to partner with the Michigan Works! Offices to help people find jobs.
- Librarians throughout the state help their patrons connect with the Secretary of State's SOS Express website to save them the time and hassle of having to travel to a Secretary of State's outlet in person.
- Libraries can provide business resource centers through various programs like BizConnect.
- Libraries can make sure to be involved in the regional MiLit Plan groups convening statewide.
- Libraries serve as hosts to various webinar programs that could benefit the residents of their communities.
- Libraries can serve as Village Post Offices where local post offices will be eliminated.
- The Library of Michigan is now working closely with the Office of Great Start through the Michigan Reads! program and other programs.

Michigan Notable Books Program (<http://www.michigan.gov/notablebooks>)

- The Michigan Notable Books (MNB) program highlights 20 of the previous year's most engaging books that are set in Michigan, have a Michigan theme or are written by a Michigan native or resident.
- The MNB Author Tour this year visited 50 libraries across the state from Marquette to Morenci. 1,778 individuals took advantage of author stops across the state or about 35.5 attendees per visit. Fourteen of the twenty authors participated in this year's tour.
- Over 200 people attended the 9th annual *Night for Notables* event, held April 28, 2012. This is the Library of Michigan's opportunity to publicly recognize the authors and books selected as Michigan Notable Books. This year's ceremony featured 2010 and 2011 National Book Award winners for fiction Jaimy Gordon (*Lord of Misrule*) and Jesmyn Ward (*Salvage the Bones*) and was moderated by 2009 National Book Award finalist Bonnie Jo Campbell.

Library of Michigan (LM)

- Reference and outreach staff conducted a number of successful presentations and other efforts highlighting their services to the Executive Office, the House Republican Caucus, the Secretary of State's Office, and the Departments of Education, Human Services, Treasury, Natural Resources, Community Health and Agriculture.
- Law Library staff presented an outreach presentation for assistant attorneys general in Lansing and Detroit on legal and non-legal research resources and overview of Library of Michigan services.
- LM acquired specialized conservation equipment (a large standing press and ultrasonic welder) to improve our capability to care for our print collections.
- The Law Library expands usage of its materials through special electronic license agreements with vendors allowing state employees to access more resources at their desk.
- *Legal Resources for Public Libraries* was presented by Law staff at the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in Kalamazoo and at the Rural Libraries Conference in Traverse City. This was done in connection with the State Bar of Michigan Task Force to develop legal research programs for public librarians to provide assistance to people representing themselves in Michigan legal matters.
- Law Librarians presented a legal research workshop for teens in an annual Moot Court program sponsored by the Supreme Court Learning Center.
- The Governing Michigan website, LM's online digital state government information platform is now populated with over 30,000 born-digital and digitized Michigan government publications and growing every day. Selections include documents from all branches and all departments, including many legal titles such as Michigan ballot proposals, Court of Claims opinions and legislative bill analyses.

- Work is being done on the development of the “Legal Lending Library”, a circulating legal collection designed to provide accessible, current information for state workers to use to update themselves on legal topics.

Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC)

- Through the QSAC program, public libraries can evaluate themselves to see their strengths and areas of improvement. This year 23 public libraries achieved or renewed at the Essential Level, 3 at the Enhanced Level, and 2 libraries reached the excellent level.

Michigan School Libraries for the 21st Century (SL 21)

- This self evaluation tool allows school libraries to measure the quality of their program. This year, the number of certified libraries reached 82, with 32 libraries achieving the highest rating of Exemplary and 50 libraries achieving the Qualified level.
- The Library of Michigan is also working closely with school libraries through the new School Library Advisory Group and the Michigan Association for Media in Education.
- A school library media center listserv was created this year. Over 130 people currently participate on the listserv.

Digitization of Library Material

LM expanded its modest Digital Lab in October 2011 leading to the following:

- In FY 2011/12, the Library of Michigan preserved and provided 24/7 online access to over 20,100 documents (over 30,000 pages) published by Michigan state government departments through its online digital preservation platform, Governing Michigan. Many of these documents came from the State Law Library’s collections, were digitized in-house by library staff, and are full-text searchable.
- During FY2011/12, Governing Michigan averaged over 1850 users (site visits) per month.
- LM established a collaboration with the University of Michigan/HathiTrust to facilitate assignment of Michigan government documents available via the [HathiTrust](#) into the public domain. As a test case, all documents published by the Library of Michigan were released into the public domain and UM provided electronic copies of those documents for the Library’s digital government information platform, [GoverningMichigan](#). LM and UM/HathiTrust are planning future collaborative activities to introduce this project to other state government departments which has significant implications for access to digital Michigan government information.