

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
ONLINE RESOURCES
RELATED TO
BROADBAND**

Available online is a detailed spreadsheet of all public libraries that is sorted by county and includes:

- ✓ Number of computers available at each library
- ✓ Internet connection speed at each library
- ✓ Service providers

<http://broadbandsummit.mel.org>

STIMULUS FUNDING FOR BROADBAND

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will make \$7.2 billion available nationally for competitive grants to improve broadband services.

- ✓ From this, \$4.7 billion will be awarded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in grants for building broadband infrastructure, increasing public computer center capacity, funding sustainable broadband adoption programs, and implementing detailed state broadband mapping.
- ✓ The Rural Utilities Service will be utilizing the remaining \$2.5 billion for broadband infrastructure build in the form of loans, loan/grant combinations, and grants.

Extending the Reach of Broadband Through Michigan's Public Libraries

Michigan's public libraries are strategic partners in the provision of public access computers as well as high speed Internet connectivity to serve residents who cannot afford their own computers and connectivity at home. Libraries provide access to full-text subscription databases, job seeking resources, e-government information, business and health resources, distance learning access, and so much more.

On May 20, 2009, the Library of Michigan held a Broadband Summit at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University. The event was attended by nearly 200 librarians and community stakeholders such as county managers and city officials. The summit focused on how libraries, municipalities, businesses, hospitals and others could partner to bring broadband service to their communities.

As a result of this conference, a Web site has been developed at <http://broadbandsummit.mel.org> to demonstrate the vital link libraries play in connecting Michigan through broadband. The site includes a spreadsheet of Michigan's public libraries sorted by county with the number of computers available, plus Internet connection speed and service provider. There is also video content from the summit and lots of suggested links for further information. Check out <http://mel.org> for our statewide virtual library as well.

Michigan's Vision for Broadband

The vision of the State of Michigan is to provide broadband coverage to every corner of the state:

- * Expanding and upgrading broadband service to unserved/underserved
- * Transforming Michigan's economy and technology infrastructure
- * Ensuring government efficiency
- * Strengthening public safety and homeland security



Visit Michigan.gov/broadband for more information.

The more we are able to unify our efforts, the greater value we will be able to add for Michigan's citizens and businesses

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