

**Library of Michigan Board Statement
On Database Selection and Funding
March 2015**

The Library of Michigan Board of Trustees has been consulted by the leadership of the Library of Michigan in decisions regarding future allocation of LSTA funding. The Board supports the direction of reserving a portion of LSTA funds to develop statewide projects and initiatives, and considers it to be prudent stewardship of LSTA funds to adjust the percentage committed to continuing contract costs, including the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases. The Library of Michigan Board of Trustees applauds the highly inclusive, transparent, and deliberate process being used by the Library of Michigan to engage all constituents in the review of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases for the next three-year contract of core statewide databases.