

Library of Michigan
Guide
For
Public Libraries

Congratulations

Welcome to your new position as a Michigan Public Library Director. Whether you are a library director for the first time, or for the first time in Michigan, this guide is designed to help you and your library make the most of the many resources available to public libraries in Michigan.

About Statewide Library Services at the Library of Michigan

Statewide Library Services (SLS) provides a wide range of services to library staff and trustees around the state including Michigan eLibrary (MeL) coordination, certification for library staff, the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC), Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administration, state aid and penal fines, continuing education opportunities, Ploud coordination, resources for library trustees and statistical data. A detail list of services offered by the Library of Michigan and contact information is located at the end of this guide.

State Aid

Application Process

The state aid application process opens annually on October 1 and closes on February 1. Public library payments begin in early March.

The per capita for FY2016 State Aid to public libraries can be found at michigan.gov/librariystateaid

The breakdown of the first 50% for state aid is divided between direct state aid (for the public library) and indirect state aid (for cooperative membership).

The remaining 50% will be paid out after July 1 of each year in the same manner.

Eligibility: Staffing Requirements by Library Class Size

Class Size 1:

Population 1 - 3,999

Certification: Director, Certification Level 4, Attend New Directors Workshop

Class Size 2:

Population 4,000 - 6,999

Certification: Director, Certification Level 4, Attend New Directors Workshop

Class size 3:

Population: 7,000 - 11,999

Certification: Director, Certification Level 3, Attend New Directors Workshop

1 staff person excluding the director who possesses at least a level 4 certificate.

Class size 4:

Population 12,000 - 25,999

Certification: Director, Certification Level 2, Attend New Directors Workshop & Advanced Directors Workshop

1 staff person excluding the director who possesses at least a level 4 certificate.

Class size 5:

Population: 26,000-49,999

Certification: Director, Certification Level 1, Attend New Directors Workshop & Advanced Directors Workshop

1 staff person excluding the director who possesses at least a level 3 certificate per 20,000 population served.

Class size 6:

Population: 50,000+

Certification: Director, Certification Level 1, Attend New Directors Workshop & Advanced Directors Workshop

1 staff person excluding the director who possesses at least a level 3 certificate per 20,000 population served.

Library of Michigan Certification Program

The Library of Michigan certification program offers a recognized certificate of achievement based on education and experience, and it supports the statutory requirements for public libraries to qualify for state aid grant funds.

Certification Levels Effective October 1, 2009**Level 1 certification qualifications:**

(a) A master's degree or its equivalent from a library school accredited by the American library association.

(b) Four years of full-time employment, or an equivalent time period, consisting of paid professional library work experience in a library approved by the department following the completion of educational requirements.

Level 2 certification qualifications:

A master's degree or its equivalent from a library school accredited by the American library association.

Level 3 certification qualifications:

(a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

(b) Completion of the Beginning Workshop offered by the library of Michigan.

Level 4 certification qualifications:

(a) A high school diploma or its equivalent.

(b) Completion of the Beginning Workshop offered by the library of Michigan.

(c) One year of full-time employment or its equivalent consisting of library work experience following the completion of educational requirements.

Essential Workshops

Beginning Workshop

The Library of Michigan's Beginning Workshop is a yearly 3-day event geared for library staff members that have not had the opportunity for formal library coursework. Its aim is to introduce library staff to a variety of topics and offer them practical skills that they can use working in a Michigan public library. Anyone new to the profession or just hired at a library, no matter what their academic credentials, is welcome to attend the event. Beginning Workshop is offered annually each year in May. Dates and locations are announced in late summer or early fall via Michlib-L. For those seeking an initial Level 3 or Level 4 certificate from the Library of Michigan attendance at the entire Beginning Workshop is obligatory. This event is sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation and the Library of Michigan.

New Director Workshop

The New Director Workshop is geared toward first-time library directors, directors new to the state of Michigan and any director that wants to brush up on the basics of library directorship. All first-time directors and all directors new to the state of Michigan must attend this workshop within the first 12 months of employment in order for a library to qualify for state aid.

Advanced Director Workshop

The Advanced Director Workshop is geared toward first-time library directors and directors new to the state of Michigan who work at class 4-6 libraries and any director that wants to brush up on the more advanced aspects of library directorship. All first-time directors of class 4-6 libraries and all directors new to the state of Michigan must attend this workshop within the first 24 months of employment in order for a library to qualify for state aid.

Annual Reporting

The state aid application process opens on October 1, 2015 and closes on February 1, 2016. A reminder letter and email, including your login and password are sent to library directors at the beginning of September. Reminders are also posted to Michlib-L. Please note that logins and passwords to the reporting system remain the same unless changed by the library director. Therefore, your login and password will remain the same from year to year.

The state aid application can be found at <http://mi.countingopinions.com/login.php>.

Public library payments will begin on February 2, 2016. This process allows us to download all information from Counting Opinions to our payment system after the close of the reporting period.

Types of Public Libraries in Michigan

A Public library is defined as a library, “the whole interests of which belong to the general public, lawfully established for free public purposes by any 1 or more counties, cities, townships, villages, school districts or other local governments or any combination thereof, or by any general or local act, but shall not include a special library such as a professional or technical library or a school library. (Act 59 of 1964 397.31)

City Public Libraries may be establishment in one of five ways:

- 1) By resolution of the city council under section 1 of Public Act 164 of 1877 (*MCL 397.201*).
- 2) By petition of citizens under section 10 of the above mentioned act, *MCL 397.210a*.
- 3) By City Charter.
- 4) By City Ordinance.
- 5) By Special Act.

Real differences occur according to the establishment model used. The board of a city library established under section 1 has a five-member board that is appointed.

Under section 10a, a six-member elected board will govern. In either case, the duties and powers of the library board remain the same, as outlined in section 5 of the Act (*MCL 397.205*).

In contrast, city libraries established by city charter, ordinance or special act may or may not have autonomous boards. The language of the establishment instrument will determine the library board’s duties and powers. The library may be a department of the city government and subject to the administrative rules and regulations of the municipality. The board may be answerable to an appointed city official, such as the city manager. These distinctions affect the library’s ability to hire/fire staff, determine the budget, manage and build library facilities and raise money.

Township Public Libraries may be established the following ways:

- 1) Pursuant to Public Act 164 of 1877 (*MCL 397.201, et. seq.*)
- 2) Pursuant to the repealed Public Act 168 of 1959
- 3) Pursuant to PA 5 of 1917 (*MCL 397.321, et. seq.*)

A township library established pursuant to section 10 of PA 164 of 1877 (*MCL 397.210*) has a six-member elected library board. The powers and duties of township library board are, much like that of city library boards, enumerated in section 5 of PA 164 of 1877. The same is valid for the library fund under the same section.

Township libraries that do not have a six-member elected board, and not established through PA 164 of 1877 (*MCL 397.201, et seq.*) may have been established through the now repealed Public Act 168 of 1959 (*former MCL 125.321, et seq.*). Under that repealed statute, the township board acted as the library board. Moreover, in that case the statute lacked any specifics on the funding of the library. Presumably, direct appropriations from the township funds may have been used to fund the library. In order to become eligible for millage funding, the township library may re-establish under section 10 of PA 164 of 1877 (*MCL 397.210*). In this case, voter approval is required. Township millage for a library may be up to 2 mills, if approved by voters. The time frame for such a millage may be unlimited.

Under Public Act 5 of 1917 (*MCL 397.321 et seq*), Township and Village libraries may establish after the filing of an application signed by at least 25 qualified electors of the Township or Village. Upon the filing, the Township Board or Village Council/Board may borrow (via a Bond) a sum not to exceed 1per cent of the Township or Village's assessed value. This Bond would also need to be approved by the majority of qualified electors. This loan would then be used to establish the library.

Village Public Libraries may be established in one of the following ways:

- 1) Pursuant to section 10 of PA 164 of 1877 (*MCL 397.201, et seq.*)
- 2) Pursuant to Public Act 213 of 1925, (*MCL 397.371, et.seq.*) as a privately owned public library
- 3) Pursuant to Public Act 250 of 1931, transfer of municipal library to regional library (*MCL 397.158*)

Since the vast majority of village public libraries share the same establishment and funding traits of the township libraries, the information will not be repeated. In those rare occasions where there is an establishment of a privately owned public library under PA 213 of 1925, a township, city or village within this state, having within its limits a library that had been open to the public upon the payment of dues, may appropriate a portion of its assessed valuation (not to exceed 1/2 of 1 mill) for the support of such library, and such sum or sums shall be raised by taxation in the ordinary way.

Any such library must be kept open for the convenience of the public not less than the afternoons and evenings of 3 days of each week, and the books therein shall be for the free use of the public under reasonable restrictions.

There is also a now antiquated library establishment vehicle of PA 250 of 1931 where a township, city, village, school district or county library may be transferred to, leased to, or used under terms as may mutually be agreed upon between the regional library board of trustees and the respective township boards, city or village legislative bodies, boards of education or boards of supervisors.

PA 213 of 1925 (*MCL 397.371*), or PA 250 of 1931 (*MCL 397.151, et seq.*) are not common establishment options, and they are associated with a number of control issues.

District Libraries may be established:

- 1) Pursuant to PA 24 of 1989 (*MCL 397.171, et seq.*)
- 2) Grand fathered pursuant to the repealed PA 164 of 1955 (*former MCL 397.271, et seq.*)

Either way, they are formed courtesy of a union of two or more municipalities, where one such municipality may be, but not necessarily, a school board. These libraries have autonomous boards which may be elected (seven members) or appointed by the participating municipalities (5 to 8 members). The district library agreement controls the relationship.

The District Library Board has completed power over both the expenditure and the distribution of the library finances. The board has the power to establish, maintain, and operate a public library for the district, appoint and remove officers, librarians and support staff. It also has the power and the responsibility to purchase or lease grounds, issue bonds, enter into contracts, and propose a tax levy-which is district wide. It is akin to forming a new municipality. The millage does not exceed 4 mills. The district library agreement may be not amended with any less than 2/3 of the participating municipalities' consent.

School Public Libraries may be established

- 1) Pursuant to Public Act 261 of 1913 (*MCL 397.261, et. seq.*).
- 2) Pursuant to Public Act 451 of 1976 (*MCL 380.1451*).

Here the school board is also the library board, although the governing body must also appoint an advisory board for the library. The board of a school district must not hold an election to levy mills under PA 451 of 1976 after December 31, 1993. Although still authorized by law, consequently with the passing of Proposal A, these libraries face significant funding challenges.

Pursuant to PA 261 of 1913, boards of education in cities having the control of free public libraries may raise money, either by including the amount in their annual estimates, or to borrow from same school district, and to issue certificates or bonds to secure the payment of the sums borrowed; sufficient to purchase property for a site and to provide the money necessary to erect, equip and maintain buildings for a free public library and other educational uses. These are rare.

County Libraries may be established:

- 1) Pursuant to PA 138 of 1917 (*MCL 397.301, et. seq.*).
- 2) PA 59 of 1964 (*MCL 397.31, et. seq.*).

County libraries established pursuant to PA 138 of 1917, have 5 member library boards and are appointed by the county board of commissioners. They may also appoint a county library

board even if the county does not have a public library or when there are municipalities w/in its boundaries w/out library services.

The county may levy a tax for the library and gathered in the library fund, which is controlled by the county treasurer. The library board may contract services with other municipalities, and for the leasing construction or maintenance of buildings, including the acquisition of sites for the county library.

Under The Distribution of Penal Fines to Public Libraries Act, 1964 PA 59, *MCL 397.33*), where a County has no Public Library, or where a County has municipalities which have not established or maintained Public Libraries, the Board of Supervisors of that County shall appoint a Library Board (5 members for 5 years, with initial members having staggered terms) to receive the per capita portion of the eligible areas' Penal Fine money.

Library of Michigan Statewide Library Services

Continuing Education

The Library of Michigan (LM) develops workshops and training opportunities for library staff, including the Rural Libraries Conference, Beginning Workshop, New & Advanced Director Workshops, workshops and trainings promoting local and national library initiatives, and various online and in-person workshops reflecting the needs of Michigan libraries. LM is pleased to provide Michigan libraries with free access to WebJunction.org.

Certification of Library Staff

LM offers four levels of staff certification. Details and requirements for these levels are covered later in this document.

E-Rate

LM disseminates information on the federal Universal Services Fund program, contracting for annual E-rate training and support. E-rate is the federal program that provides for reduced rates on Internet access and internal connections for schools and libraries. Your discount rate is based on the number of school children in your area who are eligible for a free or reduced lunch. E-rate can save your library money through lower fees for these vital services. For more information on E-Rate, visit [LM's E-Rate page](http://www.michigan.gov/erateforlibraries) at: <http://www.michigan.gov/erateforlibraries>.

Library Law

LM offers consulting on legal issues, library establishment and other concerns.

Library Statistics/Data Collection

LM coordinates the collection, analysis and reporting of library statistics for Michigan Libraries. [Public library data](http://www.michigan.gov/librarystatistics) is available for use at www.michigan.gov/librarystatistics Custom reports and statistics are available upon request.

Library Services and Technology Act

LM distributes federal funds received under the Museum and Library Services Act of 2010, to support statewide initiatives and competitive grant programs.

The Institute for Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency, provides funds to State Library Administrative Agencies to improve and support library, museum and information services. The legislation outlines the following broad priorities, excerpted below:

- Expanding services for learning and access to information ... ;
- Establishing or enhancing electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries ... ;
- Providing training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce ... ;
- Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;

- Targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;
- Developing library services that provide all users access to information ...

For more information on LSTA opportunities for Michigan Libraries, visit LM's [LSTA page](#) and check out LM's [Continuing Education Stipend Program](#) at: http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_63014-359559--,00.html.

Michigan eLibrary (MeL.org)

MeL.org is a service of LM. It is supported by the State of Michigan as well as by federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

MeL is Michigan's 24/7 digital library and is one of the oldest online libraries on the Internet, beginning in 1992 with GoMLink.

MeL provides statewide access to subscription based eResources. Other components of the Michigan eLibrary include: MeLCat, a statewide borrowing system of over 400 libraries—public, academic, school and special—that allows users to place their own interlibrary loan requests if they belong to a participating library, Michigana, a portal for discovering primary resources in digital format such as photographs, diaries, maps, and more on Michigan history or Michigan's place in American History. MeL includes specialized portals for kids, teens, teachers and business owners. LM contracts with the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services to provide training and support for MeL.

For more information on MeL, visit [MeL.org](#) and [LM's MeL.org page](#) at Michigan.gov/MeL.

Ploud

Ploud provides an easy-to-learn, easy-to-update website. It is designed for libraries without specialized technology staff but it is easily expandable for libraries that wish to add features. There is a minimal cost to the libraries and the technology "heavy lifting" is done by the vendor, Enfold Systems. Ploud is subsidized for Michigan libraries by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For additional information, including example sites, see the [program website](#) at: <http://michlibrary.org>.

Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC)

QSAC measures AND certifications are on a three-year update and renewal schedule to ensure the measures and libraries stay on top of quality service. The Library of Michigan works with volunteer librarians every three years to revise the measures based on participating libraries' experiences and new trends in library services, programs and technology. It is our goal that QSAC measures will continue to provide direction and support for libraries as they look to both improve their services and justify their services to funders.

QSAC is a voluntary management standards program that assists public libraries by setting benchmarks for Governance & Administration, Human Resources, Services, Collection Development, Technology, Facilities & Equipment and Public Relations. The Library of Michigan recognizes public libraries as they achieve each level. Libraries can be certified at the Essential, Enhanced and Excellent levels.

For more information on QSAC, visit [LM's QSAC page](http://michigan.gov/qsac) at <http://michigan.gov/qsac>.

Youth Services

LM provides consultation and support for library staff serving children, tweens and teens. This includes the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), Michigan Reads! and training and professional development related to youth services. More information can be found on LM's [Youth Services page](http://www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices) at <http://www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices>.

Relevant Library-Related Laws

Open Meetings Act

The Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976) is to require certain meetings of certain public bodies to be open to the public; to require notice and the keeping of minutes of meetings; to provide for enforcement; to provide for invalidation of governmental decisions under certain circumstances; to provide penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts. All public library board meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

You can view the full text of the [Open Meetings Act](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-act-267-of-1976.pdf) at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-act-267-of-1976.pdf>.

Library Privacy Act

Michigan's Library Privacy Act was enacted in 1982 with the express purposes of providing for the confidentiality of certain library records and for the determination of the selection and use of library materials by library employees. The majority of the questions and concerns about the act deal with the issue of confidentiality.

To view the full text of the [Michigan Library Privacy Act](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(o25hltsss4qrsiwv3jb4hfhc))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-Act-455-of-1982), visit: [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(o25hltsss4qrsiwv3jb4hfhc\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-Act-455-of-1982](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(o25hltsss4qrsiwv3jb4hfhc))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-Act-455-of-1982).

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, is a federal freedom of information law that allows for the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the United States government. The Act defines agency records subject to disclosure, outlines mandatory disclosure procedures and grants nine exemptions to the statute.

To learn about FOIA and how it pertains to libraries, visit the [Library of Michigan's FOIA page](http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_69405_18689-368844--,00.html) at: http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_69405_18689-368844--,00.html.

Library Service Contracts

The Michigan legislature has provided municipalities as well as libraries of all types with the option of contracting with existing libraries for purposes of obtaining library services in return for payment. Often the payment is in the form of reassignment of the municipalities penal Fines and applicable State Aid (although it is possible to contract for millage moneys or simply appropriated funds).

This practice can be of great use to a municipality desiring library services, but unable or unwilling to establish a library. It is also the mechanism used for libraries to join cooperatives, and District Libraries. A well-drafted contract can often result in a very mutually beneficial relationship- as well as be the difference between library service and no library service for a community

Michlib-L (mish-libe el)

By, for and about Michigan libraries.

What is Michlib-L? Michlib-L is an email-based discussion list by, for and about Michigan libraries. Michlib-L was one of the first statewide library discussion lists on the Internet.

Who Can Join? Anyone with an interest in Michigan libraries may join. Librarians and library support staff are especially encouraged to join.

How Do I Subscribe? Go to <http://lists.mlcnet.org/mailman/listinfo/michlib-l> and follow the instructions.

What Kind of Information is Posted? Michigan library job postings, information about the Michigan eLibrary and other statewide initiatives, census questions, offers of old runs of journals, library furniture for sale, discussion about the state of libraries, policy questions, help with problems, name that poem or book - everything library-related except advertising by commercial vendors. Michlib-L is where many official notices from the Library of Michigan and other statewide library groups are made.

What Types of Libraries are Represented on Michlib-L? All types of libraries participate: academic, public, school, special and government.

Who Can Post? Only members of the list may post. All other submissions go to the list moderator for approval.

How Do I Find Something I Saw Posted Once? You can use the Michlib-L archives going back to 2001. Those archives are available at <http://lists.mlcnet.org/mailman/listinfo/michlib-l/>. Even older messages can often be found through a Google search.

Am I Going to Get Tons of Email or Spam? No. The traffic on Michlib-L averages 8-10 messages per day. A digest version is available. Only subscribers can post to the list and the list is moderated so you will not get spam.

How Do I Unsubscribe? Go to <http://lists.mlcnet.org/mailman/listinfo/michlib-l> and follow the instructions.

More Questions? Contact Sonya Schryer Norris, Michlib-L Moderator at norriss2@michigan.gov or call 517-373-4457.

Statewide Library Services

<http://www.michigan.gov/statewidelibraryservices>

- ★ **Continuing Education** - developing workshops and training opportunities for library staff, including the Rural Libraries, Beginning Workshop, New Directors, online training and programs.
- ★ **Certification of Library Staff** - reviewing applications and documentation for library staff certification and determining eligibility.
- ★ **E-rate** - disseminating information on the federal Universal Service Fund program, contracting for annual E-rate training and support and connectivity such as broadband.
- ★ **Library Law** – consulting on legal issues, library establishment and other concerns.
- ★ **Library Statistics/Data Collection** - coordinating the collection, analysis and reporting of library statistics for Michigan libraries.
- ★ **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** grant program - administering the grant program as well as funding statewide projects and continuing education.
- ★ **Michigan eLibrary (MeL.org)** - creating and maintaining the MeL.org website, arranging for statewide licensed databases, the MeLCat system, Michigana, and promotion of databases and recommended websites on the MeL site.
- ★ **Ploud - michlibrary.org** – (previously known as Plinkit) provides public libraries with a tool to deliver Web resources and services.
- ★ **Special Grants & Programs** - developing new grant programs and coordinating projects that will benefit libraries statewide.
- ★ **State Aid to Public Libraries** - State aid grants to libraries are per capita grants awarded annually to public libraries, according to statute.
- ★ **SL21 and QSAC** – benchmark measurement tools to help measure quality of school library programs and public library services.
- ★ **Youth & Teen Services** - coordinating and assisting in statewide youth services programs including the summer reading program, Michigan Reads, Mahoney workshops, and providing consultation and training to library staff that serve children and young adults.

For more information about any of these areas, please contact a staff member shown below or Mary Anne Smith, Administrative Assistant, at smithm99@michigan.gov, 517-373-1580.

Area	Name	517 area code	Email @ michigan.gov
Director, Statewide Library Services	Shannon White	373-9489	WhiteS29
Continuing Education	Evette Atkin	373-3746	AtkinE
Certification	Joe Hamlin	373-3828	HamlinJ2
Library Data	Joe Hamlin	373-3828	HamlinJ2
Library Law	Clare Membiela	335-8132	MembielaC
Library State Aid	Kathy Webb	373-1303	WebbK1
LSTA and other Library Grants	Karren Reish	241-0021	ReishK
MeL & LM Website, michlib-L	Sonya Schryer Norris	373-4457	NorrisS2
MeL website links	Eunice Borrelli	241-4996	BorrelliE
MeL program coordination	Deb Biggs Thomas	373-4466	BiggsD
E-rate	Sonya Schryer Norris	373-4457	NorrisS2
QSAC	Evette Atkin	373-3746	AtkinE
School Libraries, SL21	Karren Reish	241-0021	ReishK
Youth & Teen Services	Cathy Lancaster	335-8129	LancasterC5
Ploud	Sonya Schryer Norris	373-4457	NorrisS2

Additional Library Organization & Resources

[Michigan Library Association](#) (MLA) - MLA is a professional organization dedicated to the support of its members, to the advancement of librarianship, and to the promotion of quality library service for all Michigan citizens.

[Midwest Collaborative for Library Services](#) (MCLS) - MCLS is a non-profit, member-driven organization whose mission is to facilitate sharing resources and to collaborate with other organizations to benefit Michigan and Indiana libraries

[Association for Rural & Small Libraries](#) (ARSL) - The Association for Rural & Small Libraries, Inc. is a network of persons throughout the country dedicated to the positive growth and development of libraries. ARSL believes in the value of rural and small libraries and strives to create resources and services that address national, state, and local priorities for libraries situated in rural communities.

[American Library Association](#) (ALA) – ALA is a non-profit organization based in the United States that promotes libraries and library education internationally. It is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with more than 62,000 members.

[Public Library Association](#) (PLA) – PLA, a division of ALA, is a professional association of public librarians and supporters dedicated to the "development and effectiveness of public library staff and public library services." In keeping with this mission, the PLA provides continuing education to members, hosts a biennial professional conference, publishes a trade journal, and advocates for public libraries and literacy. PLA has over 9,000 members.

[United for Libraries](#) - United for Libraries is a national network of enthusiastic library supporters who believe in the importance of libraries as the social and intellectual centers of communities and campuses.

[Friends of Michigan Libraries](#) (FOML) - FOML is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), organization dedicated to support and advocacy for Michigan library Friends groups.

[FOML – Trustee Alliance](#)