LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN (LM) ANNUAL REPORT: FY 2023-24

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN MISSION AND VALUES

The Library of Michigan (LM), located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, was created by the Michigan Legislature to guarantee the people of this State and their government one perpetual institution to collect, preserve and provide access to the story of the State, and to support libraries in their role as essential community anchors.

The values of Library of Michigan staff include leadership, teamwork, service and expertise. These are in alignment with the Michigan Department of Education Division of Business, Health, and Library Services values of dependability, teamwork, knowledge, and integrity.

GRANTS TO MICHIGAN LIBRARIES

LM, through Library Services Technology Act grants, supported libraries in their efforts to improve literacy, provide broader access to special or historic collections, and to improve digital access and inclusion in their communities.

Eighteen public and academic libraries received over $346,000 for historic digitization, digital inclusion, and literacy projects, and twelve public and academic libraries were awarded over $234,000 for FY 2025 projects through the Improving Access to Information program.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN STATISTICS

- 5,914 electronic library "e-cards", an increase of 85% from the previous fiscal year, were issued to the public, providing free access to LM's databases
- Over 60,000 pages from LM's collection were digitized, with material eventually being added to Library of Michigan Digital
- Almost 1,300 Library items were circulated to patrons in-person and via interlibrary loan
- Library Development staff, including the Library Law Consultant, provided over 100 trainings/presentations to Michigan libraries, averaging 50 attendees per presentation
- Special Collections staff presented 36 presentations, offered six Library tours, and held four events reaching a total of 1,490 people
- Reference and Law Library staff answered almost 700 questions per month in-person or by email or phone
- 387 Michigan libraries received state aid in Michigan in 2024 (libraries and amounts may be found under 'Public Library State Aid Payments' on the www.michigan.gov/LibraryStateAid webpage)

LITERACY PROMOTION

160 libraries responded to a summer reading program survey, sharing that over 57,000 participated in their summer reading programs. Those same libraries offered more than 4,600 programs with over 149,000 attendees.

Over 490 Michigan library staffers participated in Youth Services Trainings offered by LM, covering various topics such as early literacy, summer reading, STEM, and engaging teen services. These trainings are offered in a mix of virtual and in-person settings and support public libraries as they engage in literacy outreach to youth (ages 0-18) and families in their community.

NASA@ My Library kits and Braille Enhanced StoryWalk© kits circulated 68 times to Michigan public libraries.

MICHIGAN eLIBRARY

The Michigan eLibrary's (MeL) eResources provide a way for residents to access online full-text articles, books, and other research information for free at any time and offer a high return on investment: $26.96 for every $1 spent. eResource usage reached over 19 million and MeL.org received over 227,000 visitors from educators, kids, and library staff.

MeLCat, the statewide interlibrary loan system, has more than 34 million items available, with 93.4% of requested books and materials provided.

NEW THIS YEAR!

- The list of 2024 Michigan Notable Books was published.
- 51 libraries hosted Michigan Notable Books authors.
- Nine Michigan Notable Books author conversations are publicly available on the Library of Michigan YouTube channel.
- Kinross Correctional Facility Library is the recipient of the 2024 State Librarian's Excellence Award for superior customer service. The Richland Community Library and the West Bloomfield Township Public Library received Citations of Excellence.
- The Lee Middle and High School Library in the Godfrey-Lee Public Schools School District was chosen as the 2024-2025 Model 21st Century School Library. Through the School Libraries in the 21st Century (SL 21) program, 23 Michigan school libraries were certified in FY 2024, 21 as Exemplary; 84 are certified overall, with 69 as Exemplary.
- The Library of Michigan announced Anne-Marie Oomen as the recipient of the 2023-24 Michigan Author Award, which recognizes significant Michigan authors with a lifetime achievement award. She was honored in September for her work writing Michigan stories and promoting the work of Michigan authors.
- Nandi Comer is completing the second year of her tenure as Michigan Poet Laureate through the calendar year 2024. She finished her second tour as Poet Laureate and completed her Capstone Project, Michigan Words, promoting Michigan poets and poetry with a billboard campaign in Detroit, Metro-Detroit, Flint, Escanaba, and Marquette. A new Michigan Poet Laureate for 2025-26 is scheduled to be selected soon. The Poet Laureate selection committee reviews nominations put forward by the public and Michigan poets.

STATEWIDE DIGITIZATION

Digitization kits circulated to a mix of over 20 public libraries and historical museums, which digitized over 9,000 items. Seven webinars on advanced digitization topics were presented. 25 enrollees attended the Digitization Basics Pathway series of webinars. Digital collections office hours, with staff from LM, the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Michigan Service Hub, and the Michigan Digital Preservation Network, were offered monthly to provide guidance and resources on questions regarding digitization, digital collections, and digital preservation. Libraries interested in digitization may find information at www.michigan.gov/lmdigitization.

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Apply for an LM Library Card

Applying for an LM Library Card provides access to:

- Materials from the LM's circulating collections at its facility in Lansing
- The Professional Development Lending Library (PDL) which promotes career-development for all State of Michigan employees, supports training provided by the Michigan Civil Service Commission, and includes topics such as coaching, communication, customer service, decision making, and managing conflict
- LM's specialized subscription databases from home and at the Library

Upcoming LM Programs

Upcoming LM programs may be found at www.michigan.gov/LMPUBLICPROGRAMS

State of Michigan Employee/Legislative Office Tours and Tutorials

Library of Michigan staff are available to provide tours and tutorial sessions to State of Michigan employees and legislative offices on Library resources. Email us at Librarian@Michigan.gov or call 517-335-1477 for available dates/times.