Why Should My Library Join the Michigan Center for the Book?

Because the rewards far outweigh the minimal investment!

Twenty-four public and academic libraries are affiliates of the Center for the Book. They are members because of the variety of benefits they gain!

As a way to enrich the lives of our patrons!
- by being visibly committed to an effort to increase literacy
- by working to spread knowledge of Michigan’s authors and literary heritage
- by celebrating and supporting books

To support literary grants!
- By funding our literary grant program through dues
- By receiving grant funding themselves
- By funding Literary Landmarks

To participate in local and national events and networking!
- by attending the National Book Festival
- by representing Michigan at the national Idea Exchange meeting for state Centers for the book

To support authors and libraries have more and better literary events!
- by supporting the Michigan Notable Books program and getting the inside track on the Notable author tour.
- by supporting the Michigan Library Author Visit blog, the Author Visit how to site, and the One Book Archive.

To learn from and network with fellow members!
- by exchanging programming ideas
- by working together on Center projects

Our mission is to promote an awareness of books, reading, literacy, authors and Michigan's rich literary heritage.

Affiliate members have a seat on the Center for the Book Board, participate in programs as they are able, and pay an annual due. Member travel to national events is supported in whole or in part. The Library of Michigan provides staff support, program management, and a web site at www.michigan.gov/mcfb.

For more information on Center for the Book activities and membership, you may find our Annual Reports and an Affiliate Application at the “How the Center for the Book is Organized” section of our web site.
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Hackley Public Library
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Kalkaska County Library
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Shiawassee District Library
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