

STATEWIDE SERVICES FOR LIBRARIES

Statewide Library Services provides support and information to librarians, library staff and trustees throughout the state. Through state aid to public libraries and administration of grant programs, the Library supports statewide initiatives to sustain and improve services. Services include:

- * Certification and continuing education for library staff and trustees
- * Coordination of statewide library services to youth, including summer reading resources and the Michigan Reads! One State One Children's Book program
- * Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC), a three-tiered quality certification program for public libraries and cooperatives
- * School Libraries in the 21st Century (SL21), a program which highlights and recognizes quality school library media programs in Michigan
- * Administration of federal library funding
- * PLINKIT, a website tool kit for libraries with limited access to technology resources
- * Library statistical analysis and comparison
- * E-rate training and support

SUPPORT THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

Established in 1985, the Library of Michigan Foundation raises funds to support special programs, services and collections of the Library of Michigan. The Foundation is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3), tax-exempt organization governed by an independent board of directors. It funds programs otherwise not provided through state or federal funding.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The MICHIGAN eLIBRARY (MeL)

The Library of Michigan serves residents statewide by administering MeL, the Michigan eLibrary @ <http://mel.org>. MeL is the anywhere, any time information gateway to librarian-selected Internet resources, full-text magazine and newspaper articles, online practice tests, job-search assistance, curriculum-building resources and more. Michigan residents have access to millions of items not available at their home libraries, courtesy of MeLCat, the Michigan eLibrary Catalog. Users may log on to MeL to request materials for delivery to their local library. MeL is funded in part by the State of Michigan through the Library of Michigan. Additional project support comes from the federal Library Services and Technology Act funds distributed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOKS

The Michigan Notable Books program honors Michigan literature annually by identifying 20 of the previous year's most distinguished books either written by a Michigan resident, or about Michigan or the Great Lakes region.

MICHIGAN CENTER FOR THE BOOK

The Library of Michigan coordinates Michigan's affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, which promotes an awareness of books, reading, literacy and Michigan's rich literary heritage. It works to spotlight Michigan literature through workshops activities and resource sharing, such as the Michigan Authors and Illustrators Database and the Michigan Author Award.



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Services and Collections

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Library of Michigan reference staff provide in-depth research assistance to employees of all branches of state government. In addition, librarians assist members of the public who visit the Library in using the collections, and they answer reference questions relevant to these collections by phone and e-mail. To use these services go to www.michigan.gov/askalibrarian. Search ANSWER, the Library's online catalog, at www.answercat.org.

MICHIGAN COLLECTION

The Library collects current and historical materials related to Michigan, ranging from local government publications to history and biography, and from business and industry to literature. Dating from the early 1800s, the Michigan newspapers collection is indispensable to researchers and historians.

THE REFERENCE & MAIN COLLECTIONS

The focus of these collections is general research, especially for policy-making and for work in most aspects of state government.

ABRAMS FOUNDATION HISTORICAL COLLECTION

The Library houses the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection, an extensive collection of Americana, emphasizing the Great Lakes region and states east of the Mississippi River that have played a significant role in the settling of Michigan. Holdings include U.S. and Canadian census records, city directories, maps and atlases, land records, county and local histories, ships' passenger records, vital records and cemetery transcriptions.

STATE AND FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

As the official repository for Michigan print and electronic government documents, the Library works with state government departments to acquire and preserve the publications and information resources they produce. The Michigan Documents Collection contains items dating from 1805 to the present and provides both contemporary and historical perspectives on the development of Michigan's state government. The Library also consults with participating depository libraries around the state to maintain local public access to state government information.

As one of Michigan's repositories for the federal government, the Library also receives selected materials distributed by the U.S. Government Printing Office. This program links library users to the federal government, with information ranging from congressional hearings and agency reports to economic forecasts and employment information.



USE OF MATERIALS

Some Library of Michigan materials can be checked out by state employees and affiliates of our shared online catalog, the faculty, students, and staff of Michigan State University. These items are noted as "Check shelf" or "Checked out" in ANSWER, our online catalog. Other materials are available exclusively for use in the Library. These are noted as "LIB USE ONLY" in ANSWER.

LAW LIBRARY

The State Law Library provides access to legal resources for state government employees and the general public. While our librarians cannot provide legal advice, interpretation or guidance on specific legal matters, we can assist patrons in starting their research and demonstrate how to effectively use the materials in the collection. Additionally, to assist state employees in performance of their job duties, our staff can compile topical information packets, research the background of legislation and perform more extensive research on discrete legal issues.

While our holdings emphasize current and historical Michigan legal materials, the collection includes federal and state primary law, multi-state materials and British and Canadian resources. Our secondary sources, such as treatises, looseleaves, American Bar Association books and legal encyclopedias, address both broad topics and specific issues in the law. Online legal resources such as Lexis, Westlaw, PACER, HeinOnline and the LLMC Digital Law Library supplement the print collection.

RARE BOOK COLLECTION

The Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room houses a collection approaching 20,000 items, from pioneer accounts to Civil War rosters. The collection focuses primarily on natural history, law, angling, travel and exploration, Native Americans and Michiganiana. Of special note is a collection of nearly 500 pieces of Michigan-related sheet music. Local history materials provide researchers a sense of time and place, while quarterly exhibitions showcase collection highlights.