



Benefits of Membership

FY24 (10/1/23 to 9/30/24)

The Mid-Michigan Library League (MMLL) is one of Michigan’s eleven library cooperatives, formed under the State Aid to Public Libraries Public Act 89 of 1977. Section 2(f) states “Cooperative library” means the library or service center designated by a cooperative board to execute services established by a cooperative plan and provided to libraries participating in a cooperative. Cooperatives are able to provide services that are more efficiently and economically achieved via group purchasing and coordination, leaving the more unique, community-centric activities to the individual library. The Cooperative does not provide direct service to the public but instead supports its member libraries in their efforts to better serve the public. The 36 public library members of MMLL work together to share resources and provide quality services to their users.

Every year, public libraries and cooperatives in Michigan submit an annual report/state aid application, due by February 1st. Funding is distributed on a per capita basis, the amount determined annually by the State budget signed by the Governor. Funding for 2023 is \$.50 per capita.

Core MMLL Services:

1. **Administrative Services:** Administration and delivery of the MMLL Plan of Service. MMLL will help member libraries develop policies, clarify Trustee roles & Responsibilities, and work on strategic planning.
2. **Continuing Education:** In conjunction with the Continuing Education Committee, MMLL staff will select and arrange for training on specific topics of interest to the membership.
3. **Interlibrary Loan/ILS:** MMLL will assist member libraries with the technology and procedures for patron-initiated interlibrary loan via the statewide MeLCat resource sharing system. MMLL will assist members with ILS technology and shared systems as needed. Interlibrary loan service for materials not found in MeLCat will be provided via an arrangement with White Pine Library Cooperative for a per item request fee billed directly.
4. **Advisory Council:** The Advisory Council is comprised of the director of each member library and is established as the key method of communication between the members, the board and administration.
5. **Discounts:** Negotiated discounts for library materials, databases, supplies, telecommunication services, and other volume-based purchases are either posted with instruction for ordering, or managed via group discount by the cooperative paying the vendor invoice and then re-invoicing the membership.
6. **Website/Listserv:** MMLL maintains a website as well as an email list for communications among cooperative members and trustees. Website content includes newsletters, meeting dates, Board packets, minutes, policies, discounts, training, grants, programs, and resources for member libraries.
7. **Delivery:** MMLL covers the cost of “RIDES” statewide delivery for each member library. Class size I-IV will have up to three days and class size V and VI shall have up to five days of paid delivery. Additional payment of delivery to branch locations may be negotiated between the MMLL Board and member library.
8. **Reference:** MMLL provides reference and consulting services to member libraries.

9. **Technology support:** MMLL provides consultation on broadband connectivity, public access computing, integrated library systems, and other library technologies to its members. When the budget allows, a stipend for each member library shall be provided for payment of tech support.
10. **Service Initiatives:** As funds allow, MMLL will provide service initiatives to benefit the membership, such as grant programs and rotating special collections such as maker kits and 3D printers.
11. **eResources:** As the budget allows, MMLL will purchase access to subscription e-resources such as language learning and downloadable e-audio content as a benefit of membership in the cooperative.
12. **Employee Support Services:** As funds are available in the annual budget, MMLL may provide employee support services such as an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), to be made available to any staff employed by a member library.
13. **Legal Assistance:** MMLL shall provide basic consultation and resources as requested by its members. When the budget allows, an allocation of ONE HOUR of professional legal services for each member library per fiscal year shall be provided, with an agreement for a reduced hourly wage for further needs.

Examples of support:

- Pay for delivery service via the statewide RIDES system for each member library
- Provide an Employee Assistance Program for all member library staff
- Provide a mini-grant program for one-time costs and service enhancement
- Develop new services to support member libraries such as the maker kits and two 3D printers that members can check out for programming
- Continuing education trainings for professional development
- Board training on roles and responsibilities, strategic planning assistance, district library formation information and assistance
- Coordinate new and existing group purchasing for discounts in pricing for members
- Consult on library law and policy and the creation of effective procedures
- Assist with library automation choices and implementation
- Research and disseminate information on best practices
- Communicate opportunities for grants and trainings; disseminate information on best practices
- Reach to potential partners to coordinate broader community collaborations

Who are we?

(county) (library) (class size)	Missaukee - McBain Community Library (2)	Lake - Pathfinder Community Library (2)
Antrim - Alden District Library (1)	Missaukee - Ardis Missaukee District Library (4) (Affiliate Member)	Oceana - Hart Area Public Library (3)
Antrim - Bellaire Public Library (1)	Missaukee - Falmouth Area Library (1) (Affiliate)	Oceana - Pentwater Township Library (1)
Antrim - Central Lake District Library (1)	Roscommon - Richfield Township Public Library (1)	Oceana - Shelby Area District Library (3)
Antrim - Mancelona Township Library (2)	Osceola - Marion (M. Alice Chapin) Memorial Library (2)	Oceana - Walkerville Rural Public School Library (1)
Leelanau - Glen Lake Community Library (1)	Mason - Mason County District Library (5)	Clare - Surrey Township Public Library (3)
Leelanau - Leelanau Township Library (1)	Lake - Chase Public Library (1)	Mecosta - Barryton Public Library (2)
Leelanau - Leland Township Library (2)	Lake - Luther Area Public Library (2)	Mecosta - Big Rapids Community Library (4)
Benzie - Benzie Shores District Library (1)	Osceola - Ewart Public Library (3)	Gratiot - Seville Township Library (1)
Benzie - Benzonia Public Library (1)	Osceola - LeRoy Community Library (1)	Mecosta - Morton Township Public Library (2)
Benzie - Betsie Valley District Library (1)	Osceola - Reed City Area District Library (3)	Mecosta - Walton Erickson Public Library (3)
Benzie - Darcy Library of Beulah (1)		Mecosta - Wheatland Township Library (1)
Manistee - Manistee County Library (4)		Montcalm - Richland Township Library (1)
Wexford - Cadillac Wexford Public Library (5)		Montcalm - White Pine District Library (3)



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