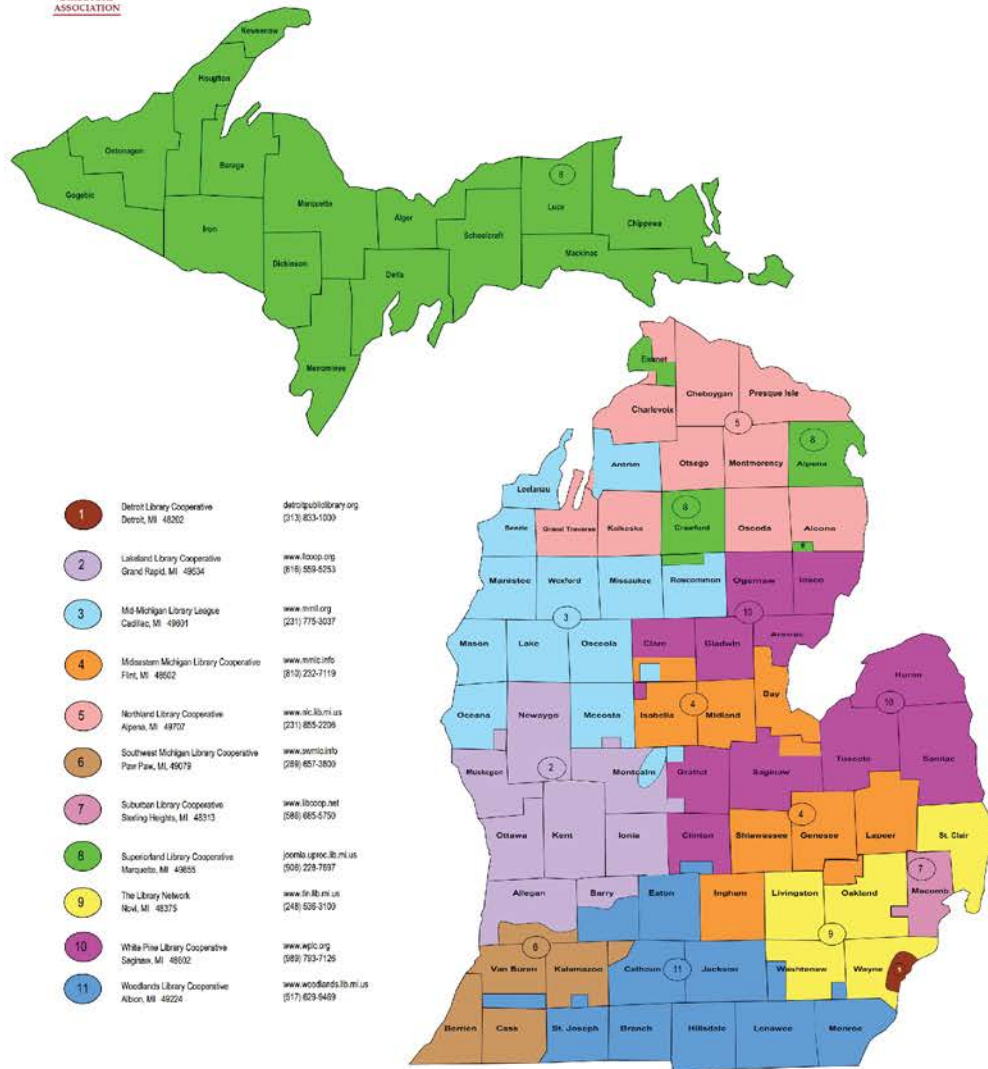




Michigan Library Cooperatives



Cooperative-negotiated discounts save Michigan libraries approximately \$10,000,000 per year on purchases.

Cooperatives organize training for approximately 4,000 library staffers each year.

Academic, Public, School and Special libraries participate in Cooperative activities and planning.

Empowering Libraries for Success



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42 member libraries belong to the Cooperative, which includes 81 library buildings, providing access throughout the eight-county area of Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo and Ottawa counties.

40 of the LLC member libraries participate in a shared online catalog that gives patrons access to materials owned by libraries throughout the Cooperative. This shared system provides a public catalog of materials owned by all participating libraries, as well as a system for circulation. The online catalog allows libraries to share materials through the Lakeland delivery system.

LLC member libraries participate in the MeLCat statewide inter-library loan system. This provides patrons with access to a large collection of books and other materials owned by libraries throughout the state, including academic and special libraries.

Through various subscription plans among the member libraries, patrons have access to electronic and/or downloadable books, audiobooks, periodicals and, for some libraries, music and movies.

All Lakeland member libraries participate in reciprocal borrowing that allows patrons to travel to other Lakeland libraries to check out all types of materials.

Cooperatives encourage communication among libraries of all sizes and help them deliver quality services to their communities.

Cooperatives increase the level of service Michigan's local libraries provide their communities.

Cooperatives work with their member libraries, other Cooperatives, library associations, the Library of Michigan, the State of Michigan, e-government and other organizations to develop and coordinate high quality services for the benefit of Michigan's residents in the most cost-effective manner.

Resource Sharing

- Inter-library loan of books and audiovisual materials
- Delivery service to move materials among libraries
- Internet access for member libraries
- Shared catalogs and joint lists of materials

Continuing Education

- Workshops for staff training and professional development
- Distance learning
- Professional materials collections for consultation
- Institutes and leadership training for trustees and library staff

Support Services

- Professional consultation/referral
- Group purchasing and discount programs save libraries approximately \$15,000,000 each year
- Publications
- Programming support materials
- Joint project development
- Assistance in implementing statewide initiatives
- Cataloging and processing of library materials