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MI-83 Projects Report

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The purpose of the MI-83 projects was to enhance safe library services and programs available to Michigan’s 83 counties in order to further pandemic recovery efforts in our communities.

The **MI-83 Technology, Libraries, and Communities (TLC Kits) Project** provided laptops for patrons to borrow from libraries, critical to addressing the digital divide. In addition, this project provided programming materials to libraries for outdoor and digital events, allowing libraries to safely deliver services and events to their communities.

The **MI-83 Digital Library Connection (DLC Project)** safely provided digital access to non-fiction information and resources (ebooks and audiobooks) in direct response to the pandemic and related economic and community needs through equitable approaches.

Libraries have always played an essential role in communities and their role is more imperative now than ever before. Michigan libraries are now workspaces, tech hubs, health information centers, and beyond – growing and evolving to meet the needs of patrons in how we work, learn, access services, and socialize. The awareness campaign for MI-83 included a robust portfolio across multimodal platforms.

Local libraries allow you to develop new skills, take a job interview, learn about health and wellness, and more. Ask your librarian what’s new today!

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**MI-83 Projects**

**Technology, Libraries, and Communities (TLC Kits) Project**

- **258 Libraries Participated**
- **$987K in Supplies Distributed**
- **83 out of 83 All Counties Reached by MI-83 Projects**
- **11 All 11 Library Cooperatives Participated in Michigan**

**Supplies Distributed**

- **370 Portable Speaker Systems with Microphones & USB Microphones Distributed**
- **939 Laptop Computers Distributed**
- **368 Digital Video Cameras & Webcams Distributed**
- **1,353 Checkouts of Laptops Using Technology Kits**
- **178 Weather Canopies Distributed**
- **622 Programs Held Using Outdoor Programming Kits**
- **36,099 Individual Attendees at Outdoor Programming Using Kits**
- **970 Programs Held Using Online Programming Kits**
- **22,826 Individual Attendees at Online Programs Using Kits**
Digital Library Connection (DLC) Project

- 166K Checkouts in a 9 Month Period
- Nearly 6 Checkouts Per Item
- $893K Spent on Digital Content (ebooks & audiobooks)
- 5 Subject Areas in Non-Fiction Increased:
  - Mental Health
  - Medical Health
  - Workforce Development
  - Job Seeking Skills
  - General Educational Needs
- 49% Increase in Book Requests for Non-Fiction Titles
- 400 Libraries Participated
- 9 Libraries Added to Overdrive
- 27,825 Digital Items Purchased
The Library Network (TLN) works to maximize the use of state funding for library services to Michigan residents and visitors through innovative collaboration and resource sharing.

The Lakeland Library Cooperative strengthens libraries by providing the means to share resources, services, and expertise for the benefit of individuals and communities.

The Michigan Library Association leads the advancement of all Michigan libraries through advocacy, education and engagement.

Directors and staff from all 11 cooperatives assisted with the creation of both projects.

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