

- ★ **Broadband** - connecting libraries with information and opportunities to upgrade their networks to broadband speeds in order to better serve their users. www.broadband.mel.org
- ★ **Continuing Education/Distance Learning** - developing workshops and training opportunities for library staff, including the Rural Libraries Conference, Beginning Workshop, New Directors and Trustees Workshop, online training and programs.
- ★ **Certification of Library Staff** - reviewing applications and documentation for library staff certification and determining eligibility, reviewing public library service area contracts to determine compliance with state laws and guidelines.
- ★ **E-rate** - disseminating information on the federal Universal Service Fund program, approving library technology plans, providing annual E-rate training and support.
- ★ **Library Statistics/Data Coordination** - coordinating the collection, analysis and reporting of library statistics, including the Michigan Public Libraries Data Digest.
- ★ **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)** grant program - administering the subgrant program as well as funding statewide projects such as the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases, gateway and MeLCat resource sharing system. www.michigan.gov/lsta
- ★ **Michigan Center for the Book** - coordinating the Center's mission to promote an awareness of Michigan's rich literary heritage through grants and resources. www.michigan.gov/mcfb.
- ★ **Michigan eLibrary (MeL.org)** - creating and maintaining the MeL.org website, arranging for statewide licensed databases, the MeLCat system, MeL Michigana, M.O.R.E. (Michigan Online Resources for Educators), and promotion of databases and recommended websites in the MeL.org Gateways. www.mel.org
- ★ **Plinkit (michlibrary.org)** - providing public libraries with a tool to deliver Web resources and services, including features such as catalog and database access points, a calendar of events, RSS feeds, library news, ROI calculators and much more.
- ★ **Special Grants & Programs** - developing new grant programs and coordinating projects that will benefit libraries statewide, such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation initiatives.
- ★ **State Aid to Public Libraries** - State aid grants to libraries are per capita grants awarded annually to public libraries, according to statute.
- ★ **Youth & Teen Services** - coordinating and assisting in statewide youth services programs including the summer reading program, Michigan Reads, Mahoney workshops, and providing consultation and training to library staff that serve children and young adults.

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