



LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

42 member libraries belong to the Cooperative, which includes 82 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, and reciprocal borrowing. LLC member libraries participate in the MeLCat statewide interlibrary loan system, which 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.

What is a Cooperative?

Cooperatives encourage communication among libraries and help them deliver quality services to their communities. Cooperatives work with their member libraries, other Cooperatives, library associations, the Library of Michigan, the State of Michigan, 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

Lakeland coordinates Interlibrary loan of books and audiovisual materials through a centralized delivery service to move materials among libraries. Lakeland also maintains a shared catalog and joint lists of materials, as well as assisting with internet access for member libraries.

Continuing Education

Lakeland offers workshops for staff training and professional development, both digitally and in-person. We also have a collection of professional materials available for consultation. Lakeland also hosts and endorses institutes for leadership training for trustees and library staff.

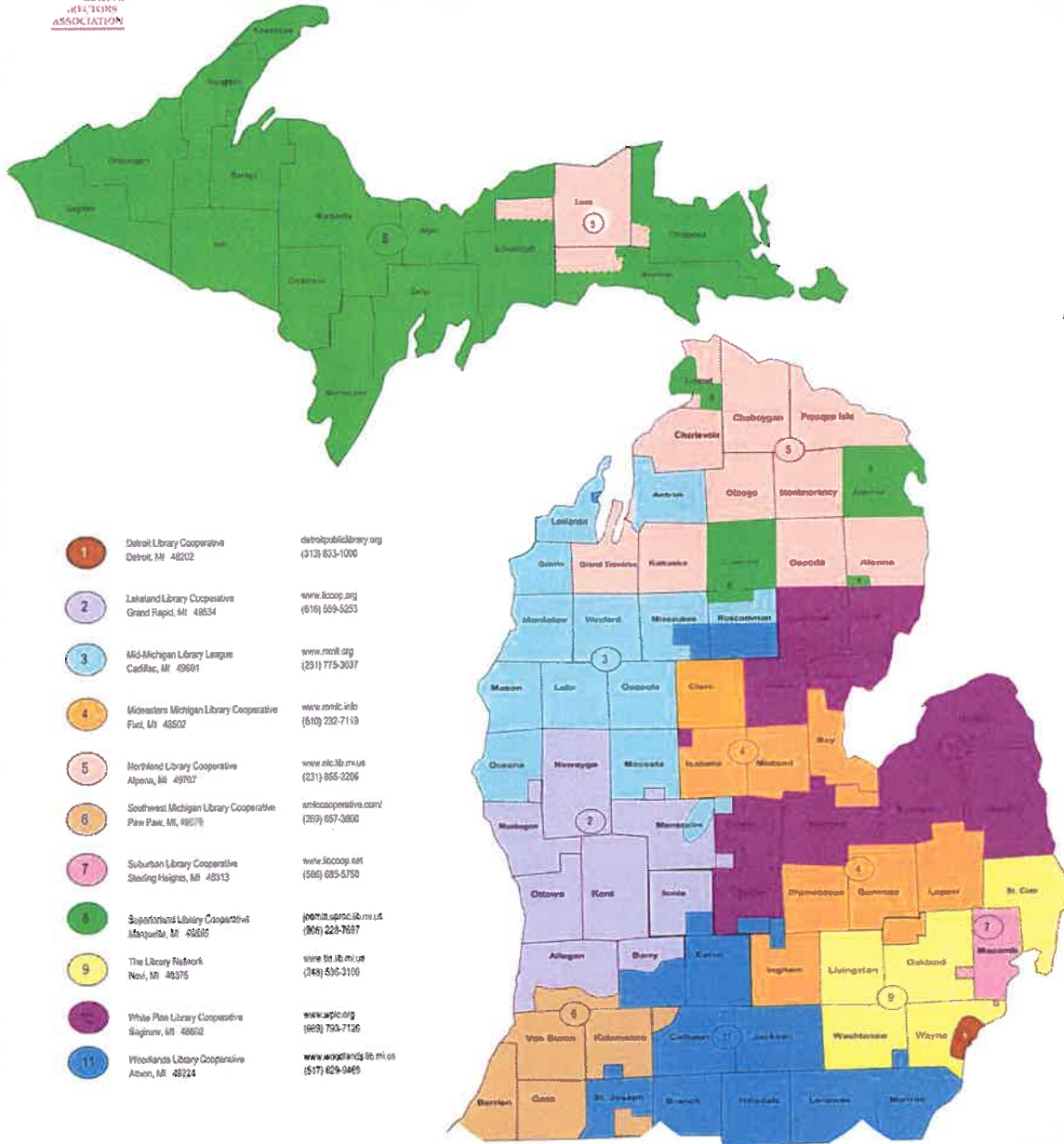
Support Services

Lakeland provides an array of support services, such as professional consultation and referrals, cataloging and processing of library materials, access to publications and programming support materials, as well as joint project development. Lakeland also provides assistance in implementing statewide advocacy initiatives.



MICHIGAN COOPERATIVES

LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



COOPERATIVES IN MICHIGAN

- 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