

Michigan Library Appreciation Month October 2025

WHEREAS, the Michigan Library Association (MLA) annually designates the month of October as a statewide observance to celebrate the contributions of Michigan's public, school, academic, tribal, cooperative, and special libraries; and,

WHEREAS, in October 2025, we celebrate Michigan Library Appreciation Month and MI Right to Read Week, observed October 5-11, with the theme "Find out"—reminding us that libraries are places where curiosity is welcomed, discovery encouraged, and the right to read—and to find out—is protected; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's libraries safeguard access to knowledge and culture, nurture curiosity, and invite every resident to freely explore, inquire, and find out more about the world around them; and,

WHEREAS, libraries foster literacy and lifelong learning for all people, providing welcoming spaces where questions are encouraged, answers are pursued, and intellectual freedom is protected; and,

WHEREAS, libraries serve as cultural and civic hubs, offering books, digital media, educational programs, technology, and community resources that enrich lives and strengthen communities; and,

WHEREAS, libraries safeguard First Amendment rights by ensuring unbiased access to ideas and protecting the right and freedom to read, to inquire, and to find out; and,

WHEREAS, libraries are a smart investment in Michigan's future, with federal and state funding supporting collections, technology, and statewide programs such as MeL (the Michigan eLibrary), which provides every resident with free access to digital books, research databases, and learning tools; and,

WHEREAS, library professionals are dedicated advocates for literacy, learning, and civic engagement, working tirelessly to connect patrons with resources that support personal growth, workforce readiness, and community wellbeing; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan Library Appreciation Month recognizes the invaluable contributions of librarians, staff, trustees, volunteers, and supporters who preserve access to information and nurture curiosity in every community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, The Library Network Board, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month. During this time, we encourage all residents to check out MeL, the Michigan eLibrary at MeL.org, and visit their local library, in person or online, to find out something new about the services, resources, and collections Michigan's libraries provide.

