



MIDEASTERN MICHIGAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PLAN, 2014-2017

1. What is the mission of your library or consortium? Please note that the goals and strategies you list to answer the next question should be tied to this mission.

The mission of the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative is to encourage, facilitate and coordinate resource sharing for its member libraries, provide services, advocate for its members, provide additional funding when available, and communicate relevant information to members concerning library issues.

2. Provide clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve library services. Please use the strategies to provide measurable milestones to meet your mission. This plan should cover a period of three years. If your institution is required by local authorities to operate under a longer planning cycle, this is acceptable.

Provide members with information related to statewide broadband initiatives.

Develop relationships with technology vendors who have the expertise to service members; provide referrals when needed.

3. What is your library's professional development strategy to ensure that staff knows how to use the new technologies to improve library services?

Showcase innovative ideas using technology tools and resources at Advisory Council meetings.

Sponsor MeL database workshops locally and at member locations.

Make new equipment purchases available to all members for in-library use and provide training.

4. Provide an assessment of the telecommunications services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve library services. Include your plans for replacement of outdated equipment.

2014-15

MMLC Office:

Research VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) technology for phone and Internet connectivity.

Internet Labs:

Decommission both mobile labs/white boards and offer equipment to member libraries.



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“Pilot” Projects:
Purchase equipment suggested by members to circulate for trial use prior to member library investment in same equipment.

2015-16
Research connection to Internet in order to maintain a secure, dependable connection.

2016-17
Upgrade software and purchase new office laptops.

5. Use this space to provide a budget to acquire and maintain the hardware, software, professional development, and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy for improved library services.

	10/1/ 2014 -9/30/2015	10/1/ 2015-9/30/2016	10/1/ 2016 -9/30/2017
Hardware	\$250	\$250	\$3,500
Software	\$500	\$500	\$1,500
Telecommunications	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Contract services for information technology	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500
Staff training	\$200	\$200	\$200
Technology Grants to Public Libraries*	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$66,500
Total:	\$71,950	\$71,950	\$76,700

* Amount dependent on available State Aid Funding



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6. Provide an evaluation process that will enable your library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

Each year, poll members for potential ways to support their technology needs.