

Allen Park Public Library

- Mellus Newspaper – News Herald Newspaper
1931 to present on microfilm
Have a microfilm reader only

Auburn Hills Public Library

- Extensive Michigan History collection – books and videos
- Plan to develop a modest permanent foreign language collection in 2004 in German, Spanish, Hindi, Chinese, and French
- Monthly adult and senior book discussion groups
- Subscribe to Novelist, Biography Resource Center, Literature Resource Center, Facts on File, Opposing Viewpoints, all available remotely
- ELLIS software for ESL – discs, software (internal use), and handbooks
- Extensive international languages video and DVD collections – films in Spanish, Hindi, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, German, and French

Birmingham Baldwin Public Library

- Birmingham – Bloomfield Eccentric (local newspaper) on microfilm 1878 to present. Indexed 1878 – 2000. Includes both subject and biographical indexes and obituaries.
- City directories, high school yearbooks, Sanborn fire insurance maps on microfilm.
- Birmingham War Service Record – World War II (bound volume containing rolls of Birmingham servicemen and women during World War II).
- Oral history tapes – interviews conducted in the 1970s with 49 Birmingham residents.
- Cemetery records
- Subscribe to Biography Resource Center, Proquest: National Newspapers, Reference USA, Newsbank: Detroit Free Press and Detroit News, Literature Resource Center, Novelist, Business and Company Resource Center, AP Photo Archive, Value Line, Heritage Quest, Opposing Viewpoints, Books in Print, Mergent, Magill on Authors and Literature
- MIOSHA CD-ROM reference product
- Oakland County resource for the Detroit News on microfilm, back to 1964 with paper

index.

Belleville – Fred C. Fischer Public Library

- Local history collection focuses on city of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township.
- 3 books, miscellaneous pamphlets, Belleville High School Yearbooks
- 3 local newspapers – *The Enterprise* currently unavailable while being microfilmed
- Small children's collection in Spanish
- CD-ROM reference products: Discovering Authors and MOIS
- Small collection of 16mm films for children
- Parent-teacher collection

Berkley Public Library

- Local history book of the city
- Vvertical file drawer of history
- High school yearbooks back to 1930's

Bloomfield Township Public Library

- Substantial collection of investment services
- Just started a local history collection, including high school yearbooks, Polk directories, old telephone books, plat maps, local government meetings minutes, and some books and family bibles pertaining to the old families in the area.
- Hope to digitize some of this material in the next year.
- Special collection of newspapers and magazines pertaining to 9/11 in the collection.
- Copies of local author's published books.
- Several magazine subscriptions from foreign countries, in languages including German, Korean, Japanese, Arabic, French, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, and magazines from Canada and India.
- Currently paying for books from the DPL foreign language collection.
- Six book clubs sponsored by the library
- Subscribe to 37 electronic databases ([Click here for a list](#)) and electronic books via

Overdrive. Two databases, ValueLine and ALLDATA, can only be used on library premises, but the rest allow remote access

Brighton District Library

- Main focus in genealogy is local and regional histories, surname and cemetery indexes, Heritage Quest database.
- *Brighton Argus* on microfilm back to 1880
- Highschool yearbooks, commemorative publications, city council minutes, clippings file.
- Subscribe to Spanish, German, and French periodicals. Some Spanish books, mostly juvenile.
- Subscribe to Reference USA/Info USA, Contemporary Authors Online, LitFinder, Country Watch, Dun & Bradstreet Million Dollar Database. All remote access except for Country Watch and Dun & Bradstreet.

Clawson – Blair Memorial Library

- Encarta Reference Library 2004 CD-ROM reference product
- Particular strength in automobile service manual

Dexter District Library

- Local history collection includes several small press runs of books of local significance.
- Subscribe to Electric Library Full Edition and Novelist
- Microfilm of the *Dexter Leader* from 1860 to 1970

Farmington Community Library

- CD-ROM reference products include MOIS, FC Search, Foundation Grants Index, ELLIS, Foundation Grants to Individuals, Michigan Foundations Directory
- Substantial grants collection, entrepreneur collection, and ESL
- Please [contact the library](#) for information about the Farmington Heritage Collection, as it is too large to include here.

- ESL collection includes materials for adults in many languages. [See the list on the library's website for more details.](#)
- Many electronic databases are subscribed to. [See the list on the library's web site](#)

Flat Rock Public Library

- Local history collection covers Flat Rock, Huron Township, and Brownstown Township, and a little on Monroe County. Collection includes plat maps, newspaper clippings, pictures, and a large obituary file that goes back to 1880.
- Subscribe to Reference USA and Encyclopedia Britannica. Neither provide remote access.

Hamburg Township Library

- Reference portion of the local history collection consists of publications documenting the history of cities and communities within the immediate area and neighboring counties. Historic newspaper articles and personal histories have also been duplicated and bound.
- Large collection of historic local photographs has been digitized, with plans to make them accessible online via the library website. Future plans also include digitization of personal interviews taken in analog format to be made available to the public via check out or the Web.
- Circulating portion of the local history collection contains info from state and local level. Strong in the areas of Detroit history, local media history, and local biography, with increasing acquisitions in local art history and local native history. The library also places importance on acquiring local history films as they become available.
- Genealogy collection is entirely reference in status, and divided into general and local resources. Strong focus on providing patrons with printed materials and documents geared toward the beginning genealogist.
- Local genealogy collection consists of independent publications by local historians, cemetery readings, state census information, etc. At this time, all materials are in print format.
- Library provides access to the Ancestry genealogy database, and issues of Genealogical Helper for circulation.

- Book club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1:00pm. The library provides the books and leads the discussions.
- Spiegelberg/Rasmussen Repository Collection from MDNR and EPA regarding the Spiegelberg Site and Rasmussen Dump Site in Green Oak Township, Livingston County, MI. These documents include general correspondence, data collection, EPA reports, facility plans, administrative records, and meeting notes. All items are in-library use only.
- Literacy collection – 210 items to aid literacy tutors in their teaching of reading and comprehension skills for all age groups. All items are circulating.
- Pinckney Dispatch microfilm from 1883 to 1967. In-library use only.
- Maps – 173 maps ranging from local street maps and lake maps to state-wide, national, international, and special interest maps. All items are in-library use only.

Hartland – Cromaine District Library

- Local history of Livingston County with an emphasis on Hartland. Includes high school yearbooks, clippings, cemetery records, phone books since the mid-1980s, Community Life newspaper in print and microfilm since 1937.
- Subscribe to Novelist, Reference USA, and Fact.com
- Collection strengths include mysteries, crafts, and books on audiocassette.

Hazel Park Memorial Library

- Pursuing a collection in Arabic language.

Highland Township Public Library

- Local history collection includes "Our Highland Heritage" by Clara Mae Beach, local cemetery records, Milford High School Alumni Directory, full run of Milford Times newspaper on microfilm, and other surrounding local histories (Milford and Springfield).
- Local cemetery records in print include West Highland and Highland, Oakland County cemetery records (Rose Township cemeteries, Oakhill Cemetery, and Mt. Hope). Death records of Waterford Township from 1898 – 1930.
- Subscribe to Heritage Quest, no remote access

- Very strong collections in cookbooks, home decorating, and crafts.

Howell Carnegie District Library

- Local history collection focuses on Howell and Livingston County. It contains books, pamphlets, and microfilm.
- Small collection of material in Spanish, including fiction and non-fiction in both adult and juvenile areas. Also a few magazines.
- The Howell Area Archives collects, organizes, and maintains printed items, articles, memorabilia, photographs, and written material of historical significance to Livingston County.
- Subscribe to electronic databases (not available remotely) including: World Geography, State Geography, Alldata, Discovery Collection, Facts on File, Heritage Quest, Opposing Viewpoints, Reference USA, and Value Line.

Inkster – Leanna Hicks Library of Inkster [Back to the Top](#)

- No local history collection, but do have a booklet titled “The Roots of Inkster”.
- Substantial collection in African American history.

Livonia Civic Center Library

- Large number of books relating to Michigan history, but no separate local history collection.
- Large genealogy collection, including local and national newsletters from various genealogical societies and over 200 genealogy CD-ROMs.
- Very few popular reading materials in other languages, but a small collection of fiction and non-fiction includes Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Spanish, and Urdu. Received about 150 books from the DPL language collections.
- Many “how to” materials that teach a large variety of languages.
- Participate in the Federal Depository Library Program with strengths from publications from the Census Bureau, EPA, Labor Department, and Interior Department, including topographical maps for Michigan. Legal collection is enhanced with CFR, US Code, Federal Regulations, Congressional Record, and U.S. Reports.

Madison Heights Public Library

- The city has a Historical Commission and the historical collection is housed at the library. Content is varied, focusing on the city of Madison Heights. Formats include print material, photocopied newspaper clippings, photographs, audio visual, and other paraphanelia.
- Particular strengths include ESL collection and a large, up-to-date consumer health collection.

Melvindale Public Library

- Local history collection includes a vertical file with newspaper clippings, though not current.

Milford Public Library

- Local history collection includes microfilm of *Milford Times* from 1871 to present. Six copies of Detroit Free Press from Spring 1896. Several copies of local history monographs, scrapbooks, and Milford High School yearbooks.
- Genealogy collection includes mostly monographs, and some military history.
- Special civil war collection, including monographs from post civil war period. Other collection strength is military history and indexes.
- [Click here for list of databases the library subscribes to:](http://milford.lib.mi.us/Library%20Databases.htm)
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Oakland County Library

- Local history collection focuses on Oakland County. Mostly books with some pamphlets, photos, and maps.
- Participate in DPL's foreign language collection.
- Genealogy collection includes 1896 Illustrated Atlas of Oakland County, Robinson & Frye photos of Pontiac and Oakland County in 1920's, "Hess" collection of drawings, maps, and some directories from 1857.
- Subscribe to Reference USA, Access Oakland, National Climactic Data Center, Chronicle of Philanthropy, and Grolier Online.

- CD-ROM reference product is American Business Disk.
- Collection strengths are Oakland Press back to 1964, United Way, Oakland County Adoption Network, Parenting Assisted Library, and Sams Photofacts.

Pinckney Community Public Library

- Death Records
- Cemetery Records
- Family Letters
- Obituaries
- Village Ordinances
- Township Ordinances
- Speeches
- Newspaper Photos
- Family Pictures
- Village Pictures
- Memos
- Old Advertisements
- Calendars
- Pamphlets
- Probate Records
- Marriage Records
- Church Cemetery Records
- Transcribed land records
- Books by local authors
- Newspapers
- Maps
- Booklets
- Play programs and scripts
- Atlas
- Plat maps
- Microfilm of old newspapers
- Local lake maps

- Hand written letters
- Histories by local residents
- Song lyrics
- Programs
- Year books
- Early History Books

Plymouth District Library

- Digital collection of historical Plymouth photographs
- Downloadable MP3 audiobooks (NetLibrary and Overdrive)
- Video games for Play Station 2, Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo Game Cube
- Circulating magnifier collection. Not restricted to Plymouth patrons. More than 40 magnifiers ranging in power from 1.5x – 7x.
- City council minutes
- City directories, selected years
- Databases listed at <http://plymouthlibrary.org/neweref.htm>
- ESL collection
- Genealogy CD-ROM collection (over 100 discs) with 2 dedicated computers
- Local cemetery records
- Local high school yearbooks from 1913, incomplete set
- Local history collection includes The Story of Plymouth, Michigan by Sam Hudson and other publications of the Plymouth Historical Society.
- Plymouth Mail newspaper index to 1904
- Plymouth Mail and Observer microfilm 1887-1974
- Plymouth Observer microfilm 1975 (no film 1976-1982)
- Community Crier 1974-1992
- Sanborn insurance maps for Plymouth, MI
- Detroit City Directories, selected years from 1837 to 1930

Romulus Public Library

- Michigan area is quite extensive, with both reference and circulating materials. Local

histories include Romulus and Huron Township.

- Some books in Spanish and French in both adult and children's collections.
- African American book club meets 3rd Wednesdays and Writer's group meets first Wednesday of each month.

Royal Oak Public Library

- Local history collection includes Polk Directories from Royal Oak from 1922 to 1960 (with some years missing), South Oakland Bressers from 1952 to 1957 and 1964 to present, North Woodward phone books from 1975 to present, and the Royal Oak Daily Tribune on microfilm from 1877 to 1912 (incomplete holdings) and 1913 to the present. The collection also includes historical atlases of Oakland County, books, and extensive vertical files, mainly newspaper clippings of Royal Oak and Oakland County.
- Genealogy reference books include *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, *Compendium of American Genealogy*, Oakland County Cemetery indexes, and census microfilm – Federal Census for Michigan for Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb counties for 1820 – 1920, and 1930 census for Oakland and Macomb Counties.
- Participates in the Federal Depository Library Program, so many reference CD-ROMs are U.S. or Michigan government documents. Also carry the Statistical Abstract of the United States, the Budget of the United States, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, County Business Patterns, and numerous products from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Collection strengths include automotive shop manuals, some models from the 1930s through most of the 1980s and some 1990s.
- Subscribe to Biography Resource Center and Novelist. Both allow remote access.

St. Clair County Library System – Main Library

- Local history collection includes Saint Clair County and Michigan history, with books, maps, and photographs.
- Collect items in Spanish language.
- Genealogy collection – microfilm records include City Directories, St. Clair County vital records, Times Herald and other Port Huron newspapers back to 1872, Ontario records, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Ships Passenger List, and Census records.

- Subscribe to Reference USA, Newsbank, College Source Online, MOIS, Westlaw, and Galegroup databases.
- Special collection in Fort Gratiot microfilm.

Salem-South Lyon District Library

- Circulating magnifier collection.
- Local history collection includes county histories for Washtenaw, Livingston, and Oakland Counties, South Lyon High School yearbooks, and the *South Lyon Herald* on CD-ROM back to 1929. Also have several copies of *Yesteryears of Green Oak, South Lyon Area Centennial 1873 – 1973*, and pamphlets produced by the Salem Township Historical Society. Recent videos have been added to the collection, produced by the South Lyon Historical Society, of lectures given on South Lyon History.
- Subscribe to Consumer Reports Online Database.
- Particular collection strengths are cookbooks, quilting, and mysteries.

Southfield Public Library

- Local history collection documents the history of Southfield Township, the city of Southfield, and the city of Lathrup Village. The collection includes books, works of local authors, manuscripts, newspapers, vertical files, ephemera, photographs, maps, and yearbooks.
- Collect books in Arabic, Russian, and Japanese languages. Also provide a rotating collection of books in other languages on loan from Detroit Public Library.
- Subscribe to electronic databases including: AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive, Biography Resource Center, Business and Company Resource Center, CollegeSource, Columbia Granger's World of Poetry, CultureGrams, Detroit Free Press, Facts.com, Grolier Online, JAMA, Literature Resource Center, NoveList, Predicasts PROMPT, Reference USA, Rosetta Stone, SIRS Researcher, Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage, Value Line, and World Book Online.
- CD-ROM reference products include MOIS and PhoneDisk.
- Special collections are Southfield Local History, Southfield Authors, Test Preparation, CD-ROM circulating software, mp3 audiobooks, microfilm, ELLIS software and dedicated computer for ESL and literacy students. Email reference, 14 group study

rooms, 2 computer labs. Coming soon: virtual reference services.

Southgate Veterans Memorial Library

- Subscribe to Reference USA – no remote access.
- Small collection of circulating CD-ROM products on a variety of topics
- Special resources include video tapes for the visually impaired

Springfield Township Library

- Small local history collection on Springfield township, including books and photos.

Taylor Community Library

- Local history collection includes pamphlets, clippings, and maps. The Taylor Historical Museum and Library is to be open in a year in Heritage Park, with much more on the history of the area.
- Special collections – Basic skills collection: books, tests, videos, software, audios – all designed to help people get hired and then keep a job.

Trenton Veterans Memorial Library

- Local history collection focuses on Trenton and the downriver area.
- Genealogy collection includes cemetery records for local communities.
- Special resources include microfilm of old Trenton and Grosse Ile newspapers – Trenton Times October 5, 1917 to July 28, 1990 and Grosse Ile Camera August 16, 1945 to May 11, 2001.

Walled Lake City Library

- Local history collection includes Walled Lake and Commerce History. Pictures, newspaper articles, photocopied information from various sources, books, and booklets. Verna Klos Collection: local histories of Michigan communities, mostly published by local historical societies. Some family histories.
- Genealogy collection strong in “getting started” books, and includes resource books

such as Cyndi's List. Michigan resources such as Michigan Marriages Before 1850, 1870 Michigan Census Index, Cemetery records for cemeteries in Oakland and Wayne Counties. Reprinted copies of old books on Michigan history, tales of Michigan, history of specific industries (fur trade, mining, lumber), histories of regions of Michigan rather than specific communities, books about specific historical incidents in Michigan (Michigan on Fire, the Calumet mine disaster). Various birth, death, marriage records, and passenger lists, landmen of various counties. Plat maps and atlases of various counties and the Atlas of Michigan Historical County Boundaries.

- CD-ROM reference product includes Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated

Waterford Township Public Library

- A few local history books
- Small collection of YA fiction in Spanish
- Genealogy: subscribe to HeritageQuest and more than 350 CD-ROMs. Books concentrate on Oakland County and South East Michigan. Online indexes to Waterford and Oakland County sources. [See library web site for indexes.](#)
- [Click here for a list of databases the library subscribes to.](#)
- CD-ROM reference products include MOIS, World Book Encyclopedia, SIRS Researcher, and Monarch Notes.
- Special resources include ESL collection.

Westland – William P. Faust Public Library of Westland

- Small collection of books on local history and a clippings file from the *Westland Observer*
- Foreign language collection includes fiction titles in Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Hindi, Gudjarati, and Tamil.
- Subscribe to Novelist, LitFinder, Literature Resource Center, Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, CollegeSource, and Wilson Biographies Illustrated, as well as these Grolier online products: New Book of Knowledge, Encyclopedia Americana, New Book of Popular Science, Lands and

Peoples, and America the Beautiful.

- CD-ROM reference products include American Business Disc and MOIS.
- Special collection: *Westland Observer* on microfilm from the mid-80s and on CD-ROM where the film leaves off.

Wixom Public Library

- Small ESL collection containing videos and DVD's and books on tape for ESL readers.
- A dedicated ELLIS terminal for learning English
- Subscribe to Novelist and LitFinder
- Value Line and Morningstar (print version)
- Foreign Film collection.
- 2 book clubs: Slaves of Suspense (mystery) and Read Something Different (eclectic selections from general literature and biography)

Wyandotte – Bacon Memorial District Library

- Local history collection on Wyandotte and surrounding communities south of Detroit. Boks, newspapers on microfilm, scrap books, original documents and manuscripts, and 8000 photos.
- Index local paper on microfilm since 1880. Death, church, and funeral home records for Wyandotte.
- Subscribe to Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, New Book of Knowledge, Literature Resource Center, and SIRS

Ypsilanti District Library

- Local history collection focuses on Michigan and Ypsilanti history. It is primarily books. Local newspaper from 1864 to present, some local college and high school yearbooks, and some city directories.
- Subscribe to Alldata, Books in Print, Galenet, Reference USA, and CultureGrams