



LEADING THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL  
MICHIGAN LIBRARIES THROUGH ADVOCACY,  
EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

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Did you know Michigan's registered public library users can "check out" a Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) to obtain discounted or free admission to nearly 500 partner destinations such as State Parks and Recreation Areas, museums and many other family friendly activities statewide?

Created in 2012 and sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Library of Michigan, Cooperative Directors Association, and The Library Network, the MAP program is active in all of Michigan's nearly 400 public library systems in Michigan's 83 counties. Last year alone, over 10,000 MAP passes were "checked out" by Michigan's public library users.

"Soar and Explore!" is the MAP motto. Whether you check out a pass for a skydiving adventure or a laid-back experience at one of Michigan's 100+ State Parks (via MAP's partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources) we've got you covered. Yankee Air Museum even features the MAP program on its homepage!

With nearly 500 participating partner destinations, the MAP program ensures that there is literally "something for everyone" young and old, students and seniors, couples and singles, and everyone in between. Here are a few of the many appreciative comments received from MAP pass library users:

*"I've been a user from the beginning. I love the passes and the variety of places! I've visited never-before-seen places as well as familiar ones. Adding the MetroParks this year just makes it better!"*

*"Great program for low-income people and families."*

Many public libraries around the country feature museum pass programs. Michigan's is the **only** one to offer discounted or free passes (both digital and print) to **ALL** statewide library users. And thanks to the cooperative spirit for which public libraries have always been known, as well as our generous cultural partners who receive no financial compensation from the program, the MAP program currently operates on a modest annual budget of just \$17,700.

I'm sure you will agree that MAP offers Michigan public library users and taxpayers a huge "return on their investment!"

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