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Congressional designation of Michigan State Library in 1860 by Representative D. C. Leach, a former state librarian.


Detroit Public Library is designated a depository library by Senator Zachariah Chandler, 1868.

Michigan Mining School (now Michigan Technological University), the Port Huron Public Library (now St. Clair County Library) and the Grand Rapids Public Library are designated depository libraries by Representatives Jay Hubbell, Omar Conger and William B. Williams, respectively, 1876.
Willard Library, Battle Creek is designated a depository library by Representative Jonas McGowan and serves the public 1876-1972.

Detroit College (now University of Detroit/Mercy) and the University of Michigan are designated depository libraries by Representatives William Maybury and N. B. Eldridge, respectively, 1884.

Hoyt Library, Saginaw is designated a depository library by Representative Aaron T. Bliss, 1890.

Hackley Library of Muskegon is designated a depository library by Representative John W. Moon, 1894.
State Librarian Mary C. Spencer compiles and publishes the Documentary Catalogue of the Michigan State Library including all United States documents, state documents, and foreign exchanges received by the State Library from 1828 through June 1, 1898.

Benton Harbor Public Library, Kalamazoo Public Library, and the State Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) are designated depository libraries by Representative Edward L. Hamilton, Senator Julius Burrows and as a land-grant institution, respectively, 1907.

Depository libraries are offered the opportunity to “select” groups and titles of federal documents for receipt, 1922. The Detroit Public Library chooses to continue to receive 100% of available titles.

Marjorie E. Hazard is appointed Michigan State Library’s first Head of the Documents Division and serves from 1928-1951.
Wayne University (now Wayne State University) is designated a depository library by Representative George O’Brien, 1937.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is designated a depository library by Representative George Dondero, and serves the public 1940-1991.

Ruth Hardin is appointed head of the Documents Division, Michigan State Library and serves 1951-1952.

State Office Building fire causes extensive damage to the Michigan State Library, 1951.

Mary Armstrong is appointed head of the Documents Division, Michigan State Library and serves 1952-1970.

Wayne County Public Library (later WOLF -- Wayne-Oakland Library Federation) is designated a depository library by Representative Martha Griffiths and serves the public 1957-1987.

Henry Ford Community College is designated a depository library by Representative John Lesinski, 1957.
Central Michigan College of Education (now Central Michigan University) is designated a depository library by Representative Elford Cederberg, 1958.

Flint Junior College (now University of Michigan – Flint) is designated a depository library by Representative Charles Chamberlain and serves the public 1959-2004.

North Central Michigan College and Schoolcraft College are designated depository libraries by Representatives Victor Knox and Martha Griffiths, respectively, 1962.

Alma College is designated a depository library by Representative James Harvey and serves the public 1963-2001.
Delta College, Grand Valley State University, Northern Michigan University and Western Michigan University are designated depository libraries by Representative Elford Cederberg, Representative Gerald R. Ford, Senator Philip Hart and Senator Patrick McNamara, respectively, 1963.

Northwestern Michigan College and Oakland University are designated depository libraries by Representatives Robert P. Griffin and William Broomfield, respectively, 1964.

Michigan State Library, Upper Peninsula Branch is designated a depository library by Representative Victor Knox and serves the public 1964-1982.

Michigan State Library (now Library of Michigan) is designated a regional depository library by Senator Patrick McNamara, 1964, and once again receives 100% of available federal documents.
Detroit Public Library is designated a regional depository library by Senator Philip Hart and serves the public as a regional library 1964-2000.

Eastern Michigan University and Jackson Carnegie Library (now Jackson District Library) are designated depository libraries by Representatives Weston Vivian and Charles Chamberlain, respectively, 1965.

Mercy College of Detroit is designated a depository library by Representative Martha Griffiths and serves the public 1965-1993.

Marygrove College is designated a depository library by Representative Martha Griffiths and serves the public 1965-1998.
Albion College is designated a depository library by Representative Paul Todd Jr., 1966.

Macomb County Library is designated a depository library by Representative James O'Hara, 1968-2008.

Calvin College and Theological Seminary and the Flint Public Library are designated depository libraries by Representatives Gerald R. Ford and Donald Riegle, respectively, 1967.

Oakland Community College is designated a depository library by Representative Jack McDonald, 1968.

Martha Wyeth Eger is appointed Head, Documents Center, Michigan State Library and serves 1970-1975.

Southwestern Michigan College, the Arthur Neef Law Library, and Wayne State University, are designated depository libraries by Representatives Edward Hutchinson and Charles Diggs, Jr., respectively, 1971.

Warren Public Library is designated a depository library by Representative Robert Huber, 1973.

Francis Buckley serves as the depository specialist at Detroit Public Library, 1972-1980.
Jean E. Lowrie (Western Michigan University) appointed to Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, 1973.

Monroe County Library is designated a depository library by Representative Marvin Esch, 1974.

Monroe County Library

Olivet College is designated a depository library by Representative Garry Brown and serves the public 1974-1988.

Gerald Malling is appointed Head, Government Center Branch of the Michigan State Library and serves 1975-1978.


F. Anne Diamond is promoted to Head, Government Documents Center, Michigan State Library and serves 1979-1995.


L to R - Jennie Cross, Grace York, F. Anne Diamond, and John H. Ritcher

Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University College of Law) is designated a depository library, 1979.

F. Anne Diamond (Library of Michigan) chairs committee to compile first edition of the Superseded List, 1981.

Paul Thurston serves as depository coordinator at Detroit Public Library, 1980-1983.

Lake Superior State University and Madison Heights Public Library are designated depository libraries by Representatives Robert Davis and James Blanchard, respectively, 1982.

Madison Heights Public Library receives its designation.

Michigan is first state in nation to write and approve state plan governing federal government documents, 1982-1983.

Martha King Crockett serves as depository coordinator at Detroit Public Library, 1983-1985.

Royal Oak Public Library is designated a depository library by Representative Sander Levin, 1984.


Francis Buckley (Detroit Public Library) awarded James Bennett Childs award for lifetime distinguished contribution to documents librarianship by the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association, 1986.

Livonia Civic Center Library is designated a depository library by Representative William Ford, 1987.

Paul Thurston appointed to Depository Library Council, 1986. Godart of Michigan institutes the “Paul Thurston Award” to commemorate him on his early death.


Oakland County Research Library is designated a depository library by Representative Bob Carr, 1992.


Cassandra Hartnett serves as depository coordinator at Detroit Public Library, 1992-1996.


Michael McDonnell (Western Michigan University) contributor to new edition of the Superseded List, 1996.

Francis Buckley, former Detroit Public Library regional librarian named Superintendent of Documents, 1997-2008 (first professionally trained librarian to serve).

Paula Kaczmarek (Detroit Public Library) appointed to Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, 1998-2001.


Grace York (University of Michigan) selected by US Department of State to represent US government documents librarians at the International Conference on Government Information and Democracy in St. Petersburg, Russia, 2000.

Ferris State University is designated a depository library by Representative Dave Camp, 2001.


Participant in Government Information Online (pilot, Library of Michigan and Detroit Public Library 2004-2006, ongoing service, Michigan State University Library, 2006-).

Mark Sandler (University of Michigan) appointed to Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, 2005-2008.


Ann Marie Sanders and Bernadine Abbott Hoduski

Ann Marie Sanders (Library of Michigan) awarded Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founders award for contributions to the profession by the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association, 2006.

Hui Hua Chua (Michigan State University), Ann Marie Sanders (Library of Michigan), Anne Wooden (Delta College), and Grace York (University of Michigan), contributors and/or section editors to first edition of Federal Depository Library Handbook, 2008.

Ann Marie Sanders (Library of Michigan) appointed to Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, 2009-2011).