

# ABOUT MHSLA

The Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association, MHSLA, is a nonprofit professional association committed to fostering excellence in health sciences library services.

MHSLA provides members with high-quality continuing education, the opportunity to purchase selected electronic resources at a reduced price, and the opportunity to network with interesting and innovative people.



## MISSION:

*"...to promote excellence in health sciences librarianship by providing its membership with opportunities for professional growth, fostering communication between members and their regions, facilitating resource sharing, increasing awareness of new technologies, providing high-quality continuing education, and conducting research in health sciences information services."*



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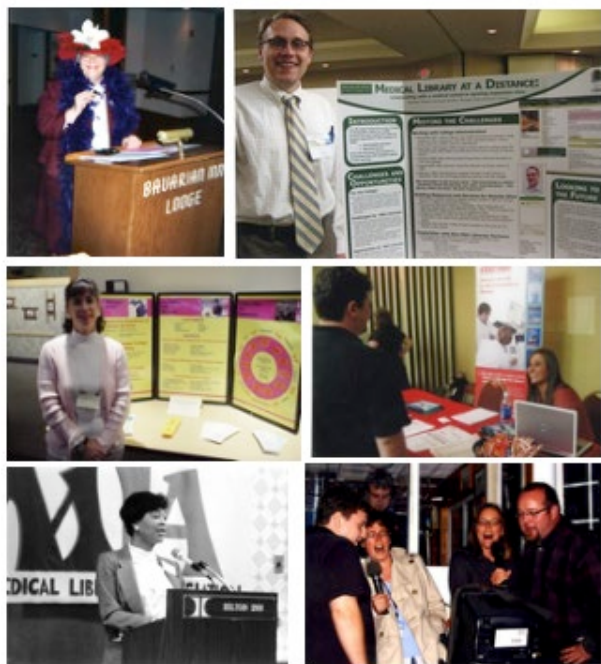
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# HISTORY

MHSLA was officially organized in 1977, though Michigan health sciences librarians have been active in resource sharing and cooperative ventures since World War II. Regional groups first developed in 1962 when the Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group was formed. From 1972 through the early '80s, other local groups organized in Michigan as part of MHSLA.

Affiliated local groups include:

- Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group (MDMLG)
- Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (WMHSLA)



## WHO ARE MHSLA MEMBERS?

Hospital Librarians  
Academic Librarians  
Community Health Librarians  
Public Librarians  
Collection Development Specialists  
Webmasters and Web Developers  
Information Systems Analysts  
Information Consultants  
Library Support Staff  
Students



## MEMBER BENEFITS

### Personal Membership:

- \$15 annual dues
- Continuing education opportunities for both professionals and support staff
- A subscription to the MHSLA News
- Discounted rates for the Annual Education Conference

### Institutional Membership:

- \$45 annual dues
- Participate in group purchases for discounted electronic resources

### Student Membership:

Current library school students get FREE MHSLA membership upon joining MDMLG or WMHSLA