

**Michigan Library Association
Public Policy Committee
October 13, 2006**

Update Regarding GOLDSTONE VS. BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chronology:

BTPL served - Aug. 23, 2004

Circuit Court Hearing, Oakland County - April 27, 2005

Judge Denise Langford Morris Ruling - May 12, 2005

George Goldstone appeals - June 13, 2005

Michigan Court of Appeals Hearing - Oct. 12, 2005

Judges Thomas Fitzgerald, Donald S. Owens and Bill Schuette Ruling - Nov. 8, 2005

Goldstone appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court - Dec. 19, 2005

Michigan Supreme Court PRELIMINARY Hearing - Oct. 11, 2006 *

* The purpose of the preliminary hearing was for the court to obtain more information to help them make the decision whether or not to officially hear the case. We now need to wait to hear from the court regarding their decision to officially accept the case, to make a preemptive decision in favor of either side, to send it back to the Court of Appeals, to support the Court of Appeals ruling, to send it to the legislature to clarify, etc, etc.. The court can choose one or more of several options.

Background Information:

BTPL website: btpl.org

-About Us

-Information Regarding BTPL Service To Residents Of Bloomfield Hills

Questions and Answers Regarding BTPL Service to Residents of Bloomfield Hills (**pdf**)

Decision of the State of Michigan Court of Appeals, Nov. 8, 2005 (pdf)

State of Michigan in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland Summary Disposition Opinion and Order (pdf)

Michigan Library Association's Amicus Curiae Brief on Appeal (pdf)

Brief of Amicus Curiae Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund (**pdf**)

**STATE CONSTITUTION
CONSTITUTION OF MICHIGAN OF 1963**

Article VIII Education

§ 9 Public libraries, fines.

The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and support of public libraries which shall be available to all residents of the state under regulations adopted by the governing bodies thereof. All fines assessed and collected in the several counties, townships and cities for any breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively applied to the support of such public libraries, and county law libraries as provided by law.

**History: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, § 9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964
Former Constitution: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, § 14.**