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The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC), a specialized unit at the Michigan State University Libraries (MSU), contains the most comprehensive publicly available collection of turfgrass educational materials in the world. TIC has over 250,000 records in its primary database, the [Turfgrass Information File \(TGIF\)](#), with over 50% linked to the full-text of the item. Serving researchers, practitioners, and students around the world, TIC and the TGIF database help to fulfill [MSU's world-grant ideal](#).

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In our ongoing efforts to improve your experience using the TGIF database, please expect a new appearance of screens within the TGIF database over the course of 2016. Earlier in March the "unified login" page that Annual/Individual users and off-campus Academic users access has been updated.

As seen above, the TIC public website was also recently overhauled - all of the same content is there, just looking much nicer, and hopefully more navigable!

Should you notice something is broken or not working properly, please reach out and let us know either through a FB message, or via email: tgif@msu.edu



The Turfgrass Information Center is happy to announce the addition of a new face to the department!

Andrew has worked in the MSU Libraries' Special Collections as an intern and as a temporary librarian since September of 2013 where he has spearheaded the Special Collections Provenance Project, created exhibits, curated the MSU Student Activism Collection and coordinated its digitization. Andrew will be responsible for digital curation, indexing (keywording) records, and some collections management/development work. A warm welcome to Andrew!



Slide #6905 from the [Noer/Milorganite Image Collection](#):

" Wastebasket Attracts Lightning To Damage Tree; Edgewood Valley Chicago 8/5/57 "

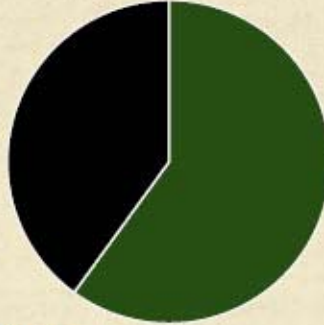
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The TGIF Database in 2015



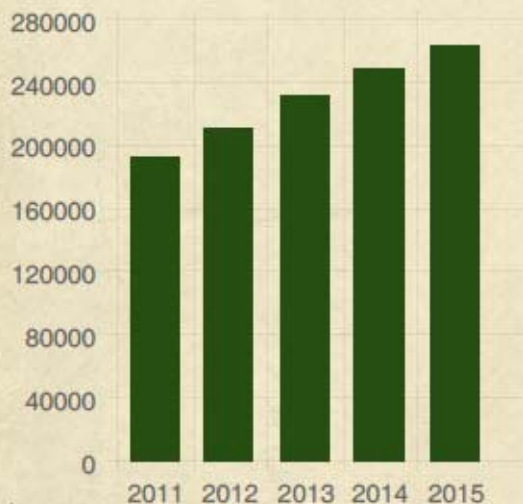
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Want more information on what happened to the Turfgrass Information Center and the TGIF database in 2015?

It's easy - check out the [2015 TIC Annual Report!](#)



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