

Mid-Michigan Library League

Weekly Update

April 16, 2008



Libraries go green:

Earth day is Tuesday, April 22nd. It is a time to make commitments to preserving our earth and its resources. Many libraries have decided to do their part by “going green”. Here are some ideas on how your library can “go green”.

- A good place to start for ideas is Green Libraries: www.greenlibraries.org
- Next change your library's light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs. The light bulbs produce less heat and use less energy than traditional light bulbs.
- Turn off computers when they are not in use.
- Encourage library users to purchase reusable library bags, or give them to patrons. To celebrate Earth Day, the Traverse Area District Library and their branches are giving out canvas reusable book bags on April 22nd. To see sample canvas bags visit: http://www.gaylordmart.com/search.asp?search_type=desc&search_by_desc=canvas+bag
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle: Think about ways you can reduce library waste, think about ways your library can reuse containers and boxes, and finally recycle. If you don't have a recycling center near you, see if a volunteer will handle the recycling. Used office paper, cardboard, and bottles are easy to recycle and go a long ways in helping to make your library “green”.
- Gather ideas from other libraries. To read about libraries that have gone “green” visit: <http://www.greenlibraries.org/directory.html>
- Partner with Better World Books to sell your library discards and gift book donations. They have saved over 6,454 tons of books from landfills, reclaimed more than 680,000 pounds of metal shelving from libraries across the United States, and 2,376 tons of carbons were offset by Betterworld.com sales. For more information visit: <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/>

MeL Delivery Renewal:

The Michigan Library Consortium asks that each year libraries indicate whether or not they are going to renew their subscription to MeL Delivery. Subscriptions for MeL Delivery run from July to June. Regardless of when you started MeL Delivery, it is MLC's policy that libraries complete the renewal process for the next subscription year (July-

June) by May 30th. MMLL will be paying the renewal invoices for those libraries who choose to renew their subscriptions.

Videogames results:

We have received support for the MMLL purchasing of Videogame equipment. Once the equipment is purchased and ready for check out, you, our members, will be notified.

Hunt's Guide to Michigan's Upper Peninsula:

We have received more than 10 orders for Hunt's Guide to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We will be taking orders for a few more weeks, and then we will place the order. The books will be shipped to the cooperative, and we will then send them to the ordering libraries upon arrival.

Member Library News:

The Missaukee District Library is having a Family History & Genealogy Day on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. The day will continue with a program hosted by the Missaukee Area Historical Society at their museum in the county park from 2 to 5 p.m. Donations collected at the event will be used toward the purchase of Ancestry.com for the library.

Agenda:

10 a.m.: Event Begins

10:15 a.m.: Opening Statements & Library History

10:15 to 11 a.m.: *Help with researching Revolutionary War Veterans*
Presenter Kim Hardy, Vice President Family Historical Society

11:15 to Noon: *Beyond 'Ancestry' - Online Genealogy Resources*
Presenter Debra Dudek, Missaukee District Library Director

12:15 to 12:45 p.m.: *The Power of Persistence in Research—*
Presenter Dr. Richard Cochran, Dean of Ferris State University Libraries

1 p.m.: Library Closes/Lunch Break

2 p.m.: Afternoon program begins at the Missaukee Area Historical Society Museum in the county park

To register or for more information contact the library: 231-839-2166

Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference:

The next Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 - Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme.

Dragon dinosaur:

A 66 million year-old dragon-like dinosaur's name was picked due to its likeness to fantastical creatures in the Harry Potter books. The Dracorex Hogwartsia is on display at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis, IN. To read the article visit:

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_america/article724781.ece

MMLL Schedule and Upcoming Events:

April 22, 2008: QSAC workshop: 1:00 – 4:45

Location: Cadillac Wexford Public Library

.3 CEUs

Cost: free

Registration: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18668-174177--,00.html

April 23, 2008: MeL Databases Essentials Part A and B: 9:00 – 3:30

Location: Cadillac Wexford County Public Library

.6 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$20.00 per person Non-Member: \$30.00 per person

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshopsandevents.htm>

Current Number registered: 14

May 2, 2008: Marketing Workshop: 9:30 – 12:30

Presenter: Pamela Christensen, Peter White Public Library

Location: Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library

.3 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$20.00 per person Non-Member: \$30.00 per person

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshopsandevents.htm>

Current Number registered: 7

May 5, 2008: Invisible User workshop: 9:30 – 12:30

Presenter: Judith J. Field, Senior Lecturer, Wayne State University

Location: Traverse Area District Library

.3 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$20.00 per person Non-Member: \$30.00 per person

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshopsandevents.htm>

Current Number registered: 11

May 8, 2008: Advisory Council Meeting: 10:00

Location: Cadillac Wexford County Public Library

May 8, 2008: Internet Genealogy: 1:00 – 4:00

Presenter: Linda Koch, Allegan Public Library

Location: Cadillac Wexford County Public Library

.3 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$20.00 per person Non-Member: \$30.00 per person

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshopsandevents.htm>

Current Number registered: 11

May 19-20: New Directors Workshop (sponsored by Library of Michigan)

Location: North Central Michigan College

Registration: Closed

May 22: MMLL Board of Trustees Meeting: 10:00

Location: Mid-Michigan Library League

May 20-22: Beginning Workshop (sponsored by Library of Michigan)

Location: North Central Michigan College

Registration: http://michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18668-142368--,00.html

June 4, 2008: MeL Cat preparation session: 9:30-12:00

Presenter: Anne Donohue, Michigan Library consortium

Location: Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library

Cost: free

Current Number registered: 4

June 12, 2008: Measuring Your Impact workshop: 10:00 – 5:00

Sponsored by Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/Greater Midwest Region (NNLM/GMR)

Location: Traverse Area District Library

Cost: FREE

Registration: Chris Allen, 231- 935-9265 or callen@mhc.net

Flyer: <http://www.mml.org/workshops/measuringyourimpact.pdf>

Black Belt Librarian: October 7, 2008: 9:00 – 4:00

Presenter: Warren Graham, nationally renowned security, safety and customer service consultant recognized for his unique approach to personal and professional safety.

Location: Traverse Area District Library

.6 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$25.00 per person Non-Member: \$35.00 per person

Registration: Coming soon