

# Mid-Michigan Library League

## Weekly Update

March 5, 2008



### Oprah's Book Club – Kid's Reading List :

#### **Recommended Reading for Infants to Age 2**

1. *Hug* by Jez Alborough
2. *Max's Bedtime* by Rosemary Wells
3. *Shanna's Princess Show* by Jean Marzollo
4. *Counting Kisses* by Karen Katz
5. *When Mama Comes Home Tonight* by Eileen Sinelli
6. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.
7. *Duck Is Dirty* by Satoshi Kitamura
8. *Snoozers* by Sandra Boynton
9. *Baby Dance* by Ann Taylor
10. *Time for Bed* by Mem Fox
11. *The Adventures of Max the Minnow* by William Boniface
12. *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* by Ed Emberley
13. *No, David!* by David Shannon
14. *Little White Duck* by Walt Whippo

#### **Recommended Reading for Ages 3 to 5**

1. *What Mommies/Daddies Do Best* by Laura Numeroff
2. *Chewy Louie* by Howie Schneider
3. *Beatrice's Goat* by Page McBrier
4. *I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato* by Lauren Child
5. *Doctor De Soto* by William Steig
6. *Who Am I?, What Am I?, I Can Roll!, I Can Fly!* by Alain Crozon and Lurelie Lanchais
7. *Charlie's Checklist* by Rory S. Lerman
8. *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Joffe Numeroff
9. *My Many Colored Days* by Dr. Seuss

10. *Ten Minutes Till Bedtime* by Peggy Rathman
11. *Is Your Mama a Llama* by Deborah Guarino
12. *Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats
13. *Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type* by Doreen Cronin

**Recommended Reading  
for Ages 6 to 9**

1. *Dodo Gets Married* by Petra Mathers
2. *The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson
3. *The Coin Counting Book* by Rozanne Lanczak Williams
4. *Freedom Summer* by Deborah Wiles
5. *Miss Alaineus A Vocabulary Disaster* by Debra Frasier
6. *Amelia Bedilia* by Peggy Parish
7. *Bunnicula* by Deborah and James Howe
8. *Mrs. Katz and Tush* by Patricia Polacco
9. *Pinky and Rex* by James Howe
10. *Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky* by Faith Ringgold (Illustrator), J. Davis (Editor)

**Recommended Reading  
for Ages 9 to 12**

1. *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
2. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
3. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
4. *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
5. *Holes* by Louis Sachar
6. *Kit's Wilderness* by David Almond
7. *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary
8. *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
9. *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
10. *Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin* by His Good Mouse Amous by Robert Lawson
11. *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
12. *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Source: [http://www.oprah.com/obc/kids/age12/obc\\_kids\\_l2\\_a.html](http://www.oprah.com/obc/kids/age12/obc_kids_l2_a.html)

**Advisory Council Meeting:**

The March 13<sup>th</sup> Advisory Council Meeting is an important one to attend as we will be discussing the Library of Michigan proposed State Aid funding model as well as the changes to the State Aid guidelines. Both of these issues affect library funding, the existence of cooperatives, and the requirements to receive State Aid. At the meeting, we will be taking a vote on the State Librarian's State Aid Proposal and the results will be shared with the Library of Michigan and State legislators.

Today, Jim Lawrence is attending the History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL) budget hearing in Lansing and on Friday he will be attending the Michigan Library Association Director's Submit at the Traverse Area District Library. At the Advisory Council meeting he will share the knowledge obtained at the meetings.

After the business portion of the meeting, Brian Lewis of Mackinaw Island Press will talk about what his company looks for when deciding on which books to print, qualifications of authors, and illustrators, and how they prepare books.

The meeting will be held at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library.

To print the agenda for the meeting go to:

<http://www.mml.org/AdCouncil/march132008agenda.pdf>

**Proposed State Aid Model Facts:**

The State Librarian, Nancy Robertson, has published a FAQ page that answers many of the comments that she has heard regarding the Library of Michigan proposed model for State Aid. [http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445\\_19270-186673--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270-186673--,00.html)

The comment period regarding the model concludes this month. We encourage each of our libraries to send their comments regarding the model to the State Librarian and their legislators. For contact information go to: <http://www.mml.org/fundingmodels.htm>

**Scieszka Named National Reading Ambassador:**

Popular children's author Jon Scieszka was appointed by the Library of Congress January 3 as the first National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Scieszka, the writer of *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* and the Caldecott Honor-winning *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*, will use his two-year term to promote reading and to reach out to reluctant readers through the media, personal appearances, and project development.

Modeled upon the U.K.'s Children's Laureate position, the program was created by LC's Center for the Book and the Children's Book Council (CBC), a publishing trade association. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington observed that this is a crucial time for creating young readers, noting the recent National Endowment for the Arts study "To Read or Not to Read," which highlighted the decline in American reading habits and proficiency. "We think it's very important to have an evangelist for reading," Billington said in the January 3 *Washington Post*.

"It was a great event with the perfect person chosen for this first-ever position," said Jane Marino, president of ALA's Association for Library Service to Children, who was in attendance at the official announcement in New York City. "Jon Scieszka today showed his ability to connect with kids as he read to and chatted with students from two local

schools. I know that Jon will do wonders over the next two years in giving children's books the visibility they deserve."

"Jon Scieszka's platform will spotlight the diversity and breadth of children's literature available today and in so doing present a solution to what can be done to change the state of reading in this county," CBC Executive Director Robin Adelson said in a January 3 press release.

Based on his contribution to young people's literature and his ability to relate to young readers, Scieszka was nominated by a five-member committee of children's literature experts, and Billington confirmed the decision. Scieszka, who will receive a \$50,000 stipend for his service, also runs Guys Read, a nonprofit program that encourages boys to become readers.

"All the stuff I've learned for boys seems to work for everybody," Scieszka said in the January 3 *Publishers Weekly*. "I'm speaking to that knucklehead in the back of the classroom, because that knucklehead was me."

*Posted January 4, 2008.*

Source:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/currentnews/newsarchive/2008/january2008/scieszka.cfm>

### **February Statistics:**

ILL:

Title Requests: 1091

Subject Requests: 17

DVD/CDs repaired: 14

### **Member Library News:**

Houghton Lake Public Library - In the most recent issue of Public Libraries (January/February 2008) the Houghton Lake Public Library's Great Stories CLUB is featured in an article written by Donna Alward. (CLUB stands for Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens, and Books). The program was a grant program which provided free books relevant to the challenges in the lives of at-risk teens. The library had book discussions, Jeopardy Challenge, and had the author Terry Trueman visit as part of the program.

### **MeL Delivery Update:**

The McBain Community Library now has their own MeL Delivery and there is no longer a need to send their items to REMC 2 South.

Starting in April, the Richland Township Library will be a participating MeL Delivery library.

To see the updated list of MeL Delivery libraries visit:

<http://www.mml.org/meldelivery.pdf>

**MMLL Schedule and Upcoming Events:**

**March 8, 2008: Wee Bit of Irish Genealogy:** 10:00 – 4:00

Location: Houghton Lake Public Library

.4 CEUs

Cost: free

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

Current Number registered: 1

**March 13, 2008: Advisory Council Meeting/Mackinaw Island Press:** 10:00

Location: Cadillac Wexford County Public Library

**March 27, 2008: MMLL Board of Trustees Meeting:** 10:00

Location: Mid-Michigan Library League

**March 28, 2008: Library Training Day/Annual Gathering:** 9:00 – 3:30

Location: Baker College of Cadillac

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

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

Current Number registered: 21

**April 2, 2008: Blogs, RSS, and Tagging:** 9:30 – 12:30

Presenter: Eli Neiburger, Tech Manager at Ann Arbor District Library

Location: Mason County District Library – Scottville

.3 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$20.00 per person Non-member: \$25.00

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

Current Number registered:6

**April 3, 2008: Videogames in the Library Workshop:** 9:00 – 3:00

Presenter: Eli Neiburger, Ann Arbor District Library

Location: Big Rapids Community Library

.5 CEUs

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

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

Current Number registered: 9

**April 11, 2008: Original Cataloging Primer Workshop:** 9:30-12:30

Presenter: Susan Pritts

Location: Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library

.3 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$20.00 per person Non-member: \$25.00

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

Current Number registered: 8

**April 14, 2008: Technology and your Library Workshop:** 9:00 – 1:00

Presenter: Edward Elsner, Director and Consultant, Delton District Library

Location: Morton Township 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: 5

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

Location: Mid-Michigan Library League

.3 CEUs

Cost: free

Registration: [http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451\\_18668-174177--,00.html](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: Mid-Michigan Library League

Registration: coming soon

.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: 4

**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: 6

**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: 6

**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: 8

**May 19-20: New Directors 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](http://michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18668-142368--,00.html)

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

Location:

**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](mailto:callen@mhc.net)

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

**Black Belt Librarian: October 7, 2008**

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