

Mid-Michigan Library League

Weekly Update

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Highlights of Research on Summer Reading and Effects on Student Achievement:

Source:

Celano, Donna and Susan B. Neuman. *The Role of Public Libraries in Children's Literacy Development: An Evaluation Report*. Pennsylvania Library Association, 2001.

In this 2001 LSTA-funded report, Drs. Donna Celano and Susan Neuman describe the ways in which public libraries foster literacy skills through **summer reading programs** and **preschool programs**. Recent literature they studied showed:

- Libraries continue to play a **major role in fostering literacy**, especially among those most needing assistance in developing literacy skills (e.g., preschool and elementary school children).
- Children who have been exposed to library preschool programs showed a greater number of **emergent literacy behaviors and pre-reading** skills than those in a control group.
- Children who participate in summer reading programs benefit from the many **literacy-related activities** offered, aiding significantly in literacy development.
- Public Library preschool and summer reading programs encourage children to **spend a significant amount of time with books**.

The research they conducted of summer reading programs in Philadelphia studied four groups of children with low reading scores who came from low-income working families. Two groups attended summer reading programs; the other two attended day camps. After a few weeks in the programs, the **children in the summer reading program read significantly better** than those who attended camp. This study also highlighted the following benefits:

- Programs encouraged children to spend **increased time** with books.
- Public Library reading programs played an important role in the **reading achievement of children who lack access to books** and other reading materials in their daily lives.
- Literacy-related activities and events **enriched reading experiences**, encouraging children to read themselves, hear stories read aloud and write about what they'd read.

- Public Library programs encouraged **parents** to become involved in children's reading.

Evaluation of the Public Library Summer Reading Program: Books and Beyond...Take Me to Your Reader! Final Report, December, 2001 by the Evaluation and Training Institute for the Los Angeles County Public Library Foundation. Study results included:

- 98% of the participating students reported they liked the program
- 99% stated they liked going to the library.
- There was an 11% increase in the number of parents reading to their children more than 15 hours/week.
- Before the summer, 77% of parents reported their child read 9 hours or less/week. During the summer, there was a 9% increase in the number of children reading 10-14 hours/week and the number of children reading 15 or more books/week rose 11%.
- Teachers reported on over 900 participating and non-participating students.
 - o 55% who participated had a high enthusiasm for reading versus less than 40% of non-participants.
 - o More of the participants versus the non-participating students performed at or above grade level in: word recognition, reading vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- Student perceptions concurred with teacher reports.

Document source: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.pdf>

Ethics Workshop:

Streaming video of the "Libraries & Ethics workshop" is now available. This training is free and participants can earn .5 CEUs. Handouts, which supplement the training, are on the web site. This training works for very well in groups and can be incorporated into a staff training day as well as viewed on an individual basis.

Streaming video: www.mml.org/Workshops/librariesandethics09.htm

PBS Children's programming:

MMLL will begin sponsoring PBS children's programming starting June 1st. Each library is being sent a poster detailing the sponsoring. We ask that you display this poster and PBS related material in an area where families will view it.

As part of the PBS sponsorship, the mylocallibrary.org site was created so that viewers of the underwriting spot have a place to go for more information. On the site is a list of Summer Reading program events;

<http://www.mylocallibrary.org/summerreadingprogramevents.htm>. To have your items added to the list, send them to Holly Mercer– holly@mml.org

Broadband Summit:

MMLL Director, Jim, attended the Broadband Summit held in Lansing last week. At the Summit, he learned that there are grants funds that will be dispersed to help communities have broadband access. The project is in the beginning stages, and more information should be available in the next few weeks. The reason for the broadband funding is that there is not enough broadband in most areas to support new technologies, such as high definition television.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

The MMLL Board of Trustees had their May meeting last week. To read the minutes from the meeting go to: www.mml.org/Board%20Minutes/may212009.pdf

Overdrive:

Below is a list of libraries (in this geographical area) currently **interested** in Overdrive. The spreadsheet is the third pricing structure, price by population size, that was discussed last week. The price per library will decrease as more libraries express their interest. If you are interested in Overdrive, or would like pricing information, and you are not on the list, contact either the MMLL office, or Larry Haines at the Cadillac-Wexford Public Library; hainesl@cadillaclibrary.org

The list below is not a commitment to participate in Overdrive. Some of the libraries are listed because they expressed a desire to get pricing information only.

The deadline for expressing interest or getting pricing information is **June 15th**. Many libraries would like to move forward with this soon. Once a final list of participating libraries is determined, it will take approximately three months for Overdrive to organize the material and create a MMLL account.

	Libraries	pop served	%	\$\$\$
1	Cadillac	32,794	13.90%	\$2,502.22
2	Otsego County Library	23,301	9.88%	\$1,777.90
3	Hart Area Public Library	8,500	3.60%	\$648.56
4	Mason County District Library	28,800	12.21%	\$2,197.48
5	TADL	86,465	36.65%	\$6,597.39
6	Benzonia Public Library	4,158	1.76%	\$317.26
7	Leland Township Library	5,710	2.42%	\$435.68
8	Pentwater Township Library	1,954	0.83%	\$149.09
9	Luther Area Public Library	3,540	1.50%	\$270.11
10	Kalkaska County Library	16,571	7.02%	\$1,264.39
11	Surrey Township Public Library	9,260	3.93%	\$706.55
12	Bellaire Public Library	3,869	1.64%	\$295.21
13	Glen Lake Community Library	3,450	1.46%	\$263.24
14	Jordan Valley District Library	7,535	3.19%	\$574.93
15			0.00%	\$0.00
32			0.00%	\$0.00
		235,907	100.00%	\$18,000.00

2009-10 Great Michigan Reads:

The Michigan Humanities Council has announced the 09-10 “Great Michigan Read” book, *Stealing Buddha’s Dinner*.

“With a statewide focus on a single book, the Michigan Humanities Council’s *Great Michigan Read* encourages Michiganians to learn more about their state, their history, and their society. The Council’s free supporting programming will focus on three themes: immigration stories, cultural understanding, and contemporary history.”

Partner organizations (including libraries) can [register online](#) for **free copies** of supporting materials and will be eligible for Council grants for related programming.

Readers of *The Detroit Free Press* will receive a **free** *Great Michigan Read* supplement, featuring a full chapter from the book, in the October 9, 2009 edition of the paper. Additional free copies of the supplement will be available to partner organizations and classrooms. On October 13-17, 2009, the Council will feature Nguyen on a five-city author tour, with stops in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Metro Detroit, Midland, and Traverse City. All appearances are free and open to the public. Other programs and resources, including a teacher’s guide, special media projects, and Facebook applications, will debut throughout the year. The 2009-10 *Great Michigan Read* will conclude with a Michigan Author Homecoming, scheduled for April 2010.

This is the Council’s second *Great Michigan Read*. The 2007-08 initiative featured Ernest Hemingway’s *The Nick Adams Stories*, inspiring more than 500 programs, events, and activities in 75 of the state’s 83 counties. Highlights included a six-city author tour with Valerie Hemingway and a Michigan Author Homecoming with Richard Ford, Jim Harrison, and Thomas McGuane.

For more information go to:

<http://www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/index.php>

MLA Communities of Practice:

On May 19th, the Michigan Library Association, launched “Communities of Practice”. “Communities of Practice (CoPs) create and archive knowledge, develop and document best practices, solve problems and build relationships among professionals.”

There are five pilot Community of Practices:

1) Economic Development Pilot Community of Practice

This pilot is intended for business librarians or any librarians that serve, or would like to serve, their business community. The primary goal of the Economic Development CoP is to provide training/best practices for service to the business community and to develop partnerships/relationships with other librarians who serve business communities for the purpose of sharing ideas and strategies. This pilot intends to produce a best practices toolkit and develop mechanisms/formulas and tools that librarians can use to show the measurable impact that they have had on their community’s economic development. Participants will learn outreach techniques to interface with the business community. Participants will become familiar with economic development best practices.
Leader - Elizabeth Kudwa (Capital Area District Library)

2) Engaging Tweens and Teens @ Your Library Pilot Community of Practice

This pilot is intended for those interested in advancing youth services for children ages

11 to 16. Its goals are to provide a forum for mutual collaboration and support, and to identify and promote best practices in youth services. It intends to develop a resource book or an online resource including tween and teen programs, program aids and samples. Participants will acquire increased confidence in creating relevant programs, participate in creating a new knowledge base and become skilled in researching and establishing valuable community partnerships.

Leader - Michele Brussow (Capital Area District Library)

3) Library Technologies

This pilot is intended for any MLA member with an interest in sharing ideas and expertise regarding the use of technology in all types of libraries. Its goal is to provide a forum for community members to share ideas and experiences related to library technologies, discuss current issues and engage in in-person and online networking. It seeks to hold two to three in-person networking opportunities – Community of Practice Day; one to two other face-to-face events, probably in the form of “Techno Tours” a library or other facility with an interesting technology project to share, or “Tech Talks” at a host library to discuss a particular issue/problem/service – and two to three scheduled online real-time discussions on specific topics.

Leader - Sara Memmott (Eastern Michigan University)

4) Special Collections This pilot is intended for librarians responsible for special collections within their libraries. Its goal is to share knowledge, information and best practices about the administration of library special collections on a statewide basis. It plans to produce a best practices toolkit for housing and preservation of special collections and to submit a a spring 2010 Special Collections Librarianship workshop proposal. Participants in the CoP will learn how to administer the physical and environmental well-being of a special collection Workshop participants will get an overview of the existence and importance of special collections in Michigan, as well as gain knowledge on the administration of the physical and environmental maintenance of such collections.

Leader - Cindy Krolkowski (Wayne State University)

5) Work/Life Balance

This pilot is for librarians who are the parents of young children. As librarian demographics trend toward younger librarians in the workforce, many libraries in Michigan will see more librarians becoming parents. This Community of Practice will focus on balancing work and young children. It aims to produce a best practices paper about balancing work and family life and will survey members to find out if they used the information discussed to change the way they do something at work.

Leader - Holly Flynn (Michigan State University)

For more information go to: <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/cops>

MMLL Schedule and Upcoming Events:

June 8, 2009: Securing Support: Developing Relationships and Defining Library Value:

1:00 – 4:00

Presenter: Karren Reish, Library of Michigan

Location: Baker College of Cadillac

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshops/libraryadvocacy09.htm>

Current Number registered: 9

June 11, 2009: Creating Dynamic Documents in MSWord 2007 Workshop: 9:00-3:45

Presenter: Kim Frazho, Technology Coordinator/Trainer for the Houghton Lake Public Library.

Location: Mid-Michigan Library League

.5 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$10.00 per person Non-Member: \$20.00 per person

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshops/word09.htm>

Current Number registered: 15 – Class full

June 12, 2009: Advanced Word: 9:00-3:45

Presenter: Kim Frazho, Technology Coordinator/Trainer for the Houghton Lake Public Library.

Location: Mid-Michigan Library League

.5 CEUs

Cost: MMLL Member: \$10.00 per person Non-Member: \$20.00 per person

Registration: <http://www.mml.org/Workshops/word09.htm>

Current Number registered: 9

If you have an idea for a workshop or continuing education event, please let us know! Call or email MMLL, holly@mml.org, with your suggestions.