

Advisory Council Meeting

Dec. 29 10:00am

Present and what's up with their library:

Patty at White Pine District: Staying the same since mid June. Open for limited patrons, limited hours and no Sat. offering curbside as well. Virtual Story Time and Busy Bags. Holiday Activity bags for families. Filling mini libraries.

Amy at Luther: Open- for the moment anyway. Open limited: M, W, F and Saturday. Doing alright right now. New to this.

Justine at Seville: Open with reduced hours 10-3:00 Just starting virtual Story time and have added a new mascot, Mr. Dragon! New to this whole thing. Have not seen RIDES for nearly 3 weeks. She did put in a help ticket, but they are not coming.

Cory at Walton Erickson Public: Staying the same since June. Limited hours

Cindi at Bellaire: Closed back in Dec. Covid has been really high in her area. Offering curbside and virtual programming of all kinds. Just starting a program at the local jail (Patty has had a Jail Program for over a year at the Montcalm County Jail- ask if you have questions)

Cindi had many great virtual programming ideas. We are welcome to "borrow" any of hers. Suggests that you call and get the all clear before you offer links to programs from other libraries. Some are not public domain and have a paid quota or copyright. Here are some of her other ideas: Midland Center for the Arts, Pinterest- free virtual programs, field trips, tours or escape rooms. Authors like Mo Willems offered an art lunch hour, Take Bellaire's links, Pebble Go from MeL or Kahn Academy links, Prescription to Read (out of Canada) Mich lib-I and Library of Mich offer links to some too! We need to share these.

Currently- Library of Mich has MI Library Quest. Think it is too late to add your library to the Clue portion but still can offer the activity to your teens. Cindi will send out info on Directors email.

MiLibraryQuest: Mystery Edition 2021 runs from Jan. 1-Feb.14, 2021.

State Aid Annual Report- reminder to get started or finish! Librarians get State Aid paid in order of submission. Call or email Joe Hamlin (hamlinj2@michigan.gov , 517-335-1501)with questions.

Open meetings Act virtual rules has been extended through March, so library board may still meet virtually.

Advisory Council will continue to meet bi-monthly but with the first meeting of the month as a less formal, what do you need type and the second more formal and by agenda. It was suggested to meet the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Tuesday, 10am. We will confirm with rest of AC by email if this is OK.

Mini Grants for first round should have been submitted. Second round will be coming up.

Don't forget to do and also have your staff do the survey about continuing ed. Cindi will resend this request. The link to this survey is: <https://forms.gle/SMp1GzC7NKvb13uw5>

The \$8000 for e-resources will be spent in Overdrive- half has already been spent on purchasing audiobooks for our Advantage Plus Account and half later. Mostly audio books in the first round. Please continue to send suggestions for Overdrive purchases to MMLLdirectors@googlegroups.com.