

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
October 25, 2022, 10:00am



Meeting notes



1. Call to order, Introductions

On the Zoom call, participants included: Laura Marion (Missaukee), Julie Preneta (Leelanau), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Eric Smith (MCDL), Patty Rockafellow (White Pine), Cindi Place (Bellaire), Sarah Genereaux-Maddox (Marion), Kathleen Rash (Hart), Jennifer Balcom (new MMLL director), Sheryl Mase (outgoing MMLL director)

2. Director's Report

Sheryl Mase covered several topics quickly:

- Jennifer Balcom begins as your new co-op director full-time on November 1, 2022.
- The State Aid reporting system is open for filing annual reports – make sure you submit yours by February 1, 2023.
- State Aid per capita for 2023 will be \$.503478
- At the annual Michigan Library Association conference in Port Huron, the LeRoy Community Library was recognized via the State Librarian's Excellence Award program, given a Citation of Excellence for their great service.
- Thank you to Cindi Place (Bellaire) for serving on the MLA conference committee.
- Emergency Connectivity Fund – we are still waiting to hear about funding for the final round. We asked for another 12 months of data service for the WiFi hotspots. Current service should run through December.
- The tech hours (Emergency Geek) and the Legal Service hours (Anne Seuryneck) have been re-set for FY23, back to four hours tech and one hour legal.
- Up North Digital steering committee will be considering the RLA – reciprocal lending arrangement – with OverDrive, now an option. It allows much more access for patrons to other content groups in the state.
- The grant project “Libraries as Mental Health Hubs” is ongoing, and the training in mental health first aid has been well-received and is highly recommended if you can find the time to take it. <https://www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/register/222/page1.asp?m=341&c=7217>
- There will be a Broadband Summit in Holland on November 3rd. Eric Frederick is now at the helm of Michigan's “MIHI” office.
- There is *hope* for a small/rural libraries conference in the closer future than Library of Michigan is able to offer. It would be a collaboration between the MCDA (co-op association) and MLA and could be spring of 2024 or as a pre-conference for a fall MLA conference. Stay tuned.
- We are aware if a millage vote on the ballot for Leelanau Twp (.5 mills) – Best wishes! There may be others in the co-op as well, may all have positive results!

3. Committees – need to refresh for FY23.

The co-chairs of the Advisory Council for FY23 are Cindi Place (Bellaire) and Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac)
They will send out information about the committees. Think about volunteering for the following:

- a. eResources Committee
- b. Maker Team
- c. Youth Services
- d. Continuing Education
- e. Mini-Grants

4. Specific topics

- Patty Rockafellow will be retiring her position on the MMLL Board. Group nine will need a new representative to take her place. She will send a message out to the Group nine directors and they will need to find representation – it could be a director/library staff person or a trustee/public representative.
- White Pine District Library will be moving to a refurbished building and will have a connection to the MiSEN – state education network. Contact your ISD tech director for information. We will try to get the State E-rate Coordinator to speak at an upcoming Advisory Council meeting.
- Eric Smith shared a link to the helpful Public Library Director's HR Toolkit:
<https://www.alastore.ala.org/PLhr>

Next meeting:

- Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022 10:00 AM (formal)