MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
November 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting notes

On the Zoom Call:
- Cindi Place – Bellaire, AC Chair
- Eric Smith – MCDL (Ludington)
- David Diller – Glen Lake
- Patty Rockafellow – White Pine District
- Kathleen Rash – Hart Area

- Mark Morton – Leland Twp
- Justine Peterson – Seville Twp
- Lauren Moran – Big Rapids
- Tiffany Haight – Shelby Area District
- Laura Marion – Missaukee (affiliate)

1. Director's Report –
   a. ARPA – There are two ARPA statewide grants for public libraries:
      1) The MI-83 TLC Kits program has been announced. All that is required of you is to complete the request online by **December 13th** and ask for the equipment you are interested in receiving. If you receive a computing device (laptop or Chromebook), you will need to comply with CIPA and filter. There are kits for creating virtual programming, and for outside programs as well. Sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZTjc-mJ2STV_rnkFydPUV1G_iw7XCIpiNz2ti7WT928Lirw/viewform?usp=sf_link. All requests will be granted unless the total exceeds available funding, in which case the poverty and unemployment measures will be applied to prioritize need.
      2) The MI-83 DLC Content program will be announced by OverDrive consortium, beginning with the standalone systems, followed by the shared content groups like ours (Up North Digital). Libraries will receive information about the amount of content credit they will have to use to purchase one copy/one user titles from curated lists on the non-fiction topics covered by the grant (education, health, job-seeking skills, and workforce development), and will have the option to give the credit to the consortium or to keep it for their local Advantage account. Stay tuned for more information.
   b. Emergency Connectivity Fund program – Our ECF application for 25 of our members has been funded. Sheryl is working with Janelle Morgan of Elite Fund on ordering and making sure the fund is reimbursing properly. Please read the information on our website about ECF (under grants: https://www.mmll.org/a/grants). More resources will be coming for those libraries getting equipment to check out to patrons (computing devices and hotspots), such as a sample sign-out sheet and example procedures.
2. Committees
   a. Mini-Grants Committee (Tracy, Laura, Kathleen) – Round One of the mini-grant program has been announced; applications are due **January 7, 2022**. See https://www.mmll.org/a/grants
   b. Continuing Education Committee (Tiffany, Debra) – they are going to work on a survey to send out in the new year
   c. eResources Committee (David, Cindi) – this team will pay attention to any new eResources deals that we might want to look into for group discount or co-op purchase.

d. Maker Team (Cora, Mark, Lauren) – there has been a survey out from this group – please respond if you have not already: https://forms.gle/R81sXRCcFwjFTwKY6 . The plan is to reduce the number of kits we have and potentially add a few more big ticket items.

e. Youth Committee (Sarah, Theodora) – the MMLLyouth@googlegroups.com list is growing, and connections are being made between those working with youth in the co-op to share resources and ideas. Please let your staff know (and sign up yourself!) – also there is a google drive with youth resources now too.

3. Other - Censorship and book challenges have been happening in many Michigan public libraries. The group had a discussion and has the intention of sharing stories and supporting each other during these challenges. Make sure you have a good collection development policy with a reconsideration process in place, should you receive a challenge.

Upcoming meetings:
- Tuesday, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m. (formal)
- Tuesday, Jan. 11, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m. (formal)

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