

1. The group went around and gave updates:
 - a. Tracy (CWPL) – their current children’s librarian put in notice and is leaving at the end of the week. This is a wonderful full-time job that has been hard to keep filled since Tracy became the director. They are getting new security cameras – much better than the old. And, quotes for the roof are very high, probably due to coronavirus.
 - b. Eric (MCDL) – they have gone back to curbside only service and have not been met with angry patrons, luckily, and their facebook page is nicely positive.
 - c. Jean (Surrey) – they have greatly reduced hours but have lockers for pickup and patrons are positive and grateful. Jean has been watching Clare, as the Chamber of Commerce is encouraging shopping and gatherings that may not all be very safe.
 - d. Patty (WPDL) – they remain open (since June 17) for five at a time in the library and are doing virtual storytime, take & make crafts, and joining others in the community with window displays. Sadly, no town celebrations or staff party this holiday season, and the engineer she needs to talk with about her new building will not call her back. They give out free home-made masks at the little free libraries and their circulating hot spots have been very popular. Patty is still planning to go to the Dominican Republic this month and hopes to not have to still be in quarantine when her new grandbaby is born!
 - e. Diane (McBain) – they are open and very slow. The whole school, K-12, is closed perhaps through the holiday. Diane is having lots of trouble getting AT&T to call her/email her back about WiFi hot spots. That is the best bet for her community, of the cellular carriers.
 - f. Stacy (BSDL) – they are open and have checked in with their health department to be sure. They have limited hours and are working with the other nearby libraries so at least one has evening hours. Their chrome books and WiFi hot spots are very popular. As far as the addition, there is a problem with the power pole, so the project is in a pause, but they have a lovely porta-potty outside their staff room window (sigh).
 - g. Sherma (RTL) – they are open to limited numbers, participating in local toys for tots, and their little free library is popular. She has been waiting to hear back from T-Mobile about WiFi hot spots and others helped her with contact information. Richland Twp will be closed from Dec. 24 – Jan. 1.
 - h. Cory (Walton Erickson) – we lost her connection during updates

2. Director report – Sheryl said the Board approved the budget adjustment so that \$8,000 will go toward setting up an Advantage account for Up North Digital so we can purchase more audiobooks now that RBdigital service is gone. Cindi Place, David Diller, and Tracy Logan-Walker are teaming up to purchase titles for the co-op. They will decide which to share via Advantage Plus with the Northland members of Up North Digital. Also, the trustee mailing went out to all member library trustees for whom Sheryl had a snail mail address. She sent each director a copy of the materials that were mailed out the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Sheryl will work on adding more trustee resources to the website and will try to get a December newsletter out.

3. The Mini-Grant program has been open, find it here: <https://www.mml.org/a/grants> First round deadline is **DECEMBER 11th, 2020**. The rest of the increase in state aid funds coming to the co-op are allocated now to the mini-grants program (an extra \$8,000 – bringing the grand total to \$23,000!)
4. The maker team has not yet met.
5. Continuing education/professional development – the group began a discussion about the needs for CE among the membership, and Cindi Place offered to create a quick survey of topics in order to know what is a hit or miss. Sheryl will put what she knows about in virtual format in the newsletter. We may be able to set up a sharing system for programming so we could have a group discount and some coordination.

Upcoming meetings:

Dec 15, 2020 10:00 AM

Dec 29, 2020 10:00 AM

Jan 12, 2021 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2Hurn5h>

Meeting ID: 810 2135 3871

Passcode: MMLL

~OR~

By phone, dial: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 810 2135 3871

Passcode: 498355

midmichlib@googlegroups.com

This is the Mid-Michigan Library League discussion list for its members and affiliates. Members may use this list to ask questions of their colleagues or share information with the group.

MMLLdirectors@googlegroups.com

This is a group email list of all directors of libraries in the Mid-Michigan Library League.

MMLLyouth@googlegroups.com

This is a group email for Mid-Michigan Library League members interested in sharing information about youth services.

MMLLapollo@googlegroups.com

Members of Mid-Michigan Library League who use the Biblionix Apollo ILS

If you want to be added to any of these, please let me know. All directors are on the MMLLdirectors list as well as the midmichlib list. All Board members are on the midmichlib list. The other two – MMLLyouth and MMLLapollo are whoever wants to be on them. Please use these lists to talk to your colleagues.

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