

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
December 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Meeting notes

On the Zoom Call:

- Cindi Place – Bellaire, AC Chair
- Eric Smith – MCDL (Ludington)
- Kathleen Rash – Hart Area
- Sherma Horrocks – Richland Twp
- Tracy Logan Walker - Cadillac
- Tiffany Haight – Shelby Area District
- Laura Marion – Missaukee (affiliate)
- Sheryl Mase – MMLL director

1. Updates from members

- a. Tracy – it is going to be a “brag year” to brag about all the great things the library does for the community! This is to get some chatter ahead of the millage campaign.
- b. Laura – chugging along
- c. Eric – he has compiled a 45-page Board packet which includes a 16-page Intellectual Freedom/Collection Development policy which he will share. (This resource is now available in our MMLL Google drive along with a document with links to more resources: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YPnT7bMZ5RICJKyA2PDHilChw99RPdg4>)
- d. Sherma – she is looking into programs for the coming year for summer and other.
- e. Tiffany – they completed the Celebration of the Trees and made \$3,800 and have also started up adult programming again.
- f. Kathleen – things are relatively “normal.” She has had staff out due to COVID
- g. Cindi – they are getting slowly back to regular, including a soup cookoff program that say 1,043 people coming through the library in one day(!!!). She hopes there is no fallout from the event, since people were eating and without masks.
- h. Jean – Surrey Twp Library is going back to requiring masks for everyone. She shared a lovely program they created that gives library dollars for every book checked out which patrons can spend at certain times of the year. The library staff purchases many things that are useful for folks to spend their library dollars on – holiday gifts, back to school supplies, etc.

2. Committees

- a. Mini-Grants – the program has been announced for FY22 and resources are on the website at <https://www.mml.org/a/grants>. First round applications are due January 7th, 2022.
- b. Continuing Education – they will send members a survey in the new year
- c. eResources – haven’t met. Ancestry will no longer allow remote usage (again).
- d. Youth – they are working on a good day/time to meet via Zoom to collaborate together. Cindi mentioned Zoom for MiLibQuest in February and the idea of using Niche Academy was raised.
- e. Maker/STEM team – no report

3. Director’s Report –

- a. ARPA – There are two ARPA statewide grants for public libraries:

- The **MI-83 TLC Kits** program request deadline has passed and information will be forthcoming on which libraries will get what resources. Most will be granted! The program is based on need (poverty, SNAP, unemployment, etc.). MMLL had 26 complete their requests. Stay tuned for an email from Steve Bowers at TLN. These resources will be sent directly from the vendor(s) and there will be waves of distribution which should be complete in time the statewide marketing portion to roll out in May.
 - The **MI-83 DLC Content** program will roll out in waves as well, beginning with the standalone systems. Those libraries not participating in an OverDrive content group will be given the opportunity to be in a uniquely created group just for the content credit they are awarded via this ARPA grant. They will only see the content they select, and will need to connect their patrons to this content by providing the link/information on how to access. The shared content groups will be handled in a separate wave, and most of our member libraries are in Up North Digital. The choice you will be given is whether to give all the content credit you are awarded to Up North Digital, to keep it all for a local Advantage account, or to split it 50-50 between the shared group and the local Advantage account. Members will be encouraged to use the Advantage Plus designation to make the resources available to the consortium, with local patrons prioritized for access. Stay tuned for information about the amount of content credit you 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).
- 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.mml.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, example procedures, and resources for filtering, etc.
4. Specific topics/open Q&A and discussion
- a. Apollo Collaboration Update - the Apollo group of five libraries will begin to use the union catalog feature and honor reciprocal borrowing between participants. More Apollo libraries can join quarterly, with the next opportunity at the end of March 2022
 - b. Challenges to specific books, programs, or collections? – the group agreed to make this a topic of discussion at the next formal AC meeting, which will be Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022
 - c. State Aid Report questions? – Joe Hamlin at the Library of Michigan is very helpful if you have questions. Cindi at Bellaire has shared a spreadsheet she uses that greatly helps her to complete the annual state aid report. Don't forget your reports are due no later than Feb 1, 2022!

Upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, Jan. 11, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m. (formal)

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