

1. The group went around and gave updates:
 - a. Tracy (CWPL) – her board is finally meeting virtually after realizing they should; there was another anti-masker patron screaming obscenities at the library, luckily they left without the need to call police; they are distributing holiday greeting cards all ready to be mailed to residents of area nursing homes and already 100 have been picked up for completion and mailing.
 - b. Sherma (RTL) – the library can have 10 people at a time and so far all is well and staff are healthy.
 - c. Cora (Leelanau) – they are staffing with only one person at a time, since the library is so small and only 6 can be inside at once; there is a virtual sewing club now, mostly appealing to 8 and 9 year olds, also a virtual reading club, coordinating with others in the county; snowshoes are the latest cool thing to check out!
 - d. Cindi (Bellaire) – they are back to curbside only and linking indoor services of the library to decisions made by the county emergency manager who has the county shut down for now/by appointment only; the library will still make the laptop available but not in the vestibule – the patrons can take it to their car to use
 - e. Amanda (Benzonia) – they are doing curbside only and no computer use indoors right now; sadly, a staff member lost her mom to COVID-19; they have to do virtual versions of their annual programs that draw so many people in person, but are still doing the remembering Benzie oral history project using proper precautions
 - f. Justine (Seville) – they decided to go ahead with lots of goody bags to distribute for the holidays; someone volunteered to paint the window (nice); masking is happening properly by the public
 - g. Amy (Luther) – the library is open 4 days and computer use is the most important for the community; they are doing some virtual and some on-your-own kinds of programming
2. Director report – there was a discussion of whether the co-op should renew the lease at the current location or move to a virtual office (in which the director works remotely). The need would be for a location to house files, and at which the mail could be received and transfers of paperwork between the director and bookkeeper occur. Cadillac has very little space and cannot offer. Other libraries are not that close for the director, but we will keep looking into other options before (most likely) deciding on the lease renewal.
3. The Mini-Grant program, round 1 deadline of December 11, 2020 has passed and the committee (Tracy Logan-Walker, Diane Eisenga, and Kathleen Rash) will be looking at the 17 applications submitted for funding. Award announcements will be made January 11, 2021. Round 2 will be announced in February. More information is on the website at: <https://www.mml.org/a/grants>
4. The maker team has not yet met. Several libraries were able to benefit from a grant for circulating maker kits which have been very popular.

5. Continuing education/professional development – Cindi Place created a quick survey of topics in order to know what is a hit or miss. Please respond and encourage your staff to respond as well. The link to the survey is: <https://forms.gle/SMp1GzC7NKvb13uw5>

Upcoming meetings:

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

Group Email lists - This information is posted on the MMLL website: <https://www.mml.org/about-us/email-list-information/email-list-information>