

1. The group went around and gave updates:
  - Eric Smith (MCDL) – Their Board wants to be super careful and will make the decision on whether or not to open for in-library browsing at their March meeting. They are doing curbside. Connect Mason County is drawing participants. Eric is surprised at all the data cap tools in use (hot spots, satellite) – not very dependable Internet service in their county.
  - Justine Peterson (Seville) – The dragon naming contest is in its final stages. They noticed a crack in their plate glass window and it will need to be replaced. Justine is looking into an ARSL (association for rural & small libraries) scholarship or event.
  - Patty Rockafellow (White Pine) – She is wondering which libraries are still doing extensive quarantining of their materials. Most said they are, but several are reducing the amount of time. Some are wiping down and re-shelving in the same day.
  - Tracy Logan-Walker (CWPL) – Their Board is still waiting to open for in-person browsing, but Tracy is emphasizing that they are OPEN for many services and is trying to get staff more positive about what they CAN do. She is hopeful about the youth librarian hire, and has hired 2 of the 4 clerk positions.
  - Diane Eisenga (McBain) – The school and library have been open. They are wiping down materials that are circulated or off the shelf before re-shelving.
  - David Diller (Glen Lake) – Their wonderful newly renovated building affords the space needed to allow in-person use. Patrons are respectful of mask wearing and social distancing. Circ is up, and they quarantine for 2 days and wipe down covers. They are participating with other libraries in the county to offer virtual programs (great cooking demo), and processing the Newton’s Road STEM kits for circulation. They will go for a millage renewal in August.
  - Sue Riegler (Alden) – They have re-scheduled their outdoor festival (it was too cold the other times) and hope to have a nice program. The health department is using the building for clinics and the library has to close when this happens, due to close space in vestibule.
  - Juliane Schafer (MTPL) – They are doing okay and wondering about how to do summer reading this year.
  - Laura Jacobson-Pentces (LeRoy) – They have been making “busy bags” for pre-K up to about 6<sup>th</sup> grade that have crafts and coding and other cool stuff. Their website will be ready soon, and their facebook page gets activity. She is looking at planning a stuffy sleepover (kids have their stuffed animals sleep over at the library) and other ideas from an Ontario library website. Laura has furs and skulls from her previous job (environmental ed) and is willing to loan them.
  - Lauren Moran (Big Rapids) – They have been open for in-library browsing since Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. They are collaborating with the community on scavenger hunts using “goose chase.” They had received fitbits from a grant and are figuring out how to circulate them. Using beanstack.
  - Amy Shank (Luther) – They have been slow, and offering passive programs with prizes. They hide things in the library and hold scavenger hunts, which are popular.
  - Cory Taylor (Walton Erickson) – They are open and slow. People are using the curbside service and she is trying to figure out summer reading. Penal fines down 25%
2. Director report – Sheryl mentioned that the co-op directors are working on a statewide discount for Amazon Prime. All libraries can participate the first year for no cost, and then the following year for a discounted rate.

3. The FY21 Grants Committee - Diane Eisenga (McBain), Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), and Kathleen Rash (Hart) – is reviewing the round two applicants. There were 19 proposals requesting a total of \$12,745. Decisions will be announced March 5<sup>th</sup>. In the first round, 17 proposals were received and all received full funding, for a total commitment of \$10,949.
4. The Maker/STEAM Team – Cora Schaeff (Leelanau), Mark Morton (Leland), and Lauren Moran (Big Rapids) – has met and will be working on a survey. They will consider our current collection of maker kits housed at the co-op office, what to keep/what to weed. They are considering a few larger items, possibly a new 3D printer, die cutter, other big-ticket items. They have \$1,500 allocated so far in this year’s budget.
5. The e-Resources Committee - Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), David Diller (Glen Lake), and Cindi Place (Bellaire) has added half of the \$8,000 allocated for eAudiobooks to the OverDrive (Up North Digital) Advantage account for MMLL. Sheryl will put the final \$4,000 in the account so they can add more titles. Also, this committee is working to assess MMLL member priorities for group discounts. Complete the survey if you have not yet: <https://forms.gle/xs1yatPQpMtuXhw7A> (Choose "See previous responses" for results.). So far, online magazines, language resource, Ancestry, Chiltons, and possibly movie licensing seem to be priorities. The group will refine the survey and look at what is already available via MeL, etc. and whether we need more specific training.
6. The Continuing Education Committee is the entire Advisory Council. The highest need right now seems to be programming resources. Some of our members collaborate with other libraries in their same county. The collaboration could go further – if you have an idea and you could offer it to others to share costs and promotion, use the email group lists to communicate! You can share within our cooperative (email list for directors: [MMLLdirectors@googlegroups.com](mailto:MMLLdirectors@googlegroups.com) ; email list for the whole co-op: [midmichlib@googlegroups.com](mailto:midmichlib@googlegroups.com)). Also, there is a statewide effort to collaborate: Fill out this form - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rkYaDWVJ6YF6\\_EWAl5s3LfflqoAF9sor1Yae-T0jCyc/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rkYaDWVJ6YF6_EWAl5s3LfflqoAF9sor1Yae-T0jCyc/edit). Then, here is the link to the results spreadsheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GUs-78HmcVmxW6juLpq716blwAic0vAF1KMvnP4bjA/edit?usp=sharing>.

Please see the [website](#) for Advisory Council news. Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings:

- Mar 9, 2021 10:00 AM (informal)
- Mar 23, 2021 10:00 AM (formal)

Meetings are held online the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Highlighted meetings are formal meetings of the Advisory Council. The others are check-in meetings for member sharing.

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