

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting  
November 9, 2023 @ 2:00 pm  
Meeting notes

## 1. Call to order, Introductions

On the Zoom call, participants included: Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), David Diller (Glen Lake), Cindi Place (Bellaire), Kathleen Rash (Hart), Laura Marion (Missaukee), Tiffany Haight (Shelby), Justine Peterson (Seville), Jean Gaskill (Surrey), Julie Prenata (Leelanau Township) and Jennifer Balcom (MMLL Director)

## 2. Director's Report

- **Board Meeting Locations** – During 2024, the MMLL Board will hold Board meetings at different library locations through the Coop. If your library is interested in being a host location, please let Jennifer know.
- **Post Pandemic Library Project** –The Library of Michigan and the University of Michigan School of Information (UMSI) have partnered to offer a free program for Library Directors titled The Post Pandemic Library. Monthly meetings will be held from January – December 2024. Participants will be divided into 25-member cohorts based on library class size for monthly meetings over Zoom. I strongly recommend participating! Registration is required. For additional details, info is here: <https://libacad.sites.uofmhosting.net/apply/>
- **Mini Grant Program** – Round 1 of the Mini Grant was announced the first week In November. Applications are due by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Applications and information are available on the MMLL website: <https://form.jotform.com/232994759126167>
- **State Aid** – It is once again State Aid season. If you have questions or need support, reach out.
- **Hotspots** – ECF funding for Hotspots will end December 31<sup>st</sup>. Verizon & AT&T hotspots not in service prior to ECF will be suspended on 12/31. Kajeet hotspots (regardless of vendor) will be suspended 1/31. Libraries who are currently billed individually will continue to be billed individually. Watch the credit balances on your monthly statements to know when ECF funding will end for your library. If you have questions about the end of service or want to get additional or new hotspots, reach out to Jennifer.
- **Think Space** – Jennifer will be attended Think Space as part of her personal professional development this year. The Think Space Theme for 2024 is Artificial Intelligence and Future Ready Libraries.

## 3. FY 2023 Committees

- **eResources Committee** (David, Tracy, Cindi) – no report
- **Maker Team** (Mark, Sarah, David) – No report. There is 2K in the FY 24 for maker items. Jennifer will reach out to the Maker Team prior to the December meeting for a report.
- **Youth Services** (Sarah) – Monthly YS Zoom meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Next meeting will be 12-12-23. Login information is on the website. Cindi Place shared about a new MMLL Battle of the Books program. Currently 9 member libraries have agreed to participate. A list of books will be chosen for third/fourth grade teams. And a list of books will be chosen for fifth/sixth grade teams. Libraries who participate will hold

two battles at their individual libraries in March 2024. One Battle for each age/grade group. Once each library has a winning team for each grade group, there will be a virtual battle between libraries for a Coop-wide winner. The YS committee is seeking grant money from MMLL to help buy copies of the battle books for each library who participates. Battle information will be sent out via e-mail by the end of the week. A meeting will be held via Zoom on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for interested libraries.

- **Continuing Education** – Currently looking for volunteers
- **Mini-Grants** (Kathleen, Laura) – Round 1 of the Mini Grant was announced the first week In November. Applications are due by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Specific topics

- **Best Thing I Learned at MLA** – Session on meeting with a purpose was excellent. Participating in the MLA Work Group was the best part of MLA. Legal session with Anne @ Foster Swift was a highlight.
- **Continuing Ed Ideas** – Open Meeting Act and Parliamentary Procedure training was requested. As was training on Inclusive Collections.

#### 5. Library Reports

- Cadillac – The roof project is almost complete. CWPL had its first official materials challenge. CWPL is planning for Strategic Planning
- Shelby – New HOOPLA service is going well. New Library website will go live in January 2024. Friend of Libraries Celebration of Trees fundraiser is upcoming.
- Missaukee – Laura reported new carpeting was installed at the library.
- Glen Lake – David Diller reported on a well-received documentary film program at the library. Glen Lake is starting the Strategic Planning process.
- Bellaire- Bellaire held a Festival of Stories program. Francis Carew told stories, played guitar and spoke about the oral history of the Tribe. Cindi also shared her position as Director has been posted. She hopes to work with her successor for a few weeks before retiring in May 2024.
- Surrey Township – Surrey has a busy December full of programs. Surrey just started with HOOPLA and placed a deposit. Patrons are pleased about the instant access of materials. First newsletter went out.
- Hart – Kathleen shared that Hart had a material challenge. Hart gave away 600 books to youth on Halloween.
- Leelanau Township- Julie shared that Leelanau will soon start a Strategic Plan. The library will participate in the Village Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Seville Township – Tobin Buhk true crime program was excellent and very well attended. FB Marketing was used to advertise.

#### Next meeting:

- Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 2 pm
- Thursday, January 12, 2024 at 2 pm