

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
December 14, 2023 @ 2:00 pm
Meeting notes

1. Call to order, Introductions

On the Zoom call, participants included: Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), Cindi Place (Bellaire), Justine Peterson (Seville), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Eric Smith (Mason County), and Jennifer Balcom (MMLL Director)

2. Director's Report

- **Think Space** – Jennifer attended Think Space in Grand Rapids. She reported on sessions regarding library services to Millennials and Gen Z, and Artificial Intelligence in Libraries.

3. FY 2023 Committees

- **eResources Committee** (David, Tracy, Cindi) – no report
- **Maker Team** (Mark, Sarah, David) – No report.
- **Youth Services** (Sarah) – Cindi reported on the Battle of the Books program. The MMLL Board has agreed to sponsor the Coop wide program up to the amount of 2k. Six libraries have signed up to participate. Bellaire has agreed to be the fiduciary for the program. The Coop will reimburse. Books have been ordered. Additional information will be available on the MMLL website soon. Still more time for additional libraries to join who are interested.
- **Continuing Education** – Currently looking for volunteers
- **Mini-Grants** (Kathleen, Laura) – 8 libraries receive grant awards in the first round. Libraries were notified this week.

4. Specific topics

5. Library Reports & Holiday Programs

- Cadillac – Tracy reported on Winter Wonderland programming. The library also did a Cards for Seniors program for local nursing homes. Blind Date with a book is also this month.
- Bellaire- Bellaire did one day of holiday programming as part of the community Light Up the Night Program.
- Mason County – Eric reported progress on the Library's Strategic Plan
- Benzie Shores - Story Writing program for children had 20 children and 16 adults participating. The library added Craft and Hobby database through funding from the FOL.
- Seville Township – Hosted a Steam Roller Institute program on the Polar Express with Bill Struck. Currently holding a Winter Reading program through the winter months. Also hosting a Yap and Wrap program.

Next meeting:

- Thursday, January 12, 2024 at 2 pm