

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
February 28, 2023, 10:00am
Meeting notes

1. Call to order, Introductions

On the Zoom call, participants included: Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), Cindi Place (Bellaire), Julie Preneta (Leelanau Township), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Laura Perkins (Big Rapids), Jean Gaskill (Surrey Township), Laura Marion (Missaukee), Kathleen Rash (Hart), Mark Morton (Leland Township), Justine Peterson (Seville), and Jennifer Balcom (MMLL Director)

2. Director's Report

- ECF – On February 15th, MMLL received notification that it's final ECF application was approved. This is great news. Most libraries will have hotspot service funded through December 31, 2023. A small number of libraries who receive hotspot service with AT&T and T-Mobile will have service extended through June 30, 2023.
- Mini-Grants – The MMLL FY 23 Mini-Grant Program opened for applications. Applications will be accepted through March 24, 2023. Grant information and the application can be found on the MMLL website here: <https://www.mml.org/a/grants>

3. FY 2023 Committees

- a. eResources Committee (David, Tracy, Cindi) – will meet soon
- b. Maker Team (Mark, Sarah, David) – met and are developing a Maker & Library of Thing wishlist for discussion at the March 9th Advisory Council Meeting.
- c. Youth Services (Sarah) – The Youth Services Committee meets again on March 8, 2023 at 9:30 am. A report will be made at the March meeting.
- d. Continuing Education – In the membership survey results, the number one requested training category was library leadership. Discussions about specific library leadership training and areas of focus will continue at the March meeting.
- e. Mini-Grants (Kathleen, Laura) – Mini Grant committee will meet again after the March 24th (grant application deadline) to review grant submissions.

4. Specific topics

- Facebook for MMLL Meeting Times – the MMLL member survey results revealed a number of libraries felt it was important for MMLL to be on Facebook. The idea of creating an Advisory Board FB Group was discussed as a way for Library staff to ask questions, seek advice or share ideas. Some members felt this need was already being met through the MMLL Director Google Groups. Information about signing up for these groups can be found here <https://www.mml.org/news-events/email-list-information/email-list-information>

Next meeting:

- Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 2:00 PM