

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting  
March 9, 2023, 10:00am  
Meeting notes

## 1. Call to order, Introductions

## 2. Director's Report

- ECF – MMLL's ECF application was approved for the final round. 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. Jennifer is working with Elite Fund on paperwork and the completion of new contracts.
- Mini-Grants – The MMLL FY 23 Mini-Grant Program opened for applications. Applications will be accepted through March 24, 2023. Funding decisions will be made by the Mini Grant Committee by March 31, 2023. Grant information and the application can be found on the MMLL website here: <https://www.mml.org/a/grants>
- Broadband Meetings – Join the statewide MI Connected Future listening tour for your chance to share your thoughts on prioritizing an estimated \$1.6 billion investment to deliver affordable, equitable and reliable high-speed internet service throughout the state. Libraries will play a vital role as anchor institutions. The tour will include more than 40 events throughout 2023 with locations across the state. Registration to attend the meeting in your area is required: <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mihi/miconnectedfuture/mi-connected-future-tour-schedule>

## 3. FY 2023 Committees

- a. eResources Committee (David, Tracy, Cindi) – no report
- b. Maker Team (Mark, Sarah, David) – will meet and develop both a Maker & Library of Thing wishlist for discussion at a future AC meeting
- c. Youth Services (Sarah) – The Youth Services Committee will meet again on April 12, 2023 at 9:30 am
- 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 April meeting.
- e. Mini-Grants (Kathleen, Laura) – The MMLL FY 23 Mini-Grant Program opened for applications. The Mini Grant committee will meet again after the March 24<sup>th</sup> grant application deadline to review grant submissions. Mini Grant awards will be announced April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 4. Specific topics

- Continuing Education and Library Leadership – the need for additional training on book banning was discussed, specifically training that addresses more practical solutions when talking with patrons, and not just legal policies and discussion.
- Library Communication and Messaging – The council discussed library advocacy and the need for talking points on Intellectual Freedom.

## Next meeting:

- Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 2:00 PM (first meeting on the new date and time)