

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting

April 13 2023, 2:00 pm

Meeting notes

1. Call to order, Introductions

On the Zoom call, participants included: Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), Cindi Place (Bellaire), Susan Reigler (Alden District Library), Jean Gaskill (Surrey Township), Sherman Horrocks (Richland Township), Laura Marion (Missaukee), Justine Peterson (Seville Township), Hart Public Library, Mark Morton (Leland Township), and Jennifer Balcom (MMLL Director)

2. Director's Report

- Mini Grants – The Mini Grant met on March 29th to review mini grant applications. Nineteen grant applications were received and all were funded, at least in part. Mini grant awards totaled \$16,541.
- Book Challenges – Lance Werner and other Library Leaders in the state are working on a virtual Book Banning workshop which will discuss material challenges in greater and more practical detail. The training will be made available to all Library Cooperatives. More information will be forthcoming.

3. FY 2023 Committees

- eResources Committee (David, Tracy, Cindi) – no report
- Maker Team (Mark, Sarah, David) – Committee is developing a list of potential Maker Collection ideas as well as a Library of Thing wishlist.
- Youth Services (Sarah) – The Youth Services Committee meets again on April 12, 2023 at 9:30 am. An in-person YS Meeting is being considered for May 2023.
- Continuing Education – to be discussed under Specific Topics
- Mini-Grants (Kathleen, Laura) – Report given earlier under Director's Report

4. Specific topics

- Training & Library Leadership – library leadership encompasses a wide range of issues and some library leadership topics may require more than a one hour or may not be suitable for virtual training. Membership discussed the idea of Jennifer creating a resource page for online trainings on various library leadership topics to be shared with the membership.
- LOM Continuing Education Grant – The Library of Michigan offers a continuing education stipend which offers financial support to Michigan libraries to send their employees to professional development events / trainings which meet certain criteria. Information about the Library CE program and applications can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/libraries/ce/scholarships/library-continuing-education-stipend-program>. In addition, the LOM has an 18 minute video explaining the CE stipend program which can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLt7eeUJxdI&feature=youtu.be>
- District Library Formation – A question was raised about libraries interested in District Library formation. Clare Membiela, Library Law Consultant from LOM, recorded a webinar on this topic which can be found on the MMLL website here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ti9UQ3N7J7Q&t=215s>

- Regional Meetings –Libraries expressed an interest in holding regional meetings. Cadillac Wexford Public Library and Mason County District Library are Class 5 libraries and technically are their own region, so combed regional meetings were also discussed
- Kanopy – intereset? – Some member libraries have requested the Coop consider acquiring Kanopy. The E-resource committee will meet with Kanopy representative, Paula Roman, to gather additional information before presenting to Advisory Council at the May meeting.

Next meeting:

- Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 2:00 PM