

**Mid-Michigan Library League
Director's Report
May 2023**



Administrative:

FY23 Board members, groups they represent, year term ends:

- Group 1 – Cindi Place (23)
- Group 2 – Debra Greenacre (23)
- Group 3 – Tracy Logan-Walker (23) - **Secretary**
- Group 4 – Diane Eisenga (25) - **Chair**
- Group 5 – Eric Smith (24)
- Group 6 – Lois Langenburg (25) – **Vice-Chair**
- Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh (25) - **Treasurer**
- Group 8 – Sarah Welch (23)
- Group 9 – Justine Peterson (26)

Board Committees for FY 2023:

- Board committees:
 - **Finance**
 - **Personnel**
- Other MMLL committees:
 - **Grants** (FY23) – Kathleen Hart, Laura Marion (Missaukee)
 - **Maker** (FY23) Mark Morton (Leland Township), Sarah Genereaux-Maddox (Marion), and David Uhrich (Glen Lake)
 - **Continuing Education** – Advisory Council
 - **Up North Digital Steering Committee** – Cindi Place (Bellaire), Tracy Logan-Walk (Cadillac). Northland members are Val Meyerson (Petoskey). Ex-officio are the co-op directors Linda Adams (Northland) and Jennifer Balcom (MMLL)

Continuing Education:

- **LOM** – Continuing Education Grant – The Library of Michigan offers a continuing education stipend which offers financial support to Michigan libraries interested in sending their employees to professional development events or conferences. The stipends cover both in person or virtual trainings. Information about the Library CE program and applications can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/libraries/ce/scholarships/library-continuing-educationstipend-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>
- **LOM Grant Program** – Deadline for Medium Size Grant applications is May 31st. [LM Grant program](#)
- **Trustee Advocacy Resources** – MLA Advocacy Hour, May 18th @ 10 am. <https://www.milibraries.org/advocacy-hour>

- **PCI** – Inclusive Library Collections, May 31, 2023 @ 2 pm
<https://libraryofmichigan.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/libraryofmichigan/event.jsp?event=3031>

General Library News:

- This Spring the Michigan Library Association contracted with EPIC-MRA to conduct a statewide survey on library issues. While MLA had been using national studies to prove book banning and censorship issues are not tolerated by the majority of voters in the country, MLA now has solid Michigan data to back this up. MLA has been sharing this data on their FB page. More information about the results of the Statewide Survey as well as survey data specific to MMLL (Group 3) can be found here: <https://www.milibraries.org/statewide-survey-on-library-issues>.
- Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) Program – The Michigan Activity Program has undergone new branding and has a new website. <https://tln.org/page/map>. New MAP materials will soon be delivered to all MMLL libraries.

Member Library News and Announcements:

- Jessica Hansen has been named as the new Director of the White Pine District Library in Stanton. Patty Rockafellow from White Pine District Library will officially retire June 30, 2023.
- Debra Greenacre has accepted a new position as the Director of the Alpena Library. Her last as Director of the Manistee County Library will be June 1st.

Travel/Meetings:

- 4/20/23 – Charlevoix – Seal Workshop
- 4/25/23 – Lansing – Michigan Library Advocacy Day at the State Capitol

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