

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting
March 22, 2022 10:00am
Via Zoom



Meeting Notes

1. In attendance on Zoom:

- Cindi Place, Bellaire
- Laura Jacobson, LeRoy
- Laura Marion, Missaukee
- Stacy Pasche, Benzie Shores
- Tiffany Haight, Shelby
- Julie Preneta, Leelanau Twp
- Jean Gaskill, Surrey Twp
- Cory Taylor, Walton Erickson
- Mark Morton, Leland Twp
- Eric Smith, Mason County
- Justine Peterson, Seville
- Lauren Perkins, Big Rapids
- Sara Genereaux-Maddox, Marion
- Sheryl Mase, MMLL

2. Presentation:

- Maria Herrala from Encompass Employee Assistance Program (AllOne Health) discussed services provided to all employees of MMLL member libraries. For more information and handouts for your staff, see the [EAP page on the MMLL website under Services](#).
- Ms. Herrala mentioned that supervisors may want to refer employees to the EAP as part of a corrective action plan. Contact them for more information and support.

3. Committees

- a. Mini-Grants Committee – 14 projects were funded in round one for a total of \$10,817. Deadline for round two applications is April 8, 2022. Announcements made 4/22/22. See [Grants page on MMLL website under Services](#).
- b. Continuing Education Committee – If anyone who received the ARPA MI-83 TLC kits materials, the CE committee wants to gather resources for you. Since our meeting, the Library Network cooperative (TLN) has posted some [resources on their website](#).
- c. eResources Committee – keeping aware of offerings, no recommendations now.
- d. Youth Committee – Some members attended the MLA Youth Conference (Spring Institute) in Mt. Pleasant. The group wants to consider having a cooperative-wide Battle of the Books. See [Youth Services on MMLL website under Member Space](#).
- e. Maker Team – Most of the maker kits that were purchased back in 2016 and have now been offered to the member libraries. A drawing for “winners” was held and most kits are finding new homes. Still available are Little Bits, Q-BA-Maze, and the Button Maker. The maker team is considering a new 3D printer, perhaps a telescope or other items that a single library probably would not purchase on their own. Let Mark Morton at Leland Twp Library know what you want!

4. Director’s report

- a. We need to plan the annual meeting, which has been a luncheon with some outside speakers and member library sharing in the past. Cindi Place (Bellaire) said she would start the planning group, and Laura Jacobson (LeRoy) and Laura Marion (Missaukee)

volunteered to help. Sarah Welch (Big Rapids) has said the Youth Committee wanted an in-person meeting in the fall as well, so there is a possibility of combining. The first priority is to secure a venue and a date. The current proposed date is Thursday, September 15, 2022.

- b. The Emergency Connectivity Fund project has been “consuming” the MMLL director’s time (and patience). If your library was one of the 25 included in this project and you have hotspots and cannot access to the control portal (if you need to disable them, for example), please ask for the vendor contact and let them know you need access. For those libraries that got either iPads or Chromebooks, know that we are working on the configuration for circulating these items to the public.

5. Specific topics/open Q&A and discussion

- a. Kanopy – Some libraries have Kanopy and discussed its virtues. It uses the pay per use model for streaming video and [OverDrive will be offering subscription bundles](#). It is different from Hoopla, which tends to have more popular materials. Kanopy carries more of the art house, classic and international offerings.
- b. ARPA Content Overdrive – Soon, our selection team for Up North Digital will have access to purchasing content with the designated ARPA funds from the MI-83 Digital Library Content grant. Selectors will be trained and will need to select from [specified lists](#) that have mostly non-fiction titles in topics designated by the grant. They will have over \$120K to purchase these one copy-one use titles.

Next meetings:

- Tuesday, Apr. 12, 10:00 a.m.
 - (Presentation on Transparent Language Online)
- **Tuesday, Apr. 26, 10:00 a.m. (formal)**
- Tuesday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 24, 10:00 a.m. (formal)**

Meetings are held online the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Highlighted meetings are formal meetings of the Advisory Council. The others are check-in meetings for member sharing.

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