

MMLL Advisory Council August 24, 2021 Meeting Notes

1. On the Zoom call:

Sheryl Mase (MMLL)
Eric Smith (MCDL)
Tiffany Haight (Shelby)
Jean Gaskill (Surrey Twp)
Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac)
Sherma Horrocks (Richland Twp)
Diane Eisenga (McBain)
David Diller (Glen Lake)

Laura Jacobson-Pentces (LeRoy)
Cory Taylor (Walton Erickson)
Laura Marion (Missaukee)
Cora Schaeff (Leelanau)
Lauren Moran (Big Rapids)
Justine Peterson (Seville)
Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores)
Amy Shank (Luther)

2. Director's Report

- a. Encompass EAP update The MMLL Board passed a resolution to add member library employee support to the services of the cooperative, and also passed a resolution to contract with Encompass Employee Assistance Program on behalf of all members of the co-op. Any employee of a member library may sign up beginning October 1, 2021. Watch for further information!
- b. <u>Affiliate Member Policy revision</u> and <u>FY22 benefits</u> just approved by your MMLL Board. Do any of you know a library that might be interested in affiliation with MMLL? Please share this with them.

3. Committees

- a. eResources Committee (David, Tracy, Cindi) they are finishing up purchasing of eAudiobooks for Up North Digital
- b. Maker Team (Cora, Mark, Lauren) they have relinquished the funds for this fiscal year and will pick up the job after October 1st. The FY22 budget has \$2,000 for Maker/Stem resources. An idea they are excited about is creating a take-and-make database for projects member libraries could use for programming.
- 4. Specific topics/open Q&A and discussion
 - a. MMLL Annual Meeting September 22, 2021, 10 a.m. at Caberfae Peaks –
 <u>REGISTER HERE</u>. We will have someone recording the Library of Michigan
 presentation and will post it on our YouTube channel.
 - b. New Youth Committee for MMLL Sarah Welch/Big Rapids and Theodora Rudolph/Cadillac have begun an MMLL Youth Committee. Please let us know if you want yourself or your staff added to the MMLLyouth@googlegroups.com list.
 - c. Continue Zoom meetings? Twice a month? the consensus was to keep the schedule as-is.

- d. E-rate MMLL as a group? this was discussed with no clear path forward. Sheryl offered to approach consultants for group discounts and/or do a co-op application for a wide-area-network.
- e. Plan of Service recommendations there were no suggested changes
- f. Draft budget no suggested changes
- g. Gift ideas for LM speakers at annual meeting (LM has gift limitations) the group decided to have individual libraries contribute to a basket for each LM presenter (Clare Membiela and Shannon White) with simple things that invoke their local area/library. Laura Marion at Missaukee said she would coordinate.
- 5. Other the group had some discussion around whether in-person programming would be scheduled for the fall and beyond. Many are still trying to keep programs outside, or have them brief and any craft something to take home. Members are taking their cues from the local schools, the health department, the county, or the CDC tracker. Benzie Shores shared a poster they are refreshing and posting on the door that has the color map for the counties from the CDC tracker.
- 6. Library updates, if time available Justine at Seville asked if anyone had a good source for a counter she wants to install in her library. She wants a ten-foot counter with storage beneath.