

**Mid-Michigan Library League
Director's Report
August 2022**



Administrative:

FY22 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 (22) - **Chair**
- Group 5 – Eric Smith (24)
- Group 6 – Lois Langenburg (22) –
Vice-Chair
- Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh
(22) - **Treasurer**
- Group 8 – Sarah Welch (23)
- Group 9 – Patty Rockafellow (23)

See MMLL [Board page](#).

State Aid:

- The cooperative received the final State Aid payment for the year, \$98,285.49
- We will be sending out invoices to the member libraries for their final payments as soon as we are told they have also been paid their final allotment for this year.

Trustee Information:

- Library of Michigan trustee resources: www.michigan.gov/librarytrustee
- United for Libraries (ALA trustee division – resources provided to Michigan library trustees by Library of Michigan) – held virtual conference August 9-11, resources will be posted
- Trustee Training 101: The Basics 09/13/2022 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM ET
- Trustee Training 102: Advanced Trustee 09/20/2022 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM ET
- See <https://www.mirighttoread.com/> and <https://www.milibraries.org/intellectual-freedom-toolkit>

Continuing Education:

- A cooperative-wide survey will be going out soon that will include questions about desired trainings, workshops, resources for professional development, etc.
- The Library of Michigan has not determined a date for the next Small & Rural Libraries Conference, but has confirmed it will NOT be in 2023 or 2024. Look for the Library Cooperative Director's Association to *possibly* organize a conference in Spring of 2024.

Grants:

- The FY23 draft budget includes an increase to the MMLL Library Service Expansion and Mini-Grants Program, which has been appreciated and successful for many years now. Consider volunteering to be on next year's Grants Committee.
- The Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program information is posted on our website: <https://www.mml.org/a/grants/emergency-connectivity-fund>. On behalf of the participating 25 member libraries, we have submitted an application for the final round of the program to get another 12 months of data service for WiFi hotspots and are still waiting to hear about approval.
- MMLL benefitted greatly from grant programs. Repeated again for you, here is the value gained:
 - Emergency Connectivity Fund = \$115,995
 - MI-83 TLC Kits Grant = \$101,433
 - MI-83 DLC Content Credit = \$124,873
 - **GRAND TOTAL = \$342,301** (*More than the MMLL annual budget revenues!!!*)

eResources:

- We are planning to renew Transparent Language Online (<https://www.mml.org/a/transparent-language-online>) for all members in FY23 as a service of the cooperative
- By member request, we are looking into a group discount for Ancestry Library Edition, which must be used in the library only. The co-op directors may coordinate on this to get the best pricing. The Michigan eLibrary has My Heritage Library Edition for remote use statewide.

Tech Assistance:

- We are hoping to renew our annual agreement with “Emergency Geek” [Cory Walker](#).
- Each MMLL member library began the year with four hours of tech support plus mileage. Need more? Just ask! Some libraries donate theirs back. See <https://www.mml.org/a/tech-corner>.
- Member libraries are urged to build into their budgets ongoing maintenance funds and replacement costs for technology, an integral part of public library service.

Member Libraries:

- Nine MMLL member libraries are participating in an MPRO grant, “Libraries as Mental Health Hubs,” in which they have staff training and offer resources to their patrons to connect them with help. The grant was written and being managed by Improve Health (formerly MPRO - <https://www.mpro.org/>) and has many partners - Spectrum Health, West Michigan Community Mental Health, Community Mental Health of Central Michigan, and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. The nine MMLL participants are:
 - Big Rapids Community Library
 - Central Lake District Library
 - Evart Public Library
 - Hart Area Public Library
 - LeRoy Community Library
 - Marion Public Library (M. Alice Chapin)
 - Mason County District Library
 - Morton Township Public Library
 - Pentwater Township Library

Travel/Meetings:

- 6/15/22 – Reed City Area District Library – Board training
- 6/16/22 – Big Rapids – Walk-a-Mile mental health program
- 6/30/22 – Ludington – Consult on strategic plan
- 7/14/22 – Ludington – MMLL Finance Committee
- 8/4/22 – Falmouth – Board training
- 8/11/22 – Big Rapids – joint commission and library Board meeting about funding

~Sheryl

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