

**Mid-Michigan Library League  
Director's Report  
September 2019**

**Administrative:**

- Board members, groups they represent, year term ends, officers for FY19 (*\*need some representatives renewed or appointed for FY20 and onward*):
  - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 20
  - Group 2 – Susan LaBelle –20
  - Group 3 – Patti Colvin –20 (Vice-Chair)
  - \*Group 4 – Diane Eisenga – 19
  - Group 5 – Eric Smith –21 (Treasurer)
  - \*Group 6 – Lois Langenburg – 19
  - \*Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh – 19 (Secretary)
  - \*Group 8 – OPEN (was chair)
  - \*Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury – 19 (retiring)
- Committees of the Board (*Board chair is ex-officio*):
  - **Finance** – FY19: Smith, Church-McHugh, Langenburg (*need to appoint new FY20 members in November*)
  - **Personnel** – FY19: Colvin, Eisenga, Edens (*need to appoint new FY20 members in November*)
- Other MMLL committees (*need to refresh in November for FY20*):
  - **Grants** – FY19: Eric Smith (MCDL), Mary Barker (Pentwater), Jennifer Thorson (RCADL)
  - **E-resources** – FY19: Eric Smith (MCDL), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Tom Burnosky (RCADL), Emma Erekson (Seville Twp)
  - **Continuing Education** – FY19: Patti Skinner (MCDL/Scottville), Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), Amanda McLaren (Benzonia)
  - **Up North Digital Steering Committee** – FY19/FY20: Eric Smith (MCDL), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores). Northland members are Val Meyerson (Charlevoix) and Maureen Derenzy (Otsego County). Ex-officio: Roger Mendel (Northland) and Sheryl Mase (MMLL)
- Advisory Council (*need new Chair for FY20*)
  - FY19 Chair – Patti Skinner (MCDL/Scottville)
- Certificate of Deposit, 12-month, \$65K at Lake Michigan Credit Union; maturity date 11-26-19.

**Services:**

- Maker Kits – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/maker-space-resources>
- RBdigital and TLO – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/digitalresources/rbdigital-resources>
- eMagazines, Up North Digital – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/digitalresources>
- Emergency Geek – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/tech-corner>
- Consulting/reference/referral – contact your cooperative director! [smase@mml.org](mailto:smase@mml.org)

**Continuing Education:**

- This year's annual meeting will be held in Ludington at [The Lake House](#). The first hour of the day will include networking and poster sessions from various member libraries.
- Monthly opportunities for webinars and in-person trainings are offered to the membership via the [News of Interest](#) newsletter. Find member library news there as well!

**Mini-Grant Program:**

Both rounds of the FY19 Library Service Expansion & Mini-Grant Program provided funding to 17 member libraries for 21 projects in the amount of \$9,997. (See the list of funded projects at <https://www.mml.org/a/grants>). Funding provided summer reading programs, computers, projectors and other library technology, website development, and staff and Board continuing education opportunities. The target for FY20 is to commit even more funds to this valuable program. We will need new members to serve on the grants committee.

**eResources:**

- The Up North Digital OverDrive Steering Committee is working on a new master contract, to be signed in December. The new participation agreements have all been signed and returned, and the new pricing model will save most libraries money, and will allow those who have not participated in the past to pay a lower cost to join. Billing will now be handled by the co-op.
- We have a nice proposal from RBdigital that includes the eMagazines for those members who wish to participate at a group rate, and also for the eAudiobook expanded collection of over 30,000 titles, and the Transparent Language Online (TLO) for each member library. We will provide the eAudiobooks and TLO in FY20, beginning October 1, 2019, to all member libraries' patrons as a benefit of co-op membership if the budget is approved as presented at the annual meeting in Ludington.

**Tech Assistance:**

- Cory Walker, "Emergency Geek," has put in many hours at MMLL member libraries this fiscal year. Each library started the year with four hours of his time, plus paid mileage for him to travel to the library. During the year, some libraries have needed more hours, some not so many, and the process of donating to each other has worked out well.
- We intend to keep this program in FY20, so please give us any feedback and/or suggestions you may have in order to make the program work as a good benefit for the membership.

**In the News:**

- [MLA condemns Macmillan Publishers eBook Lending Model](#) and calls on the library community and library patrons to contact Macmillan Publishers to express their objection to the company's new policy.

**Travel/Meetings:**

8/8 – Manistee County Library, Advisory Council meeting (see [notes posted on the website](#))

8/15-16 – Detroit, Michigan Cooperative Directors Association ([MCDA](#)) retreat

8/28 – Mt. Pleasant, Census Workshop

9/9 – Chase, Board training and meeting

9/16 – Evert, City meeting and library visit

9/19 – MMLL annual luncheon meeting, Ludington

9/24 – Gaylord, Merit Broadband Summit

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