

## Mid-Michigan Library League

### Director's Report

#### November 2018

#### Administrative:

- Officers of the Board are due to be re-elected and committee assignments made at the November Board meeting. Board members serving their **last year (FY19)** are:
  - Diane Eisenga – Group 4
  - Lois Langenburg – Group 6
  - Valerie Church-McHugh – Group 7
  - Chris Cook – Group 8
  - Jeanette Fleury – Group 9
- Other Board member terms:
  - Mary Edens – Group 1 – FY20
  - Susan LaBelle – Group 2 – FY20
  - Patti Colvin – Group 3 – FY20
  - Eric Smith – Group 5 – FY21
- Committees needing to be assigned:
  - **Finance** – Board Treasurer and two other Board members
  - **Personnel** – three Board members
- Existing committees – OK to continue as-is?
  - **Grants** (FY19) – Eric Smith (MCDL), Mary Barker (Pentwater), Jennifer Thorson (RCADL)
  - **E-resources** – Chris Cook (Big Rapids), Eric Smith (MCDL), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Tom Burnosky (RCADL), Emma Ereksen (Seville Twp)
  - **Continuing Education** – Patti Skinner (MCDL/Scottville), Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), Amanda McLaren (Benzonia), Tirzah Price (Big Rapids)
  - **Up North Digital Steering Committee** – Eric Smith (MCDL), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Patti Skinner (MCDL/Scottville – Advisory Council Chair). Northland members are Val Meyerson (Charlevoix) and Maureen Derenzy (Otsego County). Ex-officio are the co-op directors Roger Mendel (Northland) and Sheryl Mase (MMLL)

#### Continuing Education:

- The “Small Libraries, Big Impact” conference is being sponsored by six library cooperatives (MMLL, Northland, Superiorland, White Pine, Mideastern, Woodlands). It will be held at the **Treetops Resort in Gaylord** on Monday/Tuesday **April 29/30, 2019**. A call for programs will be going out soon, and registration will begin shortly after the new year. The conference will include topics for small to medium sized public libraries and their trustees. It will begin at noon on Monday, include one overnight, and conclude Tuesday after lunch. Costs to attend will be kept low due to subsidy from the six cooperatives. (Consider the MMLL mini-grant program should you need funds to attend!)
- The CE Committee will be making short “Bright Idea” videos that will be posted on the MMLL YouTube channel. The first round will be posted by early December and we will post the URL and information about how to access them and also input your ideas for additional content. These videos will be five minutes or less, and will instruct on various topics in short segments.
- Archived webinars are on the MMLL website at: <https://mml.pcloud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>. If you have suggestions for topics, please contact the MMLL director.

### Services:

The following services are offered by the cooperative -

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

### Mini-Grant Program:

There will be two rounds of mini-grants for fiscal year 2019. The first is posted and the grant application period runs until **December 14, 2018**. All applications received during this period will be considered equally. There are two categories:

- One-time events - **Event must occur after 1/7/2019 and before 8/16/19**
- Service expansion projects - Purchases must be made and paid for by the library, with reimbursement requests for both categories due to the MMLL office by Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

**Deadline to apply (first round): December 14, 2018.** Grantees will be notified by January 7, 2019. To find all of the information and submission forms, see the website (<http://mml.org>), choose "services" and find "grants." Direct link: <https://mml.pcloud.net/a/grants>.

### Member Libraries:

- The new director at Luther Area Public Library is Heather Morché.
- The new director at Walkerville School Public Library is Nicole Hintz.
- The new director at Big Rapids Community Library is Lauren Moran.
- Walkerville is now automated and waiting for the next round to join MeLCat; Walton Erickson has selected Atrium and is beginning the automation process
- Morton Township Library received a Citation of Excellence from the Library of Michigan, presented at the annual Michigan Library Association conference in October.

### Travel/Meetings:

10/2 – Houghton Lake Public Library, Meet the Candidates  
10/15 – Benzie Shores District Library/Frankfort – Board meeting  
10/17-19 – Michigan Library Association annual conference, Novi  
10/24 – Cadillac, CE Committee meeting  
11/1 – Treetops Resort, Gaylord – Small Libraries, Big Impact planning group on site  
11/7 – Group 8 & 9 meeting, Morton Twp Library/Mecosta  
11/8 – Advisory Council meeting, Pentwater  
11/12 – Benzie Shores District Library/Frankfort – strategic planning session

Respectfully Submitted,

~*Sheryl*

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