

**Advisory Council Meeting
McBain Community Library
November 7, 2019**

1. Agenda adjustment – add #9 – Census
2. Welcome/introductions –
 - a. Mary Barker, Pentwater Township Library, AC co-chair. Power plan grant via insurance provider for security cameras in library. (Risk management assessment)
 - b. (Debra Greenacre, Manistee County Library, AC co-chair) – unable to attend
 - c. “Safe zone” – what we share at AC stays at AC. We want to be a support mechanism for each other and welcome everyone’s questions and ideas with no judgment.
 - d. Kay Williams – Hart Public Library – bought ozobots via Great Lakes Energy grant – they have a monitor showing the security cameras at the circ desk. Much less trouble now.
 - e. Tom Burnosky – Reed City Area District Library – hosting the Smithsonian museum on main street exhibit Feb 1 (10 a.m. ribbon cutting) – March 13 housed at the depot. They received a Michigan Humanities Council grant to host. Six weeks. They also received a Great Lakes Energy \$5200 grant (people fund) to buy public access computers buying via REMC. Hoitenga connection helped. Astronaut Greg H. Johnson coming to library soon.
 - f. Emma Erekson – Seville Twp. (Riverdale) – project to remove old wallpaper has become a bit of a nightmare. YouTube videos may have provided the final solution.
 - g. Laura Marion – Missaukee District Library (Lake City) – affiliate member – dentist Dr. Ardis donated library building and it has now been deeded over to the district library. They will do a special veteran’s day program with author who wrote *No Surrender*.
 - h. Diane Eisenga – McBain Community Library – classes come through library regularly, story hour during week. Combined as one team for Battle of the Books with Missaukee. School bond did not pass ☹
3. Mini grants – Everyone is encouraged to apply! E-resources funding, one-time event, other projects, all welcome. Do we want to consider a different mechanism for giving money to members? Equal amounts for everyone? A formula? No new ideas were discussed about how to run the grant program, but members appreciate the opportunity to write a simple application for MMLL grants.
4. MLA conference – Keynote speaker was excellent – (put link to his video in next newsletter)
5. Digital resources – Rbdigital 30,000+ downloadable audiobooks put link on your website <https://wmlpmi.rbdigital.com/> – get the word out! Up North Digital – two deadlines to join – December 13 and June 12
6. Macmillan issue – Up North Digital committees will discuss. ALA, MLA actively pushing back.
7. Census – hard to count areas, resistant people, encourage folks to have a complete count committee and demystify the census for folks who think their private information will be shared. More resources will be shared with libraries as the time gets closer. [Data protection and privacy program link.](#)