

Mid-Michigan Library League

News of Interest

May 21, 2020
(Updated 4/22/20)

Again, in a random order, here is some news and links for you all in this time of COVID-19 when libraries are currently closed.

MMLL member libraries who have verified (to me so far) that they are providing paid sick leave during times of school and library closure:

(co-op staff)	Missaukee District Library (affiliate member)
Bellaire Public Library	Morton Township Public Library
Benzie Shores District Library	Pentwater Township Library
Benzonía Public Library	Reed City Area District Library
Big Rapids Area Community Library	Richland Township Library
Cadillac Wexford Public Library	Seville Township Library (may change)
Hart Area Public Library	Surrey Township Public Library
Luther Area Public Library	Walkerville School Public Library
Manistee County Library (union)	Walton Erickson School Public Library
Mason County District Library	White Pine District Library
McBain School Public Library	

MMLL member libraries whose Boards have made different decisions:

- Alden District Library – furloughed 6 part-time employees, director is still paid
- Chase Public Library – Board laid off the director (only staff member)
- Seville Township Library – Board is considering lay off of all staff, in which case they will lose their director who was only staying to help out during this time and was going to leave anyway
- ??? anyone else???

Webinars and Online Meetings this week:



Wednesday, April 22, 10 – 11:30:

[You are invited to join a meeting: MLA Coffee Hour - April 22, 2020 - Advocacy. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.](#) Megan Cusick, American Library Association (ALA) and Bob Devries, Governmental Consultant Services Inc. will discuss COVID-19 relief legislation and the impact of both Federal and State legislative action

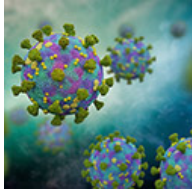
on Michigan libraries. See archived webinars here: <https://mla.memberclicks.net/mla-connect#webinar>



Also **Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.:** MiYouth Meeting - crowdsourcing summer reading ideas and alternatives - from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://michigan-host.zoom.us/j/506813991> Password: **454345** or dial: 215-446-3657; 888--3634735 (US Toll Free) - Conference code: 519921



Thursday, April 23, 10:30: [Michigan Humanities Organizations Pandemic Emergency Grants \(H.O.P.E.\)](#) - join Michigan Humanities staff members to learn about the Michigan H.O.P.E. Grant opportunities. This information meeting will be held via Zoom, include details about funding eligibility, an overview of the application process, and time for questions from meeting attendees. Registration is required and available [here](#).



PLA - [Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19: Free Webinar Series](#)
Wednesday, 4/22, 2-3 p.m. Eastern - Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19: National Survey Results
Thursday, 4/23, 2-3 p.m. Eastern - Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19: Strategies for Advancing Digital Equity Now

Friday, April 24, 1-2: (Library of Michigan will swap to this hour. They will send out the link to all directors – look for it in your email.)



American Library Association

Friday, April 24, 2-3p.m. Eastern: [Looking Ahead, Planning for Reopening](#) – ALA's Chapter Relations Office and Public Policy and Advocacy Office, with United for Libraries

***Are you in contact with your **local health department**? They may help provide support for “soft” reopening guidance, especially if your Board wants to get going faster than you do... Here is a look-up for the state: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5461_74040---,00.html

COVID-19 Updates & Resources for Local Governments, presented in partnership with the Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association, and Michigan Association of Counties. See archive: [PowerPoint](#) ; [Podcast](#) ; [YouTube video](#)



[Michigan Public Libraries: Re-opening Considerations after closures during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) – this document was compiled by the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association. See additional links within the document.



On April 20, ALA released its [State of America's Libraries 2020](#), an annual summary of library trends released during [National Library Week](#) that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries during the previous calendar year.

[Reopening: Not “When?” but “How?”](#) : Libraries consider the realities of a post-pandemic world, by Cass Balzer, April 17, 2020 – American Libraries



[Ideas for Kids during the Coronavirus Crisis](#)



May 5th | 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. [REGISTER NOW](#)

Local residents, business owners, and community leaders face many challenges when addressing insufficient Internet access. This webinar will explore the trade-offs, capacity, and economics behind common Internet access technologies, including cable, DSL, mobile wireless, fixed wireless, satellite, and fiber optic.



Call to Action from ALA - Urge Your U.S. Representatives to Support Emergency Funding for Libraries. <https://www.milibraries.org/call-to-action>



[Tech Soup Newsletter](#)



This page has some good **legal guidance**: [COVID-19 Resources for Michigan Libraries](#)
Including: [Conducting a Remote Public Library Board meeting](#)
[Google doc from the 4-10-20 director's Zoom meeting](#)
[Google doc from the 4-17-20 director's Zoom meeting](#)
[Staff Skills Academy](#)

Webinar check-in with library directors – **APRIL 24th AT 1PM EASTERN** Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://michigan-host.zoom.us/j/93152195410?pwd=d1FEZHB1TXlhYWVQbm9rc2ZleWdoQT09>

Password: 541151

Or Telephone: USA 216 706 7005 USA 866-434-5269 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 579192

The Library of Michigan, with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, offers the **Wandoo Reader** platform from Demco at **no cost to you**. If you do not have an account already set-up, please request one by completing this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJkVjTEIy6B4fn3oSp8Q8ZNF5wNoQsFUoC4Z7hbFx4TJ4Etg/viewform?usp=sf_link Once you complete the form Demco will be in touch in the coming weeks with site login information, so please watch for their email message (check your junk folder just in case). Additional information and FAQ's can be found in the Knowledge Base (this site includes FAQ, getting started, training and videos) <http://kb.demcosoftware.com/category.php?id=246>



State of Michigan:
[Executive Order 2020-42](#)
<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

***Legal resource: [Information shared by Anne Seurync](#), attorney at [Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith](#)

ALA American Library Association ALA: [Library as Safe Haven: Disaster Planning, Response, and Recovery](#) (pdf guide)

Michigan Municipal League – [COVID-19 Webinar on Virtual Meetings](#) (powerpoint)



IMLS – [Mitigating COVID-19 When Managing Paper-Based, Circulating, and Other Types of Collections](#) (archived webinar)

[IMLS Announces New Stimulus Funding for Communities Across America](#)

American Libraries Magazine article: [How to Sanitize Collections in a Pandemic \(3/27/20\)](#)

ARSL: ARSL Round Table: Rural & Small Libraries' Response to COVID-19 This is an uncertain time for everyone but we are all in this together. If staff are working from home, how are they adapting? What services are currently being offered, and what ways can we increase access to them? Drop in for this opportunity to talk with your peers to learn how they are managing the COVID-19 public health crisis. This free, one-hour open house will be held online via Zoom **every Thursday at 11am Pacific / 12pm Mountain / 1pm Central / 2pm Eastern**. All are welcome to attend and participate. To attend, please register below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. [Register](#)



[Crossroads Newsletter](#)

WHAT IS CANCELLED for NOW?

- MMLL HR workshop (Brian Mortimore) and AC meeting for May
- Ploud training in person in Cadillac
- Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference
- LM Beginning Workshop
- ALA Legislative Day
- MLA Advocacy Day
- Summer conference, American Library Association
- What else?

ADDENDUM:

Shared document on a phased reopening plan by John Thill, Idaho:

<https://medium.com/@john.alan.thill/a-phased-reopening-plan-for-libraries-as-covid-19-restrictions-are-lifted-2d96885c0c1d>

Jean Gaskill from Surrey Twp Library told us about the lockers she purchased and shared the source:

<https://www.storemorestore.com/Code-Changeable-Locker-Keyless-Locks-Kiosk-p/sms-39-uel1288-6.htm>

The [sample policy from East Lansing is posted here](#), the [succession plan from Charlevoix is here](#), and the [Surrey Township Library Pandemic Reopening Procedures is here](#).