

Mid-Michigan Library League

Director's Report

September 2018

Administrative:

- There will be an increase in State Aid for the FY19 fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019). Per the Library of Michigan, the total amount for state aid will be \$12,067,700. The per capita direct state aid will be \$.39689 and indirect \$.39689. Cooperatives will receive the \$.39689 for direct Aid. The Density payment will be \$7.94 per square mile. The same process will be used, with the first 50% paid after review of the application report and final 50% paid after July 1st, 2019. The report will be open 10/1/18 and close on 2/1/2019.
- Currently, 17 of the 37 libraries have completed the Penal Fine survey. We still need responses from 20 libraries! Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NY3RLN>. Responses are needed before the end of September. The Penal Fine Committee is looking at whether libraries are getting the correct portion of these funds on a consistent basis according to the law.
- FY18 Board members, groups they represent, year term ends:
 - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 20
 - Group 2 – Susan LaBelle – 20
 - Group 3 – Patti Colvin – 20 (*Vice Chair*)
 - Group 4 – Diane Eisenga – 19 (*Secretary*)
 - Group 5 – Eric Smith – 21 (*Chair*)
 - Group 6 – Lois Langenburg – 19
 - Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh – 19
 - Group 8 – Chris Cook – 19 (*Treasurer*)
 - Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury – 19
- Committees of the Board for FY18 (Board Chair Eric Smith is ex-officio):
 - Finance – Chris Cook (Treasurer), Jeanette Fleury, Valerie Church-McHugh
 - Personnel – Diane Eisenga, Patti Colvin, Mary Edens
- Officers of the Board and committee members for FY19 will be determined at the November 2018 meeting of the MMLL Board.
- Joint committees:
 - Grants – (FY18) Jeanette Fleury, Miriam Andrus (Ad Council Co-Chair, Big Rapids), Jennifer Thorson (Reed City)
 - E-resources – Chris Cook, Eric Smith, Stacy Pasche, Terri Lukshaitis, Tom Burnosky, Emma Ereksen
 - Maker Team – Patti Skinner (Ad Council Co-Chair, MCDL Scottville), Tracy Logan Walker (Cadillac), OPEN
 - Up North Digital Steering Committee – Eric Smith, Patti Skinner, Stacy Pasche, [also from Northland, Val Meyerson, Maureen Derenzy], with co-op directors Roger Mendel and Sheryl Mase as ex-officio

Continuing Education:

- The annual meeting will be held on September 20th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort. The agenda and registration are at <https://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/workshops>.

- The six cooperative directors with the most small and rural library members are collaborating together to plan a conference that will take place late April (29,30) of 2019, which is the “off year” for the Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference. The conference will be named soon (if you have a suggestion, bring it on!) and will be open to library staff and trustees. It will likely be held at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord, with a focus on small and rural libraries. Each co-op has been ask to subsidize the effort by contributing \$2,500.
- If you have suggestions for one-hour continuing education webinars, please let us know! In FY19, we are planning to put together very short training videos and post them on a YouTube channel. There are lots of archived webinars available on our website: <http://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>.
- The Library of Michigan pays for access to all of the webinars produced by WebJunction. The MMLL “News of Interest” newsletter highlights these and other continuing education you can do online. See <http://mml.ploud.net/news-events/news-of-interest-newsletter>.

Services:

- **Maker Kits:** to see what is available and reserve materials, go to <https://mml.ploud.net/a/maker-space-resources>.
- The E-resources Committee has recommended that we continue to provide to all members access to the RBdigital downloadable audiobook collection and access to Transparent Language Online (TLO). Training, marketing resources, how to get statistics are all posted on the MMLL website at <http://mml.ploud.net/a/rbdigital-resources> and <http://mml.ploud.net/a/usage-statistics>. These pages will be updated as necessary for the new year. Bookmarks are being sent directly to member libraries by RBdigital.
- There are 20 MMLL member libraries participating in the RBdigital e-magazine group. This service is aggregated for discount, but billed back to the membership, as opposed to the collection of downloadable e-audiobooks and TLO. The magazine list was just refreshed based on usage and re-ordered for better visibility.
- The “Emergency Geek” service is still available and at the ready! For tech support, contact Cory Walker to set up an appointment. See <http://mml.ploud.net/a/tech-corner> for instructions. This service is set to renew for FY19, if the annual budget is passed Sept. 20th.

Advocacy:

- On September 12th, there was a legislative candidate meet and greet organized by Bryon Sitler of the White Pine Library Cooperative held at the Alma Public Library. Only one candidate showed up, Kresta Train from Greenville, running for the 70th House District. There were about 20 others in attendance talking about public library issues and it was a great session.
- On September 24th, candidates running for the 97th House District have been invited to the Gladwin County District Library – Beaverton Branch at 10:00 a.m. Five of our MMLL member libraries are in this district.
- On October 2nd, candidates running for the 35th Senate District and the 103rd House District have been invited to the Houghton Lake Public Library at 10:00 a.m. We have three member libraries in the 103rd and 21 members in the 35th.

Member Libraries:

- There is currently an opening for director at the Luther Area Public Library.
- The new director at Walkerville is Nicole Hintz.
- The Big Rapids Community Library will be announcing their new director soon.
- There are several new directors this year:
- We still have three un-automated libraries: Chase, Walton Erickson, and Wheatland. 33 of the 37 member libraries are now on MeLCat. Walkerville is now automated, but they still need to implement MeLCat.
- If you would like me to plan a visit, attend a Board meeting, a fundraiser, or just come to talk with you about any issues you like, let me know. I can assist with Board training or strategic planning.

Travel/Meetings:

8/16-17 – Saginaw, MCDA (co-op directors) annual retreat meeting

8/29-31 – Vacation

9/6 – McBain Community Library – take 3D printer

9/7 – Reed City Area District Library – pick up materials

9/12 – Alma, Meet the Candidates session, 70th House District

9/24 – Beaverton Branch, Gladwin Co. Lib., Meet the Candidates session, 97th House District

Respectfully Submitted,

~Sheryl

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