

Mid-Michigan Library League

Director's Report

September 2017

Administrative:

- The proposed FY18 budget will allow us to spend up to \$15,000 for e-resources to serve the entire cooperative without billing the membership, \$5,000 for the mini-grant program, and funding to provide a bank of four hours of tech support for each member, to be fulfilled by a third party contractor (Cory Walker, "Emergency Geek").
- The revised Plan of Service for FY18 reflects the changes and new services discussed at the August meeting. At the annual meeting on September 21st, both the FY18 Budget and the revised Plan of Service are on the agenda for final approval. The services that will no longer be offered in the new plan of service are interlibrary loan facilitation and disk resurfacing. Members may use the White Pine Library Cooperative Peabody system to request materials not found via the MeLCat system. MMLL will no longer cover the cost of the requests made for materials not found on MeLCat, but we have verified this agreement with our colleagues at WPLC and they will be glad to bill you directly on a quarterly basis. The cost is \$5.50 per request. Training materials are online at <http://mml.org/ill.html>.
- FY17 Board members, groups they represent, year term ends:
 - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 17 (will need to renew or replace)
 - Group 2 – Chuck Haemker (Vice-Chair) – 19 (need replacement as Chuck is retiring)
 - Group 3 – Patti Colvin – 17 (will need to renew or replace)
 - Group 4 – Diane Eisenga (Secretary) - 19
 - Group 5 – Eric Smith (Board Chair) - 18
 - Group 6 – Lois Langenburg - 19
 - Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh - 19
 - Group 8 – Chris Cook - 19
 - Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury (Treasurer) – 19
- Groups 1 and 3 will need to renew or replace their representative, and Group 2 will need to replace theirs.
- Health insurance – National Insurance Services will be offering MLA members group insurance plans. They will be announced mid-October, most likely at the annual conference. Their plans begin January 1, 2018. The MMLL insurance expires at the end of November, and Priority Health no longer offers a group of one, so we will need to change to a BCBS or BCN plan at least for December.
- In FY18, beginning October 1, 2017, the Mid-Michigan Library League will have 36 members. Suttons Bay Bingham District Library and Houghton Lake Public Library are going to other library cooperatives, and the Ardis Missaukee District Library will not qualify for State Aid in FY18 and their Board has selected not to pay for cooperative membership.

Trainings:

- Remember that there are archived webinars available on the MMLL website that may be viewed at any time. Go to <http://mml.org/workshops.html>.
- We need volunteers for a continuing education committee for the cooperative! If you would like to volunteer, or if you have ideas for trainings you would like to see offered, please let us know!

Initiatives:

- Mini Grant Program – eleven libraries were selected for funding in the FY17 mini-grant program:
 - Bellaire \$740 – signage per QSAC measure
 - Benzonia \$500 – science based learning with hands-on activities

- Big Rapids \$500 – partial cost of outside reading area
- Beulah \$500 – replace damaged computers
- Glen Lake \$500 – 4 Google Chromebooks
- Hart \$250 – SRC program
- Leland \$400 – summer reading assistance
- Missaukee \$610 – Lego purchase for Teen Tech Lego Quests
- Pathfinder \$250 – author program
- Richfield \$250 – SRC program
- Walton Erickson \$1,000 – purchase computers, scanner, barcodes for MeLCat prep and automation
- The 18 maker kits and two 3D printers are available for loan! Go to <https://mmll.librarika.com/> to request a loan. All kits go via RIDES delivery except for the two 3D printers, which I will drive to you!

Member Libraries:

- There are new library directors at member libraries and more on the way. We have welcomed Nellie Danke at Leelanau Township Library and Jenny Blossey at Darcy Library of Beulah. Soon, there will be a new director at Manistee County Library, Cathy Tacoma will retire from Cadillac Wexford Public Library and Sylvia Merz will retire from Leland. Plus, a little birdie told me Denise Schmidt will also be retiring from Leroy Community Library. Change is a constant!
- If you would like me to plan a visit, whether I have been there already or not, please don't hesitate to ask! I am glad to attend a Board meeting, a fundraiser, or just come to talk with you about any issues you like. I can assist with Board training or strategic planning.
- If you have any questions or need for support in your transition to MeLCat, please let me know! We can get your questions answered and hopefully the resources you need.

Travel/Meetings:

- 8/24 – Benzonia for Maker Training by UMSI staff
- 8/25 – Marion (M. Alice Chapin) Memorial Library for District Library discussion with LM staff
- 8/30 – Grand Rapids for Lakeland Library Cooperative director Sandra Wilson's retirement party

Respectfully Submitted,

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