



Mid-Michigan Library League

News of Interest

July 27, 2020

During this time, information is changing and more frequent communication is needed. These quick newsletters are more frequent with less formatting in order to provide timely and useful information.

MMLL directors – there is a Zoom check-in meeting on **Tuesday, July 28th, at 10:00 a.m.** Connect via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/124087125?pwd=REERTVpxNHNIRXpmejZybzBxQm1xdz09>

Meeting ID: 124 087 125

Password: MMLL

By phone, dial (312) 626- 6799

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The following meetings are **Tuesday, August 11th, 10 a.m.** and **Tuesday, August 25th, 10 a.m.** using the same connection instructions.

RBdigital services will change – OverDrive and RBdigital services will merge, using the OverDrive marketplace website for the back end and **Libby** for the front end. Since we anticipate a reduction in income for FY2021, the cooperative will not provide eAudiobooks as a benefit of membership as we do now. Members that are not affiliates in Up North Digital (the OverDrive consortium shared between MMLL and Northland) will need to join in order to get access to the eBooks and eAudio holdings.

Join Up North Digital – MMLL members who are not participating in Up North Digital, the OverDrive consortium for our area, may join NOW! The cost is half of what it would be for the full year. An individual message went out to the MMLL members not currently part of Up North Digital, delineating the process to join the consortium. Email smase@mml.org if you have any questions. All libraries are strongly encouraged to join in order to provide eBook and eAudiobook download service to the public.



REALM Project, phase 2 results. To keep patrons and staff safe from the continued spread of the coronavirus, MLA, along with some of our Michigan Library Cooperatives are recommending that all Michigan libraries quarantine items for **4 days (96 hours)**.

Zooms and Webinars coming up:

- Michigan Library Association - MLA Connect Webinar: **Staying Connected in a World of Isolation Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 2:00 – 3:00 pm.** [Registration link](#) (costs \$)
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services - **Boosting Workplace Wellbeing** This course is designed to introduce you to the PERMAH pillars for wellbeing and to help you develop small

actions you can take to increase each of these pillars, **July 31, 2020, 10am - 12pm**. [Registration link](#) (costs \$)

- The Small and Rural Libraries Conference Webinar Series: SRLC Presents is in process. If you missed the previous webinars featuring keynote speakers that were scheduled for the Small and Rural Libraries Conference, don't worry, they are recorded and available later for viewing as well. This runs each Tuesday at 2:00 pm Eastern through August 11. These webinars are free and open to all members of the Michigan library community. Click here to register: <https://libraryofmichigan.z2systems.com/np/clients/libraryofmichigan/publicaccess/eventCalendarBig.jsp>. See the archive page for the ones you miss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajYYWaxFalQ&feature=youtu.be> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5q-nB4sm3Y&feature=youtu.be>

From the Library of Michigan:

- [State Budget Update](#)
 - LM Staff is back on regular M-F schedule unless they are temporarily working in another department/office. There are 5 staff working some or most of their hours on non-LM projects with another office.
- [Executive Order 2020-158](#) - (Notaries) Encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic Rescission of Executive Order 2020-131. Extends the validity of notary commissions through August 31, 2020.
- LEO's COVID-19 Workplace Safety Director Sean Egan Workplace Safety Q&A, July 23 [recording](#)
- Businesses and Masks - [article from the Detroit Free Press Michigan Retailers in Tough Spot...](#)
- PLEASE REVIEW THIS SLIDE DECK! - [COVID-19 Guidelines for Retail Industry, Libraries and Museums](#)
- CDC guidance on closing a facility when a confirmed COVID infection happens for employees can be [found on the CDC site here](#). Review the section "Take action if an employee is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 infection" for steps you can review and incorporate into your organizational COVID response plan.
- [REALM Project](#) - latest updates from the Batelle and IMLS study on Coronavirus on library materials. Their latest update from the 2nd round of testing has traces of some virus longevity past the 72 hour mark on certain materials. Read the update from [Test 2 Results here](#). [REALM Webinar on Round 2 Testing will be on August 4](#). Register here for that session or find slides and archived recording on the same page.
- The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity MiOSHA webinar recording from last week is available here [View the full video](#) and [the presentation](#) for additional information.
- The [State of Michigan Coronavirus website](#) has many resources and is updated frequently. You can find links to latest [Executive Orders](#), [free testing sites](#), the MI Safe Start Plan, resources for employees and employers and more on the site.
- [MLA COVID Graphics for your Library](#) - masks, safety, etc. MLA has created graphics you can use in your library to help communicate to patrons and staff reminders about safety and hygiene during COVID.
- [MLA Recap of Executive Orders](#) - MLA has done a summary of what all we have had to review with EOs during the pandemic. This may be a nice review for you, managers and your boards so you know just where we are as of July 23.

- Other states marketing campaigns to help with mask and social distancing orders. Maine has one called [Let's Be Kind](#). Take a look and possibly adopt or adapt for your own graphics and signage. Another from [New Jersey](#) specifically about visiting a library.
- [ALA COVID-19 Recovery](#) collection of tools, developed and updated by units across the ALA to help communities, library workers, and library supporters plot the best course forward.
- [School Library Journal Publisher Information](#) - find lists of publishers providing altered policies for use of published works for children's storytime, etc. Also, you can find a list of various Virtual Resources, including links to publishers, eBooks, training, etc: <http://bit.ly/MiYouthVirtual> that Cathy Lancaster, LM Youth Services Consultant maintains as part of the MiYouth meetings.
- [How Mask Culture Has Changed in Europe](#) - from Wall Street Journal review of European community and their regard for their use and also interesting to see because they were hit with infections earlier than the US.
- [How Should Your Business Handle Anti-Mask](#) from Fisher Phillips, large labor and employment law firm.
- [Michigan Retailers Association Webinars](#) for non-members on De-Escalation available on July 27, August 4 and 5. View schedule and [register on their site here](#).
- Wednesday, July 29 at 4pm Eastern. We invite you to share with us your experiences as libraries that are open to public use during this time. We don't have a presentation; this is just an opportunity for us to learn about your experiences administering a library that is open to the public at this time. If you have time that afternoon we would love to hear more from you.



The MLA 2020 Annual Conference theme is *Charting a New Course, Together*, and this fall, we are doing just that. The new virtual [MLA 2020 Annual Conference is scheduled for October 28 and 29, 2020](#).

Spring Institute for Youth Services, originally scheduled for March 19-20, is now the [Fall Institute for Youth Services Virtual Preconference](#), and will be held on October 27, 2020.

United for Libraries Trustee Event online – free for [Statewide Group Members](#). To register, go to: http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/virtual

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