



# Michigan Cooperative Directors Association

## Report for

### Library of Michigan Board of Trustees

### February 15, 2018

**Michigan Library Cooperatives serve the needs of public libraries and many also serve multi-type libraries such as academic, school and special. The Cooperative Directors have submitted information for this report that reflects current achievements, ongoing planning, and future activities.**

#### **Detroit Public Library Cooperative – Jo Anne Mondowney, Director**

- Wayne County Child Support Program: On Saturday, October 2, 2017, DPL joined with the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan and the Salvation Army to co-sponsor a free “Wayne County Child Support Help Program” at Main Library. Attorneys and child support professionals were present to help 125 people with child support issues.
- Michigan Great Read: Ilyasah Shabazz, author of *X: A Novel*, was at Main Library on October 14, 2017. Her book, co-authored with Kekla Magoon, is the 2017 Michigan Humanities Council’s “Great Michigan Read.” An audience of 90 people were present to hear Ms. Shabazz talk about the book, which is a fictionalized account of the early years of the life of her father, Malcolm X. In addition, 12 branch libraries sponsored discussions of the book and distributed free copies that were provided by the Michigan Humanities Council. The Detroit Public Library Foundation was one of the local sponsors of this event. Local historians presented lectures about Malcolm X at the Wilder and Hubbard branches and Main Library.
- Michigan Opera Theater: The E. Azalia Hackley Collection and Ernie Harwell Sports Collection partnered with Michigan Opera Theater for a special program on November 1, 2017. This program was a prelude to a 2018 DPL program focusing on Negro Baseball League power-hitter Josh Gibson, who will be the subject of an opera performed in May, 2018.
- Author Talk: Ibi Zoboi, author of *American Street*, a young adult novel and a 2017 National Book Award finalist, was at Main Library on Sunday, November 5, 2017. *American Street* is Ms. Zoboi’s debut novel and has been on the “must-read” lists of *Ebony Magazine* and *Teen Vogue*.
- 45th Annual Noel Night: Main Library was a busy place for the 45th Annual Noel Night on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Hundreds of people enjoyed a variety of programs including dance performances, puppet shows, face painting, small craft projects and photos with Santa Claus. The night also featured the debut of “791.4 HYPE Radio,” which will connect Detroit teens with their global peers through recorded podcasts and live broadcasts. This studio and equipment is the result of funding provided by the Detroit Public Library Foundation.
- Edison Branch: Library users, community organizations and DPL staff celebrated the grand re-opening of the Thomas Edison Branch on January 17, 2018. Renovations included improvements to the heating and cooling systems, new flooring, lighting, shelving and furniture.
- Duffield Branch: The 2018 Albert H. Mallory Famous Black Hero Oratorical Contest will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Duffield Branch Library. This year’s contest will focus on famous African American educators. The Friends of the Duffield Branch have supported this annual event for more than 25 years.

### **Lakeland Library Cooperative – Carol Dawe, Director (Written by Sheryl VanderWagen)**

- Lakeland Library Cooperative has a new director beginning February 1, 2018. Carol Dawe comes to us from the Library Integrated Network Consortium (LINC) based in St. Charles, IL where she was Executive Director. We welcome Carol to Lakeland.
- Our ILS Council is beginning the process of completing an ILS Strategic Plan with planning consultant, Amanda Standerfer. The process will include a survey, focus groups, interviews and a summit meeting. It should be complete by June 2018.
- There are a few new directors in Lakeland. Croton Township Library has a new director beginning on February 18. Fremont Area District Library's new director has signed a contract and will be on board soon. Hastings Public Library's new director started in December 2017. At this time the Flat River Community Library, Grand Rapids Public Library and the Fruitport District Library director positions have not been filled.
- We completed our network migration from ISERV to Comcast in January 2018. The last step of the process was the IP change to our ILS servers. This took a lot of planning on the part of staff here at Lakeland and coordination with member libraries' IT staff, MCLS (MeLCat) and Innovative Interfaces (SkyRiver and the Ill helpdesk).
- Our Continuing Education Committee under the leadership of Lindsey Dorfman (Kent District Library) has many events in the planning stages. On February 19 there will be an All-Staff workshop with Miguel Figueroa from the American Library Association as the keynote speaker. The workshop will also feature sessions on customer service and patron bashing and a discussion of the book, "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team" by Patrick Lencioni. Several of our libraries are closing for the day to send their staff. The committee is also planning a series called "Coffee, Conversation and Connections" a series of interest group sessions focused on fields of interest. The first session will be held on February 1 on the topic of Human Resources in the Library: Benefits and Performance Evaluations. Future sessions will cover IT, Management and Administration, PR & Marketing, and Legal issues. The committee is also working on a collection development workshop and a Teen Unconference and other events. We are looking forward to all the new offerings from the committee.
- A group of our libraries will be starting up soon with Collection HQ and we are working to migrate our current SMS Alerts service to Shoutbomb.

### **Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative – Denise Hooks, Director**

- The Board met in January and approved a 'no exceptions' audit report for 2016-17.
- Six grants for National Library Legislative Day were awarded to MMLC Board members and library directors.
- Technology and Innovation grants were awarded to all member public libraries for FY2017-18.
- A new Continuing Education grant was introduced and will be available to members throughout FY 2017-18.
- The February 2018 Advisory Council meeting will feature Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, Kent District Library, speaking on the topic of Design Thinking.
- Registration has opened for the MMLC Millage Campaign: Nuts and Bolts workshop that will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. The location this year will be the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre on Hill Rd. in Mundy Township.
- The new MMLC website includes a new online registration system with a PayPal option for workshop payments.

- MMLC will continue to be the fiscal agent for the Friends of Michigan Libraries/Trustee Alliance during FY2018; MMLC will also continue to provide fiscal oversight of their LSTA grant until the end of March 2018 when the current cycle ends.
- MMLC OverDrive Consortia members met for an information day with Michael Evans, OverDrive Content Specialist, as the guest speaker.

#### **Mid-Michigan Library League – Sheryl Mase, Director**

- The cooperative runs a mini Grant Program, currently out for applications, extends four hours of tech support to each member, and offers 18 maker kits and two 3D printers for loan. The membership is liking these services!
- We have a new website, using the LSTA subsidized “Ploud” system. It cuts our costs in half and gives us a more flexible and easy to maintain website. The main URL remains the same (mml.org), but it is a re-direct so the specific URLs will include “ploud.net” the site host.
- The new director at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library is Denise Galardi, and Debra Greenacre has now been director at Manistee for a couple months.
- Sylvia Merz retired from the Leland Township Public Library and Mark Morton is now director.
- A trustee training for the Reed City Area District Library was held Saturday, January 6, 2018 with a small but engaged group.
- Future FY18 webinars will include the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and Internet security issues for public libraries. Watch the website for dates and registration information <http://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars>.

#### **Northland Library Cooperative – Roger Mendel, Director**

#### **Southwest Library Cooperative – John Mohnney, Director**

- Our first Board Meeting of the year is on February 8 at the Portage District Library. We will receive a report from our Auditor. In addition to our regular business and financial reports I have been asked to present a Cost Analysis on the issue of adding new Libraries who have asked to join our Co-op. I will do this and will also present a Cost Analysis for all of the Libraries that are already in the Co-op.

#### **Suburban Library Cooperative – Tammy Turgeon, Director**

- The Cooperative hosted its Annual Library Update in December for member libraries’ Directors and Trustees. SEMCOG representatives were also in attendance and presented information about trends in residency, age, and education levels in SE Michigan that are important for libraries to keep in mind when making decisions about future services for their residents.
- The Cooperative had a successful audit completed in November. The audit presentation will take place at the Board meeting in February.
- The SLC Director and Head of Systems have been visiting member libraries to discuss what their libraries are doing, concerns they have, and ways that SLC can assist them in enhancing their services. Six libraries have been visited so far.
- The SLC Director will be attending the American Library Association Midwinter conference in Denver February 9 - 13. The Symposium on the Future of Libraries will be of particular interest.

#### **Superiorland Library Cooperative – Shawn Andary, Interim Director**

- Pam Christensen resigned her position as Director of the Superiorland Library Cooperative at the end of December, and Shawn Andary is filling in as the Interim Director. The Superiorland

and Library Advisory Boards are in the process of reviewing the Cooperative Director's job description and will be moving forward with filling the position in the coming months.

- Planning for the UPRLC Annual Meeting and Conference is underway. This year the meeting will be held on September 25th (pre-conference) and 26th at Bay College in Escanaba, Michigan. Dr. Michael Stevens will be providing a presentation on September 25th, and the program for September 26th is still being developed.
- Superiorland Library Cooperative renewed our RBDigital magazine subscription content for another year in December. Currently 18 of our member libraries participate in the digital magazine program. We have 129 magazine subscriptions and last year 11,173 digital magazines circulated.
- Eleven ARDUINO kits (<https://www.arduino.cc/>) have been purchased by Superiorland, and our own Jean Montgomery will be presenting regional programming with the kits at member libraries starting in March. Arduino is an open-source platform used for building electronics projects. The programs will be offered to middle school or high school aged students initially, and the kits can be used by one or two people at a time. In addition to the ARDUINO kits, our Cooperative has also purchased a 3D printer. We are thinking that it can be loaned to member libraries. Library staff can learn more about how the 3D printer works and make it available to patrons for use.

#### **The Library Network – James Pletz, Director**

- All eyes at TLN are on the prize - A new Integrated Library System with a new vendor - TLC CARL. After nearly 20 years with the current vendor, SirsiDynix, TLN member libraries voted unanimously for the change. Go LIVE with TLC CARL is scheduled for MAY 29. That is our focus and priority until June.

#### **White Pine Library Cooperative – Bryon Sitler, Director**

- The White Pine Library Cooperative Board has completed its review of Cooperative policies.
- I have been busy working with member libraries on State Aid Reports and preparing statistical interpretations of their Reports comparing to State and National statistics.
- I have also been visiting libraries and working with training new directors and board members.

#### **Woodlands Library Cooperative – Kate Pohjola Andrade, Director**

- In November, Woodlands hosted a very well-received HR Workshop presented by Brian Mortimore from Kent District Library. This is an area in which our members continually ask for guidance. We are considering scheduling Brian for more workshops.
- The cooperative's eResources Committee has been busy managing the Woodlands Downloadable Library, our ebooks collection through OverDrive. We are at the very beginning of exploring what is involved with possibly switching to Cloud Library - pricing, convenience, etc. If we make a change it will be a slow, deliberate process.
- Our Governing Board reviewed and approved updated cooperative bylaws at their January 2018 meeting. We are in the process of reviewing all of the cooperative's policies. Next up is the Personnel Policy.
- The Continuing Education committee is slated to review the cooperative's CE policy in 2018; We'll be addressing the ongoing issue of people registering for events and then not attending and asking for refunds after food and materials have been ordered. We are looking at presenting workshops on Building Maintenance, Community Outreach and Developing Partnerships. We're going to be setting up a mini-Digipalooza, modeled after OverDrive's bi-

annual conference for their customers. It'll be an eResources learning day for all of our member libraries.

- Woodlands is looking at hosting a viewing party for the Big Talk for Small Libraries virtual conference on Friday, February 23.
- Bath Township Public Library passed its first operating millage in November 2017 and is looking at joining Woodlands in the fall of 2018. Kate has been out to meet with them in person and has been in regular communication with the board as they work through their options and the things they need to do to move forward as a library.
- Kate has been out to visit with four libraries and two library boards since October, and has communicated regularly with member directors as they have dealt with various situations, including a very public cat in the library situation.
- Sign up to receive WLC's monthly e-newsletter, Woodlands Wanderings, by visiting: <http://eepurl.com/cuQKvb>