



Michigan Cooperative Directors Association

Report for

Library of Michigan Board of Trustees

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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

- **Curbed Detroit:** DPL's Main Library was featured in "A Detroit Book Lover's Dream," short video that showcases the architectural and artistic highlights of the building. The video, now posted on DPL's Facebook page, is produced by "Curbed," an online site that features the highlights of several large U.S. cities.
- **Support for Small Business:** DPL's Business, Science and Technology Department is providing an opportunity for small business and aspiring entrepreneurs to connect with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Professional consultants from Small Business Development Center will be available at Main Library to review business plans and answer questions. The 30-minute consultation sessions are available every second and fourth Tuesday and require an appointment.
- **Comerica Bank, Java & Jazz:** The 18th Annual Comerica Bank, Java & Jazz series began on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Straight Ahead, the all-female jazz group, launched the series in Main Library's Clara Stanton Jones Friends Auditorium. The group is widely recognized for its eclectic and soulful approach to creating music. Java & Jazz will be presented every third Tuesday, March – July, and is free and open to the public.
- **Colson Whitehead:** DPL is supporting Marygrove College's 30th Annual Contemporary American Authors Lecture which will present Colson Whitehead, author of *The Underground Railroad*, the winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize. Mr. Colson will speak at Marygrove's Madame Cadillac Building at 8 p.m., on Friday, April 13, 2018. The event is free and open to the public. DPL book clubs at the Chaney, Chase, Wilder, Edison, and Hubbard branches are reading the book and having discussions guided by Marygrove College facilitators. There is also a display at Main Library about the history of the lecture series.
- **Michael Eric Dyson:** MGM Grand Detroit is sponsoring Dr. Michael Eric Dyson's visit to Main Library at 1 p.m., on Saturday, April 14, 2018, in Main Library's Clara Stanton Jones Friends Auditorium. Dr. Dyson, a prominent author and scholar, will discuss his latest book, *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, followed by a question and answer session and book signing. The event is free and open to the public.
- **MoneySmart Week:** DPL branches and Main Library will offer 30 programs for the 2018 MoneySmart Week, April 21 – 28. The schedule will be available on the DPL website.

Lakeland Library Cooperative – Carol Dawe, Director

- My colleagues at the LLC office and I are working together on a number of issues: budgeting, consolidation of files and ease of access to shared information, a LLC staff-shared calendar,

weekly management team meetings and monthly or bi-monthly all-staff meetings with some sort of continuing education component and many other projects as well.

- Getting to know each member library is so important as we move forward together. I am visiting all 42 libraries in the next 7 weeks so that we can begin a dialog on how LLC can help each and every library serve the needs of their communities.
- We hope to have a very productive LLC Advisory Council Meeting on May 10th. We are hoping for 100% representation from the member libraries. We will be conducting both a SWOT and an open discussion on Lakeland Services--the current situation and the future and what the membership would like to achieve.
- Discussion to reinstate "convenient return" for our libraries will take place at our April ILS Council meeting with a vote at the subsequent board meeting, later that morning. This is another way to restore services that were taken away due to budget restrictions.
- LLC ILS libraries has made a successful transition to Shoutbomb for text notifications.
- We are working on a Sierra upgrade in the next few weeks.
- Our ILS Council will be holding an ILS summit meeting on April 20th with planning consultant, Amanda Standerfer. The process will include discussion of results from a survey, focus groups, and interviews. We have been pleased by the input and participation thus far. The entire planning process should be complete by June 2018.
- The following Lakeland Library Cooperative Libraries have new directors:
 - Allendale Township Library: Bethany Nettleton (previously at Fruitport District Library)
 - Georgetown Township Public Library: Rob Bristow (previously at Allendale Township Library)
 - Croton Township Library: Laura Rodriguez Irwin (previously a staff member at the Grant Area District Library)
 - Hastings Public Library: Peggy Hemerling (formerly a staff member of the Hastings Public Library)
 - Flat River Community Library: Mattie Cook (previously director of the Lake Odessa Community Library)
 - Lake Odessa Community Library: Jennifer Salgat (a long-time staff member at Lake Odessa)
 - Grand Rapids Public Library: John McNaughton (previously director of the Romeo District Library)
 - Fruitport District Library: Adam DeWitt (starting April 2 and previously a staff member of the Grant Area District Library)
 - Fremont Area District Library: Jan Figa (starting April 2 and coming to us from Illinois)

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative – Denise Hooks, Director

- MMLC held a Millage: Nuts & Bolts workshop that was attended by over 80 library board members, directors, and staff members. Speakers were: Lance Werner and Shirley Bruursema, Kent District Library; Tracy Aldrich, Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library; Sheila Bissonnette, Pere Marquette District Library; Scott Duimstra and Trenton Smiley, Capital Area District Libraries.
- Programming was scheduled for MMLC libraries and many other libraries throughout the state for spring and summer reading events. To date, over 600 programs have been booked. MMLC provides this service year-round.
- Seven MMLC representatives attended the National Library Legislative Day event in Washington D.C. as a part of the Michigan delegation. The attendees were: Debora

Bloomquist and Scott Duimstra, Capital Area District Library; David Conklin and Robert Crites, Genesee District Library; Charles Hanson, Kettering University; Melissa Malcolm, Lapeer District Library; and Denise Hooks, MMLC.

- In the first half of the FY, the Continuing Education grant has funded attendance at workshops and conferences such as Small and Rural Libraries Conference, Disney Customer Service training, and the MLA leadership academy.
- MMLC provided support for the Friends of Michigan Libraries/Trustee Alliance workshops held in March; the co-op also managed the LSTA grant cycle awarded to the Trustee Alliance which ended in March 2018.
- The next Collaborating Partners workshop theme is Library Accessibility and is scheduled on November 9, 2018 at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids. The CDA is taking a leadership role in planning this event.
- MAME held a Michigan School Libraries Advocacy meeting at the Brighton Public Library and shared information about the scholastic advantage for students who have a library with a trained librarian in their school. I attended this event on behalf of the CDA.
- The ALA Midwinter Symposium on the Future of Libraries and the Public Library Association conference were held in February and March and I attended.

Mid-Michigan Library League – Sheryl Mase, Director

- The next statewide webinar is scheduled for April 12th at 11 a.m. titled "An Introduction to Cybersecurity and How to Begin a Cybersecurity Program," presented by Jason Brown, Chief Information Security Officer for Merit on April 12th at 11 a.m. Other webinars are archived and available at <http://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>
- Some of the member libraries have or are creating seed libraries, using their old card catalogs to hold the seed packets. Several also have placed Little Free Libraries outside around their communities and inside at doctor's and dentist's offices and senior centers allowing greater access to books and information about the public library.
- The annual Battle of the Books is happening with libraries from three different cooperatives in mid-Michigan. McBain had their elimination round and is hopeful for another winning team this year!
- Other programs being run include teaching how to make fly fishing flies, "escape rooms," Business After Hours Chamber events, how to tie and wear scarves, STEM programs with the Maker Kits and 3D printers, and a "peep-a-palooza" for springtime fun!
- The cooperative is covering costs for at least one trustee to attend National Library Legislative Day.
- New maker kits for member libraries include a button maker, a printmaking kit, and "Teknikio" activating origami. The 21 kits and 7 resources have been used over 200 times so far.

Northland Library Cooperative – Roger Mendel, Director

- No report

Southwest Library Cooperative – John Mohney, Director

- On February 8 in Portage our Board met with our Auditor Steve Bryer. No problems.
- The Board decided to drop Movie Licensing as a Co-op service. A Group is now being formed by Helena Hayes from Galesburg to continue this service for interested libraries.
- On March 1 a special meeting was called at Paw Paw to consider Tutor.com. Dan Hutchins from Van Buren District Library is forming a Group to make this purchase for interested libraries.

- On March 8 at Paw Paw a Director's Meeting was held. Michelle Bradley from MCLS talked to us about Strategic Planning. MCLS offers this service and Paw Paw was one of their satisfied customers.

Suburban Library Cooperative – Tammy Turgeon, Director

- The Suburban Library Cooperative member libraries have continued to add school districts to their ConnectEd/Virtual Library Card program. The latest districts to implement the program are Lakeshore and Roseville. Warren Consolidated is in process.
- The SLC Shared System libraries' holdings are in the process of being removed from OCLC and a new bibliographic load should be completed within eight weeks so that all records are up to date in OCLC.
- The SLC Director attended the Public Library Association conference in Philadelphia, PA in March.

Superiorland Library Cooperative – Shawn Andary, Interim Director

- Superiorland is currently looking to fill the positions of Cooperative Director and Network Administrator. Interviews will be held in April.
- The Superiorland Board met on March 23rd, and approved the financial audit for 2016-2017. The audit for the UPRLC has also been completed.
- Our first AUDRINO class was held at the Escanaba Public Library and it made the front page of the local paper <http://www.dailypress.net/news/local-news/2018/03/local-teens-get-lesson-in-technology/> The article got the attention of an Escanaba PL patron, and they've received a donation towards the purchase of additional kits.
- The Superiorland Library Cooperative recently received a bequest from a former Great Lakes Talking Books (GLTB) patron Victoria Wolff. Cooperative and GLTB staff met with several current GLTB patrons this month to share ideas about possible services or projects using funds. Based on our discussion, we developed a short survey that will be sent out to all our current talking books patrons in order to determine what ideas have the most interest.
- Superiorland's contract with OverDrive for eBooks and downloadable Audiobooks will be renewed on March 31st. We have customized some of OverDrive's PR materials and will be sending out rack cards, bookmarks and posters to our member libraries in April.
- The Peter White Public Library is preparing to undergo some fairly major renovations, and the Youth Services Department will be moving temporarily to the Westwood Mall in April. We are working with Peter White to allow an option for patrons to pick up all holds for library materials at the Mall during this time period. You can find out more about Peter White's renovation project at <http://www.pwpl.info>
- eRate 471 forms were filed this month for Superiorland's Merit internet consortium and another group of libraries using the Peninsula Fiber Network. Both of these groups are in the final year of a multi-year contract. Additionally, we assisted four other individual libraries in filing for eRate discounts.

The Library Network – James Pletz, Director

- The Library Network chooses to be a model of civility. Our member libraries, their staff, governing board members and engaged governmental officials choose Respect, Consideration, Empathy and Inclusion as our guiding values to assist in advancing our communities quality of life. WE CHOOSE TO MODEL OUR BEHAVIOR USING THE HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

model. YES, THE LIBRARY NETWORK will promote and display 15 rules as guiding principles including:

- Listening before we engage our mouth
 - Speaking kindly and with reference for the value of each member of our community
 - Assuming the best ... not looking for the worst
 - Respecting other opinions even if in contrast to our own
 - Apologize earnestly and
 - Take responsibility for our actions and decisions
- The Library Network will feature Valerie Gross, the recently retired Howard County Library System director at the cooperative wide staff development day hosted on Friday, May 25 by the Novi Public Library. We will need all the civility each of us can muster as May 25 is the day TLN will sever a long term relationship with our current ILS vendor, SirsiDynix, and begin a new relationship with TLC CARL as the exclusive vendor of ILS services for members of the Shared Automation Services User Group.

White Pine Library Cooperative – Bryon Sitler, Director

- This month has been taken up with compiling statistics for the member libraries, preparing public relations materials for them, based on the statistics, assisting libraries with personnel issues and director searches (5 vacancies) and board training.
- At the April Advisory Committee meeting, a presentation will be given on how to supervise difficult employees.

Woodlands Library Cooperative – Kate Pohjola Andrade, Director

- Bath Township Public Library applied to join Woodlands Library Cooperative effective October 1, 2018. The cooperative's governing board unanimously approved this request. We're thrilled to have Bath coming on board.
- Our Children's & Teen Services Committee is setting up a series of programs and workshops for our members who work with teens, tweens and kids. Topics will include hosting author visits using Skype or other teleconferencing tools, working with and supporting patrons who are GLBTQ+ teens, supporting kids and families of kids who are on the autism spectrum and/or have special needs. We are surveying our member librarians who work with kids, teens and tweens to determine other programs that may be helpful.
- Based on the success of our Viewing Party for the Big Talk for Small Libraries virtual conference, we are planning to offer more viewing parties for webinars and virtual conferences that are put on by organizations outside of Michigan.
- Our eResources Committee is gearing up for its spring meeting, where we'll discuss our options for eBooks and other electronic databases and services.
- Kate is serving on the Executive Director search committee for MCLS.
- A good portion of WLC's membership will be in attendance at the Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Librarians conference next month. A few are presenting and the cooperative's mobile laptop lab will be there to support the conference. Kate served on the Awards subcommittee.
- We are taking six members and one cooperative director to this year's National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC, to advocate on behalf of libraries. We have some repeat attendees, including one of our fantastic Woodlands board members.
- Now that the chance of awful weather is subsiding, Kate is already scheduled to visit four libraries and their boards.

- Believe it or not, the 2018-19 budget cycle is starting and we are looking at some innovative ways to get resources and tools into the hands of our member libraries. We're looking at dedicated continuing education funds for each library, portable maker kits that library staff can use to learn or use with patrons and a portable library tool kit - full of things libraries can use (think cricut machines, disc cleaners, book mending supplies, etc).
- Sign up to receive WLC's semi-monthly e-newsletter, Woodlands Wanderings, by visiting: <http://eepurl.com/cuQKvb>