



## Michigan Cooperative Directors Association Report for Library of Michigan Board of Trustees February 2019

### Association Activities:

- The cooperative directors are going to look at our Plans of Service and work together to improve the content, consistency and differences within each document.
- Further Strategic Planning will commence mid 2020 after the new cooperative directors have had time to acclimate. One of our major goals is to work with Library of Michigan to provide support to library directors, building on the issues addressed at the annual certification training programs.
- MCDA will have a booth at the Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference in April.

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

- Mobile Library Update: The new Mobile Library has been enthusiastically welcomed throughout the city. In December 2019, it made special “meet and greet” visits to the Redford and Wilder branches, and Main Library, DPL’s locations with Sunday hours.
- Reading Teacher in the Library: During the summer of 2019, DPL’s Reading Teacher in the Library program expanded from six to nine branches. Out of a total of 110 registered students in grades K-3, 67 completed the six-week program. Certified reading specialists worked with the students to help them improve their reading skills in small groups and in one-on-one sessions. We continue to receive positive feedback from parents regarding the value of this program.
- Meet Up & Eat Up: Last Summer (2019), nine DPL locations served a total of 5,991 free lunches to children through the federal Meet Up & Eat Up program. Children were offered lunches as part of the library’s Summer Reading program activities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that a family whose child participates in a summer lunch program saves an average of \$300 on their grocery bill. Using the USDA’s estimate, DPL’s program saved Detroit families \$48,600 in food costs.
- Author Series: An audience of 300 people attended DPL’s 2020 Author Series launch on Sunday, January 19. The library welcomed Susan E. Rice, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and National Security Advisor to President Obama. Dr. Rice discussed her book, *Tough Love: My Story of Things Worth Fighting For*.
- DPL Story Time on YouTube: “Once Upon a Time with the Detroit Public Library” is DPL’s new YouTube series that brings story time to the community. DPL’s children’s librarians are reading fun stories and posting them on YouTube as another way to bring literacy into homes, day care centers or anywhere else children might gather.

- ABCmouse Tablets: As part of a United Way-funded pilot program, DPL is loaning 140 internet-enabled tablets to families with young children to promote early literacy. The tablets provide access to ABCmouse, a popular online educational program for children ages 2-8. This unique service is helping to bridge the digital divide for families who do not have a personal computer or internet access at home. The partnership, which is in its second year, also allows families who have a home computer to access the ABCmouse website free of charge with their DPL library card.

### **Lakeland Library Cooperative – Carol Dawe, Director**

- We began a Training Tuesdays initiative in January 2020. We will provide one or two sessions a month to assist libraries in training on our ILS and we hope to expand to other areas as needed.
- Our Continuing Education Committee hosted a Trending Topics program on Mindfulness on January 24<sup>th</sup> with 30 participants with a commitment to have more programs on this topic.
- We have established a Non-Resident Cards Ad hoc committee to address this issue cooperative wide by looking at the policies and programs of other co-ops.
- We are moving forward with 3- year budgeting process to provide better financial planning for our members as we chose a new public access catalog.

### **The Library Network (TLN) – Jim Pletz, Director**

### **Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative – Eric Palmer, Director**

- 18 of 21 libraries we have completed their state aid reports with the final 3 working hard at finishing before the February 1, 2020 deadline.
- MMLC has booked 676 programs and we are expecting to be over 700 by the end of the year.
- MMLC will be sending 5 people, including the director, to National Library Legislative Day on May 4- 5 in Washington DC. As part of the training for NLLD we are planning on all going to MLA's Advocacy Day on April 22. There should be many other members coming from the cooperative to the Advocacy Day in Lansing.
- The Lapeer District Library director has announced her retirement, and Eric will be helping them with the interview process.
- As the Fiscal Agent for Friends of Michigan Libraries, Irene Bancroft and Eric attended the FOML December Meeting at the Library of Michigan.
- Eric has registered for his first Public Library Association conference, National Library Legislative Day, the Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference, and is planning to attend ALA Annual Conference.

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

- Jane Gyulveszi is retiring from her position as director at the Bellaire Public Library after her tenure there, successfully turning the library into a hub for the community, welcoming all and refreshing services to young and old alike. Cindi Place will be the new director.
- At Morton Township Public Library in Mecosta, Mary Ann Lenon retired after 41 years of service. During her time, a beautiful new building was built and furnished and is the shining star of the community. Juliane Schafer is the new director.
- Nellie Danke departs from Leelanau Township Library to become the director at Suttons Bay. Her position has not yet been filled.
- The Pentwater Township Library is celebrating 165 years of existence! The library began with a \$50 donation in 1855. They will have a reception on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m.
- Reed City Area District Library is hosting the Smithsonian “Crossroads: Changes in Rural America” exhibit from February 1 – March 13 at the RC Depot.
- Glen Lake Community Library is in temporary quarters, with the main library under remodeling. They have great support from the community, and the local chocolatier, the Grocer’s Daughter, has created a “read” chocolate bar from which a portion of the proceeds go to support the building fund.
- Horizon Books location in Traverse City is closing, but the Cadillac location will remain open for the time being. It is the only bookstore in the region. Efforts are being made to keep them central to the downtown in Cadillac.
- Montcalm County libraries have a joint millage up for renewal March 10<sup>th</sup>. Two of the libraries are in the Mid-Michigan Library League – White Pine District Library and Richland Township Library.

## **Northland Library Cooperative – Linda Adams, Director**

- Enhancement Grant requests are being accepted and funded. The grants are to be used to assist libraries in providing added services for patrons. Grants may be used to purchase materials, provide programming, add technology, enhance the facility in order to meet the mission of the library.
- Position Changes: The new director in Suttons Bay Bigham District library is Nellie Danke, formerly the director at the Leelanau Township Library. The new director at the Charlevoix Public Library is Ryan Deery, formerly the director at the Allegan Public Library. Maureen Derenzy, longtime director of the Otsego County Library will be retiring in March 2020.
- Libraries: Six libraries went fine free on January 1, 2020: Charlevoix, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Boyne and Mackinaw. Working with Elk Rapids District Library director, board and Capital Campaign Committee members to complete strategic plan and work toward funding of a library expansion. Presque Isle and Indian River Libraries have millage campaigns this year. The Otsego County Library held Open House for new expanded main branch in December.

- Overdrive's Up North Digital Collection – Working under new consortium agreement with all libraries to provide consolidated billing, more content credits and collection development teams.

### **Southwest Library Cooperative – Andrea Estelle, Director**

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

- The Suburban Library Cooperative is holding a strategic planning session on January 30, 2020 with 32 individuals that include member library directors, staff, and trustees. The session is being facilitated by Midwest Collaborative for Library Services staff. The process involves holding a second meeting with member library directors in March, and a final report to be issued in the Spring.
- The Suburban Library Cooperative is continuing to work on our new library discount program titled GoLibraryCard. The program provides discounts at participating restaurants/businesses when residents show their library cards. The website has been launched (golibrarycard.org) and local businesses are being added regularly. We are also promoting our Premium Discounts for venues like the Detroit professional sports teams, college and university sports teams, Detroit Opera House and more! We are working on a bookmark to share with the businesses and library patrons to promote usage of the program.
- Mount Clemens Community Schools district will soon be providing student data to participate in the Cooperative's Virtual Library Card program. All students in the district will be provided with virtual library cards to access the library's digital resources. This is in addition to the eleven school districts that are already participating.
- The Director will be attending the Public Library Association conference in Nashville, TN at the end of February.

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

- New Library Directors: The Curtis Township Library in Glennie has hired Rebecca “Becky” Kyes as its new director, and Cindy Bulmer will be back at the Whitefish Twp. Library in Paradise as interim director since Jody Halsey has taken another position.
- Resource Sharing: The Crystal Falls Library joined RIDES and PII (UPRLC resource sharing group) on November 1, 2019, and they also plan to join MeLCat in the coming year.
- VR and 3D Printing Program – On October 23rd, Eli Gladwell (Superiorland Library Cooperative) and Kevin McDonough (Northern Michigan University) presented a Virtual Reality and 3D Printing Program at Escanaba Public Library for Superiorland member library staff.

- Mini-Grants for Programming – Superiorland’s Programming Committee awarded winter mini-grants to the following libraries:

<b>Library Affiliation:</b>	<b>Name of Program:</b>	<b>Amount of Mini-Grant:</b>
Hancock School Public Library	Button Fridays	\$500
Whitefish Township Community Library	Acrylic Painting Class, Acrylic Pouring Class, Knitting 101, Quilled Christmas Ornaments	\$500
Crystal Falls District Community Library	Two Programs: Troy Graham Poetry Workshop Day and Concert and Jonathan Wagner, Author Talk and Book Signing	\$500
St. Ignace Public Library	Cookie Decorating 101	\$125
Roscommon Area District Library	Michigan-based ragtime pianist, Peter Bergin	\$250
Crawford County Library	An Afternoon Before Christmas	\$250
Forsyth Township Public Library	Yoopernatural Haunts	\$250
DeTour School and Public Library	Cameron Zvara- Magician	\$425

- Ploud – Crystal Falls Community Library, Ironwood Carnegie Library, Bessemer Public Library, Menominee County Library, Richmond Township Library, and Dickinson County Library will all be migrating their websites to Ploud in the spring. Sonya Norris will be providing 2 sessions at Bay College in Iron Mountain in May to get them started.
- ERate – I am working with our consultant to get all our 471 forms filed for Superiorland Library Cooperative’s Internet Consortium for FY 2020. Additionally, there are 3 other libraries that we also assist in filing 471 forms.
- Recording Booth – The Great Lakes Talking Books staff and volunteer narrator, Mark Hamari began recording another Cully Gage book. Recording is going very well, and the quality is great. We are all excited about the project. I have been working with Andrea Ingmire, Director of Peter White Public Library on a draft policy for public use of the booth, and we hope to have a dedication and reception in March.

### **White Pine Library Cooperative – Kate Van Auken, Director**

- Debbie Mikula, MLA Executive Director, will be at our February 12 Advisory Council meeting discussing Legislative Day. White Pine has hired a bus to take members, Trustees, and FOL volunteers to Lansing for the April 22 trip.
- Discussed with Patrick Sweeney, EveryLibrary Institute, the possibility of coming to White Pine to share his take on meeting and discussing library issues with elected officials. Provided members with his webinar Library Legislative Day Training as well as slides entitled Schmoozing for Dummies.

- Providing \$11,000.00 of the Cooperative funds to send members to the Rural Library Conference, specifically those who have never been, as well as Trustees. This translates to 31 librarians and staff; the most we have ever been able to support.
- Ten short videos (longest is under 7 minutes) are now available on the White Pine's website explaining step by step how libraries many request items through OCLC via White Pine. White Pine pays for an annual subscription and provides this service to any library in the state that cannot locate items via MelCat.
- Created a brochure highlighting our services and value to members and in so doing calculated White Pine provides an average value of over \$37,000.00 to members. White Pine libraries also provided an average of \$16.54 worth of services to their communities for every dollar they received.
- Invited by Karren Reish to serve on the Library of Michigan LSTA Advisory Council.
- Fielded many State Aid questions as White Pine has over 10 new and newer directors in the past year and a half. Once each member has completed their Report, I provide them a two-page statistical snapshot of their library based on the information in their report.
- Have visited all but 10 of White Pine's 49 members. Always so exciting to visit and see the facilities, big and small, older and newer, and all offering amazing and creative programming for their individual communities.
- Looking forward to attending my first PLA conference!

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

- The Children's & Teen Services Committee is putting the finishing touches on a Youth Services Bootcamp training day, scheduled for March 5, 2020 at the Albion District Library. The day will touch on topics that our smaller library staffs need, including early literacy, cooperative resources, and state resources. Registration will open next week.
- Woodlands will be taking a cohort of directors, assistant directors, Governing Board members and member trustees to attend National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC.
- The cooperative is developing a Library of Things, geared toward libraries and librarians. It will include STEM/maker items that librarians can use to further their own training and supplement their programming, and tools that staff can use at their library.
- Kate has assisted 5 member libraries with all or parts of their strategic plans and has two more libraries on the calendar for this spring. The cooperative is exploring our options for a new strategic plan as well.
- The Woodlands Library Cooperative's mobile laptop lab will help provide IT support for the Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference.