



# Michigan Cooperative Directors Association

## Report for

### Library of Michigan Board of Trustees

### November 8, 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**

- Sunday Schedule Resumes: The Main Library and Redford and Wilder branches resumed their Sunday service schedule on October 7, 2018 for FY 2019. These libraries were open a total of 30 Sundays from October 8, 2017 through May 20, 2018, providing an additional 360 hours of public service during FY 2018.
- Clara Stanton Jones & Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame: Clara Stanton Jones, the director of the Detroit Public Library from 1970-1978, was posthumously inducted into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame in recognition of her career achievements as the first woman and first African-American director of the Detroit Public Library.
- Metro Detroit Youth Day: DPL participated in Metro Detroit Youth Day on July 11, 2018, at Belle Isle. The Library’s station was located in the education tent where a library-card sign up opportunity registered 101 children and 6 adults for library cards. Information was shared about the library’s summer programs, and children made bookmarks and received a free book.
- NAHC Future Collectible Vehicle of the Year: The Detroit Public Library’s National Automotive History Collection’s Future Collectible Vehicle of the Year was presented during the Automotive Heritage Awards segment of the Concours d’Elegance of America on July 29, 2018. The award went to the 2018 Chevrolet Corvette Z06. The Future Collectible Vehicle of the Year award honors the vehicle that will most likely be seen at a car show 25-years hence. This award was originally conceived by NAHC Board of Trustees member Mike Davis, an author and automotive historian.
- Reading Teacher in the Library: Reading Teacher in the Library, a summer tutoring program for struggling young readers, was offered for the second year at Wilder, Edison, Jefferson, Duffield, Parkman and Conely branches. This summer 88 students signed up and 52 of them completed the program. The teachers were certified reading specialists who tested the students before and after the program. Most students improved their reading skills during the six-week program.
- Javaka Steptoe’s Visit: DPL welcomed Javaka Steptoe, author and illustrator of the 2017 Caldecott Medal winner, *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*, as he visited Main Library on October 14, 2018. Mr. Steptoe’s illustration from the book is on the cover of DPL’s 2018 African American Booklist.

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

- The Lakeland Library Cooperative is partnering with MCLS on a pilot program for Overdrive to test the sharing of resources between OD Purchasing Groups with the hope that this may go

statewide at some point. We are pleased to be a part of this pilot and are always willing to participate in any way we can to help all Michigan cooperatives and their members.

- We are working on proposals for updating our ILS servers and we are also reviewing our by-laws and updating our financial reporting so that it is easier to understand and provides the board with better information. I have also been busy helping our member libraries with a variety of projects and issues.
- Lakeland will be discontinuing our printed notices for patrons regarding overdues and holds. We will be using an automated phone system as of mid to late November. This, along with Shoutbomb, which we implemented last spring have offered our library patrons better ways to have access to their renewals, fines, billing etc.
- The LLC Board voted in October to endorse Lance Werner's candidacy for ALA President. He has the full support of the organization and its member libraries. The LLC Annual October meeting was well attended and there is a strong commitment to moving forward with a variety of projects and programs.

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

- Performer's Showcase was held on September 18, 2018 with 85 attendees from libraries around the state and over 50 performers in attendance. Booking requests for over 550 programs were received for the 2018-19 year.
- The Collaborating Partners "Removing Barriers: A Library Accessibility Workshop" includes more than 80 participants from public, academic, and special libraries. The event is scheduled on November 9, 2018 at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids.
- The fall MMLC Advisory Council meeting was hosted by the Community District Library in October. Members discussed technology advances and use of the MMLC Technology and Innovation Grant money. Launchpads and iPads for children for coding and many other learning applications, STEAM maker kits, Lynda.com training subscriptions, new telephone system, YA console gaming system, newspaper digitization, patron and staff computers, a historical documentary, and community marketing were highlighted. Also, the grants were used to sustain existing services such as RIDES and some library ILS services. The group also had a presentation from Beth Prykucki, Michigan State University Extension, on the Real Colors Personality Instrument. Use of this type of tool with library staff and administration can assist in understanding work styles to enhance performance and workplace satisfaction.
- Attended the Michigan Library Association conference where Bay County Library System was awarded the State Librarian's Excellence Award by Randy Riley. BCLS is an outstanding library system and a vital, active member of MMLC.
- The Flint Public Library won the 2018 STATE HISTORY AWARDS for Institutions. FPL has a long-standing reputation for its genealogy collection and knowledgeable staff. FPL is also a vital, active member of MMLC.
- Met with the Lapeer Libraries CALL group in October.
- Participated in Meet the Candidate sessions with Bryon Sitler of White Pine Library Cooperative.
- Co-sponsored the Bay County Library System's workshop on library security with Dr. Steve Albrecht.
- Working with Roger Mendel, other cooperative directors, and several Northland Library Cooperative members to plan a small conference for small and rural libraries in April 2019. MMLC will manage registration for the conference.

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

- Five library cooperatives serving the largest number of small and rural libraries will sponsor a conference in Gaylord at the Treetops Resort April 29-30, 2019. We will have Ben Bizzle as keynote, Anne Seuryneck as a dinner speaker, and Eric Guthrie for the last plenary to discuss population trends and the decennial census. The conference will draw about 200 attendees.
- Our annual meeting was held at Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort. We had Randy Riley and Clare Membiela from the Library of Michigan providing updates and co-op member library staff doing “speed round” presentations on a variety of topics. We had nearly 70 in attendance.
- We are continuing membership benefits of access to RBDigital downloadable audiobooks and Transparent Language Online, as well as four hours of paid tech support for each member by the “Emergency Geek.”
- We have several new directors, with the newest one starting on October 15th at Big Rapids (Lauren Moran).
- We still have three un-automated libraries: Chase, Walton Erickson, and Wheatland. 33 of the 37 member libraries are now on MeLCat – YES! Walkerville is now automated, but they still need to implement MeLCat.

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

- October 1, the Tahquamenon public library joined the Cooperative. This brings the number of public library members to 24. The Board also revised the Plan of Service to allow non-public libraries to join the cooperative.
- The new program entitled Library Enhancement Grant was a great success and will continue in the current fiscal year.
- Five cooperatives have committed \$2,500 to plan a conference for next spring to serve the needs of small and rural libraries. The conference is set for April 29 and 30 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

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

- The SMLC Board met on October 11 at the Lincoln Township Public Library. New Board Members were seated for their 2 year term. New Officers were chosen at the Meeting. Our 2018-2019 Budget had already been approved. All of our 2019 Board & Council Meeting dates, places & speakers are set.
- Tim Gleisner from the Library of Michigan spoke to us at our Council Meeting about the Special Collections that he supervises.
- I am working on setting up 3 Workshops for us: Technology in May, Performers Showcase in September, and Circulation in November. I hope to have all of these finalized before the end of this year and want to hold them at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center.
- My contract as Director continues until December 31, 2019, when I plan to retire.

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

- Tammy Turgeon ended her term as the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association President.
- The Michigan Cooperative Directors Association had a booth at the annual Michigan Library Association conference for the first time ever. The Association felt it was worthwhile and will pursue doing this annually.
- The Suburban Library Cooperative has contracted with a grant writer to increase the chances of receiving funding for cooperative-wide projects.

- Preparations are underway for the annual audit in November.
- The Suburban Library Cooperative is working on renewing its subscriptions to RB Digital, Freegal and Tutor.com that are available cooperative-wide to all library cardholders.
- The SLC Annual Update is scheduled for December 3, 2018 to present what the Cooperative has been working on over the last year to member libraries and trustees.

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

- No report

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

- With the successful migration to a new Integrated Library System (ILS) by CARL, TLN began a yearlong analysis of cooperative services for member libraries. What should be kept, what do we bid farewell to, can new services be identified, are there potential new partnerships or service structures that will keep TLN as a leading innovator in library services.
- Remaining as a service to directors, the Leaders Book Discussion launches a fifth season of the group. Featuring a discussion of Culture Code by David Coyle on November 28 at the Royal Oak Public Library.
- TLN identified a need to reach out to both our libraries and their patrons in a meaningful, helpful way that reinforces our member library role in the community. A new position, Community Engagement Specialist, was created to fill this program and service void. Dale Jaslove, creator of the wildly popular Imagine Theater Library service partnership has joined the TLN Team as the first Community Engagement Specialist.
- Three major service efforts are under review, prior to beta testing by members.

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

- White Pine invited 39 legislative candidates to meet with the librarians in their respective districts. The purpose for the meetings is for the library staffs to get to know their (potential) legislators and for the legislators to get to know their librarians and libraries. Each candidate was provided with a statistical analysis of the libraries in their individualized legislative districts. White Pine Library Cooperative conducts such meetings during each election season in conjunction with the contiguous cooperatives that share legislative districts: Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative, MidMichigan Library League and Lakeland Library Cooperative. All parties involved seem to enjoy the exchange of information.
- WPLC's Annual Meeting was October 10. The State Demographer presented information on changing demographics in Michigan. Megan Cusick, American Library Association, presented background materials for libraries to use for planning for the future. She discussed trends and offered some new things to think about for service to local communities. John Borkovich, author, discussed his latest book and some of the rationale behind it.
- Several library board training sessions took place with discussions on The Open Meetings Act as well as conducting board meetings.
- Steps to prepare for the upcoming audit have begun.

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

- Kate Pohjola Andrade is the new Michigan Cooperative Directors Association President for a two-year term.
- Woodlands officially welcomed Bath Township Public Library as our newest member of the cooperative on October 1, 2018. BTPL has served their community for a few years, with

contracts with nearby libraries for various services. They passed an operating millage last fall which made them eligible for cooperative membership. We have been working with their director, Kristie Reynolds, to get them up to speed.

- Schoolcraft Community Library celebrated 30 years on August 25, 2018.
- Adrian District Library celebrated 150 years on August 26, 2018. They have been celebrating all year with a traveling Andrew Carnegie paper doll that visits libraries all around the world.
- Colon Township Library, a Woodlands member serving a rural community in St. Joseph County, had their Facebook post about the "Amish Uber" go viral. CTL is one of the libraries with a hitching post in its parking lot.
- We are pleased to share that our 2018-19 budget at Woodlands includes:
  - additional funds for OverDrive access and content
  - renewal of our cooperative-wide subscription to Consumer Reports Online
  - a cooperative-wide subscription to Mango Languages
  - \$2000 per library for grant projects
  - \$1000 per library for continuing education for staff
  - reimbursement for MLA or other professional memberships, as well as MCLS membership
  - 100% coverage for RIDES delivery to each library
- Kate has been out to visit multiple member libraries for board trainings, board meetings, one-on-one meetings with directors and committee meetings. Kate will continue to serve on the MCLS Executive Director search committee.
- Our upcoming workshop, Move, Groove & Sing a Song, on November 2, 2018, is co-sponsored with Marshall District Library and will feature Jenifer Strauss and Beverly Meyer. We have nearly 60 youth librarians and early childhood educators registered for the day-long event.
- Between our natural board rotation and resignations, we will have SEVEN new Governing Board members at our meeting next month. Sadly one of our resignations comes from our long-serving board member (almost 18 years), Larry Gregory, representing the Monroe County Library System.