

# Mid-Michigan Library League

## Director's Report

### May 2018

#### Administrative:

- FY18 Board members, groups they represent, year term ends:
  - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 17
  - Group 2 – Susan LaBelle – 20
  - Group 3 – Patti Colvin – 20 (*Vice Chair*)
  - Group 4 – Diane Eisenga – 19 (*Secretary*)
  - Group 5 – Eric Smith – 18 (*Chair*)
  - Group 6 – Lois Langenburg – 19
  - Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh – 19
  - Group 8 – Chris Cook – 19 (*Treasurer*)
  - Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury – 19
- Committees of the Board (Board Chair Eric Smith is ex-officio):
  - Finance – Chris Cook (Treasurer), Jeanette Fleury, Valerie Church-McHugh
  - Personnel – Diane Eisenga, Patti Colvin, Mary Edens
- Joint committees:
  - Grants – Jeanette Fleury, Miriam Andrus (Ad Council Co-Chair, Big Rapids), Jennifer Thorson (Reed City)
  - eResources – Chris Cook, Eric Smith, Miriam Andrus, Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores)
  - Maker Team – Patti Skinner (Ad Council Co-Chair, MCDL Scottville), Tracy Logan Walker (Cadillac), OPEN
  - Up North Digital Steering Committee – Eric Smith, Patti Skinner, Stacy Pasche, [also from Northland, Val Meyerson, Maureen Derenzy], with co-op directors Roger Mendel and Sheryl Mase as ex-officio
- The Michigan Department of Treasury issues annual cost limitations for employer contributions to medical benefit plans, and Boards must pass resolutions to exceed the limitations, which is quite common given the high cost of health care. A draft resolution will be in the May Board packet.
- State Aid payments are going out to member libraries. So far, the state has reported first round payments to 17 libraries. We will be sending out invoices for the cooperative aid portion.
- We are excited to hear from Valerie Church-McHugh when she returns from Washington, D.C. after ALA National Library Legislative Day. There was a record turnout this year, so hopefully we will save the IMLS and LSTA funding!

#### Broadband:

- Governor Snyder created the [Michigan Consortium of Advanced Networks](#) (MCAN) to garner recommendations to strengthen broadband access throughout the state. MCAN's report is due to the Governor by August 1, 2018. As part of the process of formulating final recommendations, MCAN will host five listening sessions in May to elicit feedback:
  - May 14, 5:30 to 7:00pm: St. Clair Community College, Port Huron, MI
  - May 15, 5:30 to 7:00 pm: Metro Health Hospital, Wyoming, MI
  - May 22, 5:30 to 7:00 pm: West Shore Community College, Scottville, MI
  - May 23, 5:30 to 7:00 pm: Networks Northwest Conference Center, Traverse City, MI
  - May 24, 2:00 to 3:30 pm: Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI
- RSVP to attend a listening session(s) prior to Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2S2oFakvFTAcBbGGvsbPcP1bSkZK14oGahjtSoeo78O7h4Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2S2oFakvFTAcBbGGvsbPcP1bSkZK14oGahjtSoeo78O7h4Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- ALSO, the statewide network for schools, called MiSEN (Michigan State Education Network, see <http://22itrig.org/activities/state-education-network/>), will be adding libraries onto the network in the future. The ISD tech directors are reporting via a survey to the project director, Dave Childs, as to the libraries in their areas that may be interested in joining the network. The benefits are great - up to

a 10 GB network connection at low cost with limited administrative burden. Unserved/underserved schools and libraries will be first in line. E-rate participation is required, but filing would be done on your behalf, with the local obligation of using a filter (compliance with CIPA). Stay tuned! Your cooperative director is talking to the tech directors and project director on your behalf.

### Webinars:

- We have 20 different archived webinars available on our website: <http://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>. The most recent one was on Cybersecurity. I am working on a webinar on library policy development. If you have suggestions, please let us know!
- The Library of Michigan pays for us to have access to all of the webinars produced by WebJunction. The MMLL "News of Interest" newsletter highlights these and other continuing education you can do online. See <http://mml.ploud.net/news-events/news-of-interest-newsletter>.

### Services:

- 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.
- RBdigital resources have been up and running since the beginning of the fiscal year. From October through April, there were 1,697 checkouts of eAudiobooks. Transparent Language Online has had 155 unique users and 536 different sessions. Training, marketing resources, how to get statistics are all posted on the MMLL website at <http://mml.ploud.net/a/rbdigital-resources> and <http://mml.ploud.net/a/usage-statistics>.
- The "Emergency Geek" service is available and at the ready! If you need tech support, contact Cory Walker to set up an appointment. See <http://mml.ploud.net/a/tech-corner> for instructions. So far, Cory has been on-site at member libraries now 31 hours. There are 34 hours in the "pool" that have been donated if you need more than your four hours!

### Member Libraries:

- Central Lake District Library passed a 20 year renewal of their millage in the May 8<sup>th</sup> election. YAY!
- Cadillac Wexford Public Library has announced their new director, Tracy Logan-Walker. We congratulate and welcome Tracy into her new role at CWPL!
- The new director at Seville Twp. Is Emma Erkeson. Alycia McKowen is now director at St. Ignace.
- Luther and LeRoy are implementing MeLCat. Walkerville finished barcoding/attaching their collection and is now automated with Auto-Graphics. They still need to implement MeLCat. Three MMLL members are not yet automated: Wheatland, Chase, and Walton Erickson.
- If you would like me to plan a visit, attend a Board meeting, a fundraiser, or just come to talk with you about any issues you like, let me know. I can assist with Board training or strategic planning.

### Travel/Meetings:

- 4/11 – Benzonia for Michigan Notable Book author program (Daniel Wolff)
- 4/13 – Lansing, Cooperative Director's Association meeting at Library of Michigan
- 4/30 to 5/2 – Grand Traverse Resort, Rural Libraries Conference
- 5/3 – Baldwin, Pathfinder Community Library, MMLL Advisory Council meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

~*Sheryl*

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