

Mid-Michigan Library League

Director's Report

August 2019

Administrative:

- FY19 Board members, groups they represent, year term ends:
 - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 20
 - Group 2 – Susan LaBelle –20
 - Group 3 – Patti Colvin –20 (**Vice Chair**)
 - Group 4 – Diane Eisenga–19
 - Group 5 – Eric Smith –21 (**Treasurer**)
 - Group 6 – Lois Langenburg –19
 - Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh –19 (**Secretary**)
 - Group 8 – OPEN (**was chair**)
 - Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury –19 (**retiring**)
- Committees of the Board for FY19 (Board chair is ex-officio):
 - **Finance** – Smith, Church-McHugh, Langenburg
 - **Personnel** – Colvin, Eisenga, Edens
- Other MMLL committees:
 - **Grants** (FY19) – Eric Smith (MCDL), Mary Barker (Pentwater), Jennifer Thorson (RCADL)
 - **E-resources** – Eric Smith (MCDL), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores), Tom Burnosky (RCADL), Emma Erekson (Seville Twp)
 - **Continuing Education** – Patti Skinner (MCDL/Scottville), Tracy Logan-Walker (Cadillac), Amanda McLaren (Benzonia)
 - **Up North Digital Steering Committee** – Eric Smith (MCDL), Stacy Pasche (Benzie Shores). Northland members are Val Meyerson (Charlevoix) and Maureen Derenzy (Otsego County). Ex-officio are the co-op directors Roger Mendel (Northland) and Sheryl Mase (MMLL)
- Advisory Council:
 - FY19 Chair – Patti Skinner (MCDL/Scottville)
- Certificate of Deposit – we have a 12-month CD for \$65,000 with the Lake Michigan Credit Union. The maturity date is 11-26-19.

Continuing Education:

- Jenifer Strauss of Story Be Told will presented a workshop on May 30th - "*#STORYTIMEMATTERS: Storytime is Your Time to Shine*" with eleven participants.
- The Library of Michigan and University of Michigan School of Information are excited to announce the 2019-2020 Small and Rural Library Leadership Academy. See more details and apply by **August 16, 2019**. <https://libacad.sites.uofmhosting.net/info-sessions/>
- Monthly opportunities for webinars and in-person trainings are offered to the membership via the [News of Interest](#) newsletter. Find member library news there as well!

Services:

- Maker Kits – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/maker-space-resources>
- RBdigital and TLO – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/digitalresources/rbdigital-resources>
- eMagazines, Up North Digital – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/digitalresources>
- Emergency Geek – <https://mml.ploud.net/a/tech-corner>
- Consulting/reference/referral – contact your cooperative director! smase@mml.org

Mini-Grant Program:

Both rounds of the FY19 Library Service Expansion and Mini-Grant program have concluded. All activities must be complete and all requests for reimbursement must be received by Tuesday **September 3rd, 2019** so that they may be paid out of FY19 funds. See <https://mml.ploud.net/a/grants>

eResources:

- The Up North Digital OverDrive group that is comprised of some members from MMLL and Northland library cooperatives has a Steering Committee working on a new master contract, and now has a Collection Development Committee. There are new participation agreements that went out and have been returned by most. The new pricing model will save most libraries money, and will allow those who have not participated in the past to pay a lower cost to join. The new master contract will begin in December 2019.
- We will renew the RBdigital eMagazines for those members who wish to participate at a group rate. The Midland Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is now also participating, as an affiliate library of MMLL, which will add to the number of titles we can maintain going forward. The RBdigital eAudiobook core collections have been well-used over the past year, and we want to provide to all MMLL members access to the entire unlimited collection (30,000+ titles!) as a benefit of membership in the cooperative. In addition to the Transparent Languages online, we will provide that in FY20, beginning October 1, 2019, if the membership approves the budget as presented.

In the News:

- “Librarians to publishers: Please take our money. Publishers to librarians: Drop dead.” Jessamyn West writes an article referring to the latest edict by Macmillan regarding sales of eBooks to libraries. See <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/02/opinions/libraries-fight-publishers-over-e-books-west/index.html>.
- Toni Morrison, the 1993 Nobel laureate in literature, whose work explored black identity in America and in particular the experience of black women, died on Monday in the Bronx. She was 88.

Travel/Meetings:

6/19 – Alden District Library for 3D printer delivery and instruction (back 7/31 for pickup)
7/10 – Ludington/Mason County Library for MMLL Finance Committee meeting
7/22 – Reed City Area District Library, then Walton Erickson Public Library for 3D printer delivery and instruction

~*Sheryl*

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