

Mid-Michigan Library League

Director's Report

January 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 –Chris Cook –19 (**Chair**)
 - Group 9 –Jeanette Fleury –19
- 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** – Chris Cook (Big Rapids), 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), Tirzah Price (Big Rapids)
 - **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 now have a 12-month CD for \$65,000 with the Lake Michigan Credit Union. The maturity date is 11-26-19.

Continuing Education:

- The “Small Libraries, Big Impact” conference, sponsored by six library cooperatives (MMLL, Northland, Superiorland, White Pine, Mideastern, Woodlands), will be held at the **Treetops Resort in Gaylord** on Monday/Tuesday **April 29/30, 2019**. Keynote speakers include Ben Bizzle (ceo, Library Market), John Chrastka (director, EveryLibrary), Anne Seuryneck (attorney), and Eric Guthrie, state demographer. At least 40 spaces will be held for each cooperative’s members to register during the first two weeks that registration is open (early March). Registration will cost \$75. Information will be shared via the News of Interest newsletter and the MMLL email list, midmichlib@googlegroups.com.
- The next MMLL webinar will be on LearningExpress Library, a MeL resource that offers practice tests, tutorials, and so much more. Tom Burnosky (director at Reed City Area District Library) will take us through this resource on **Thursday, January 31st**, at **10:00 a.m.** Login at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/smase> use the voice over IP for sound or dial in to 641-715-3580, access code 333763#.

- The CE Committee will be making short “Bright Idea” videos that will be posted on the MMLL YouTube channel. These videos will be five minutes or less, and will instruct on various topics in short segments.
- Archived webinars are on the MMLL website at: <https://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>. If you have suggestions for topics, please contact the MMLL director.

Services:

The following services are offered by the cooperative -

- 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:

Member libraries who applied during round one of the FY19 Library Expansion & Mini-Grant Program have ALL been selected for funding! CONGRATULATIONS to:

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| ○ Alden District Library (\$998) | ○ McBain Community Library (\$250) |
| ○ Bellaire Public Library (\$790) | ○ Pathfinder Community Library (\$250) |
| ○ Benzonia Public Library (\$250) | ○ Richland Township Library (\$250) |
| ○ Ewart Public Library (\$600) | ○ Shelby Area District Library (\$500) |
| ○ LeRoy Community Library (\$400) | ○ White Pine District Library (\$250) |
| ○ Luther Area Public Library (\$174) | |

Total funding commitment, round one: **\$4,712.15**. Round two will be announced before spring.

Member Libraries:

- Glen Lake Community Library is within \$100,000 of their fundraising goal for the new building expansion. They will move to a small temporary location during the construction
- Benzie Shores District Library is working on a plan to add an addition to their library and will be fundraising for expansion soon.

Repeating from last report, fyi:

- The new director at Luther Area Public Library is Heather Morché.
- The new director at Walkerville School Public Library is Nicole Hintz.
- The new director at Big Rapids Community Library is Lauren Moran.

Travel/Meetings:

11/16 – Big Rapids Community Library – meet with Luran Moran, new director

11/26 – Traverse City – Lake Michigan Credit Union to set up Certificate of Deposit \$65K

12/6 – Grayling – Small Libraries, Big Impact conference planning meeting

12/11 – Reed City Area District Library – meet with Tom Burnosky, director

~*Sheryl*

Sheryl L. Mase