

Mid-Michigan Library League

Director's Report

March 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 costs \$75. To register, go to <https://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/workshops> for specific links and information.
- The LearningExpress Library webinar presented by Tom Burnosky (director at Reed City Area District Library) is now archived at <https://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>.
- The CE Committee has added and will continue to add short “Bright Idea” videos to the MMLL YouTube channel. These videos will be five minutes or less, and will instruct on various topics in short segments. See <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrOJECnjyxrAMX6yHMPDb7w>.

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:

All Member libraries who applied during round one of the FY19 Library Expansion & Mini-Grant Program were approved for funding! Round two of the program is now open, with applications due **March 15, 2019**. See <https://mml.ploud.net/a/grants>.

Ready to Read:

Public libraries should all have received the Ready To Read Michigan mailing with a hardcover book, poster and bookmarks. The online toolkit is at <http://michigan.gov/readytoread>.

Money Smart Week:

Dates this year for Money Smart Week are **March 30-April 6, 2019**. Find information about Money Smart Week at [MoneySmartWeek FAQ](#).

Member Libraries:

- Cadillac Wexford Public Library is using the PLA Strategic Planning for Results process. I will help by facilitating their Community Planning Committee meetings. This will be a nice way to garner community feedback for the library and plan for the next few budget cycles. The community has raised around \$300,000 so far for the new Manton library.
- Many of our member libraries have had to be closed because of the weather this winter, and some have had expensive repairs due to the cold and windy conditions. Hang in there, everyone – there is rumor of actual spring in the future.

Travel/Meetings:

- 1/26 – Reed City Area District Library Board training
- 2/7 – Small Libraries, Big Impact conference planning meeting (phone)
- 2/15 – Co-op Directors Association meeting and planning session (illness prevented attendance)
- 2/19 – Up North Digital steering committee meeting @ MMLL
- 2/28 – SLBI planning meeting (phone)
- 3/14 – Advisory Council meeting at Big Rapids Community Library

Newsletter:

Remember there are monthly newsletters posted on the website and archived at <https://mml.ploud.net/news-events/news-of-interest-newsletter> - Plenty of resources for you!

~*Sheryl*

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