

**Mid-Michigan Library League  
Director's Report  
November 2019**



**Administrative:**

- Board members, groups they represent, year term ends, officers for FY19 (*\*need these representatives renewed or appointed for FY20 and onward*):
  - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 20
  - Group 2 – Susan LaBelle –20
  - Group 3 – Patti Colvin –20
  - *\*Group 4 – Diane Eisenga – 19*
  - Group 5 – Eric Smith –21
  - *\*Group 6 – Lois Langenburg – 19*
  - *\*Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh – 19*
  - *\*Group 8 – OPEN*
  - *\*Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury – 19*
- Advisory Council
  - FY20 Co-Chairs – Debra Greenacre (Manistee) and Mary Barker (Pentwater).
  - Future Meeting dates: March 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m. (Shelby District Library), May 14, 2020, 11:00 a.m. (White Pine District Library), August 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m. (Surrey Township Public Library)
- Certificate of Deposit, 12-month, \$65K at Lake Michigan Credit Union; maturity date 11-26-19.

**Continuing Education:**

- The CE Committee (Patti Skinner, Tracy Logan-Walker, Debra Greenacre, Amanda McLaren) will be meeting November 26<sup>th</sup> in Manistee to discuss FY20 activities. Let them know what training/services/shared collections/etc. you might want from your co-op! A survey may be developed – stay tuned.
- 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!

**Mini-Grant Program:**

The first round of the [Library Service Expansion and Mini-Grant program](#) is underway, with applications due on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be announced on December 13<sup>th</sup> for expenditures made until May 8, 2020. The second round will be announced January 6, 2020 with applications due March 6<sup>th</sup> with announcements made on March 13 for expenditures made until August 7, 2020.

**eResources:**

- Members not currently part of [Up North Digital OverDrive](#) are encouraged to join. The current deadline to join for January is December 13, 2019. The next opportunity will be those who apply by June 12, 2020 to join in July. The new collection development teams meet soon to formalize their processes for the new contract beginning on 12/21/19.
- RBdigital downloadable eAudiobooks are now available to all members of MMLL. We had the core collections (around 8,000 items) but now we have the unlimited collection of over 30,000 titles that are always available. Don't forget to put the link on your website and let patrons know about this

service! <https://wmlpmi.rbdigital.com/>. Also available to everyone is Transparent Language Online (TLO) and eMagazines for those who participate in that group.

#### **Tech Assistance:**

- FY20 begins with each MMLL member library holding four hours of credit for computer services from Cory Walker, “Emergency Geek.”
- See the [website here](#) for how to contact Cory and arrange for your needed service

#### **Member Libraries:**

- **Glen Lake Community Library** is in temporary quarters, with the main library under remodeling. **Benzie Shores District Library** is fundraising for an addition. **Cadillac Wexford Public Library** will soon open the new location for their **Mesick branch**, and soon the **Manton branch** will begin construction on a new building. **Mason County District Library**’s UnBound project has been successful in allowing student ID card numbers as public library cards and delivering materials directly to the various locations for student requests. **Manistee County Library** has engaged MCLS staff for community engagement strategic planning this year.

#### **In the News:**

- [ALA delivers #eBooksForAll Petition, with 160,000+ Signatures, to Macmillan Publishers](#)
- COSLA (all of the state librarians) has a November 6, 2019 press release [posted here](#)

#### **Travel/Meetings:**

10/7/19 – Chase library Board meeting  
10/11/19 – MCDA – co-op directors meeting in Lansing  
10/14/19 – Grants committee meeting  
10/16-18/19 – MLA annual conference, Novi  
10/30/19 – Audit  
11/7/19 – Advisory Council meeting in McBain

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