Member Happenings

- Mary Ann Lenon, director of Morton Township Public Library is retiring after 41 years! Holly Swincicki is also retiring after 27 years at MTPL. Thanks for your years of service to the community!

- Mason County District Library have book tastings for students at the Mason County Schools at which they engage the students and tell them about all the library can provide to them, even delivering MeLCat requests to them via the UnBound program!

- The Benzie County libraries collaborate on programs. They had author Joseph Heywood come to the Mills Community House this fall.

- Lilas Van Scoyoc wrote a grant for a digital sign outside the Evart Public Library.

- Jane Gyulveszi, director of the Bellaire Public Library, is retiring! Jane was the very first to submit her annual report for state aid (10-4-19)! Congrats, Jane, you will be missed!

Advisory Council

- Your FY20 Advisory Council co-chairs are Debra Greenacre (Manistee) and Mary Barker (Pentwater).

- The next meeting of the Advisory Council is set for March 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m., at the Shelby Area District Library.

- There is a page for the Advisory Council on the MMLL website: [https://www.mmll.org/board/advisory-council](https://www.mmll.org/board/advisory-council)

The 2020 Open Enrollment Period of the Affordable Care Act will close December 15, 2019. Make sure you and your patrons are aware!
MLA Spring Institute: People First
March 19-20, 2020

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The 2020 Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort April 13-April 15, 2020

The three-day event features exhibitors, awards, keynote speakers and sessions geared to libraries serving small and rural communities.

Nominate someone for an award!
Nominations are due by Friday, January 17, 2020 to norriss2@michigan.gov

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The 45th annual National Library Legislative Day will be held May 4-5, 2020, at the Georgetown Conference Center in Washington, D.C. This two-day educational advocacy event is designed to gather hundreds of library workers, supporters, leaders, patrons, and community stakeholders to learn from policy experts and raise awareness among federal legislators about how and why libraries are vital to communities across America. The event begins on Monday with a full day of advocacy training, with the next day devoted to meetings with elected officials to discuss resources for libraries in their communities.

Do YOU want to go to D.C.? MMLL will pay for one person to go! Contact Sheryl at smase@mmll.org or 231-775-3037!

Library Continuing Education Program
- Applications may be submitted quarterly, up to the last business day of March, June, September, or December for a continuing education event that is AFTER the quarterly submission deadline.

Library of Michigan Continuing Education Page

NOTE: The Library of Michigan has updated and expanded our Public Library Financial Management Guide. The new guide is posted at www.michigan.gov/librarymanuals. Please take a look and share with financial or budgeting staff at your library. The Library of Michigan will also be updating the Michigan Public Library Trustee Manual and posting the new version of that in a few months. Finally, we will be mailing hard copies of both manuals to public libraries throughout the state when both are complete. Keep an eye on your mailbox in the new year for these resources!

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MLA Advantage Day - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 - Lansing, Michigan!

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The Library of Michigan’s Beginning Workshop will be held May 13th-15th 2020 at Shanty Creek

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Do you want someone to come train your staff or group on the MeL eResources? Theresa Runyan, Engagement Specialist for Public Libraries will come to you!!! CONTACT FORM

Leadership Academy
March 3-4, 2020 - Auburn Hills
May 11, 2020 - Grand Rapids
August 7, 2020 - Lansing
October 27-28, 2020 - Kalamazoo
Register for Leadership Academy

Check out the photo recap of MLA 2019 Annual Conference by clicking the photo above and view the video below to relive the fun and get excited to join us next year in Kalamazoo!

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E-rate training slides www.michigan.gov/erateforlibraries
Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS and ONLINE CLASSES:

Free PLA Webinar
#eBooksForAll Campaign Update
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 | 2 – 3 p.m.
REGISTER NOW

Library of Michigan Webinar Archives

PLA on-demand webinars

Outside the Box Programs
Thursday, December 12, 2019, 2-3 p.m.

MMLL Archived Webinars
You can still view many webinars from the past few years by going to the ARCHIVES.

WebJunction Webinars
Archive, course catalog
05 December 2019, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern
Doing the Work Externally and Internally: Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - This webinar highlights the work of Richland Library staff as they work, both externally and internally, to improve dialogue and understanding on topics of race, equity, diversity and inclusion.
Register to attend

17 December 2019, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern
Community Health Challenges: Training, Language and Programming for Libraries - This webinar will highlight approaches, resources, and programs that can help reduce stigma and fear surrounding the opioid crisis, and promote healthier communities.
Register to attend

14 January 2020, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern
Responding to All: Managing Relationships with Key Constituencies - In this webinar, both new and seasoned library directors can grow as responsible leaders and learn strategies for fostering five key relationships.
Register to attend

Library of Michigan
Webinar Archives

Outside the Box Programs

MMLL Archived Webinars

Library Works Webinars
Full calendar

Did you know? The census informs everything from strategic library planning to how we respond to millions of reference questions related to U.S. demographics.

TechSoup for Libraries

- Learn from other libraries
- Participate in online training or view an archive
- Resources for staff technology training
- Maintain and support your computers
- Receive updates each month
- About your library
Read the latest news from TechSoup here

Fundamentals Web Courses
- Acquisitions
- Collection Development & Management
- Preservation
- Electronic Resources Acquisitions
- Collection Assessment
- Cataloging
- Metadata

Webinar on the 2020 Census

December 16, 2019, ALA will hold a free webinar “Library Programs and Partnerships in the 2020 Census.” Strategies for libraries to reach groups at risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census will be emphasized. Presenters will include representatives from libraries, community organizations, ALA, and the US Census Bureau. The webinar will be offered at no cost to attendees and is presented by the ALA Public Policy and Advocacy Office. Register HERE

Preparing My Library for the 2020 Census

LibraryWorks SMART WEEK

March 28-April 18, 2020

For additional resources about Libraries and the 2020 Census, visit libweb.org/census

Find your Census Bureau Partnership Specialist and Complete Census Questions, and
- Consider inserting a paragraph or disseminating information about the 2020 Census

Did you know? The census informs everything from strategic library planning to how we respond to millions of reference questions related to U.S. demographics.
Grant Opportunities:

Mini Grants!

FY20 Library Expansion & Mini-Grant Program!
Time to apply for a grant! It is easy and quick and many MMLL libraries have been funded! Use the forms above to apply.

ROUND ONE
• Program Announced …..October 14, 2019 (All applications received during this period will be considered equally.)
• Application Due Date …..December 6, 2019
• Award Announced………December 13, 2019
• Project Implementation 12/13/19 - 5/8/20
• Reimbursement Due Date …..May 15, 2020

ROUND TWO
• Program Announced………..January 6, 2020 (All applications received during this period will be considered equally.)
• Application Due Date …….March 6, 2020
• Award Announced……………March 13, 2020
• Project Implementation 3/13/20 - 8/7/20
• Reimbursement Due Date August 14, 2020

https://www.mmll.org/a/grants

Library workers can apply for a new annual grant to support innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries. The Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant will provide $2,000 for a school, public, academic, tribal, or special library to expand its community engagement efforts.

Library of Michigan LSTA Grant Programs
The Library of Michigan offers three different LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant programs. For complete information, see www.michigan.gov/lsta
Learning Support $$$

MLA’s Education Fund Scholarships are available to MLA members to support all or part of Leadership Academy registration. Applicants must be an individual member of MLA to qualify. Organizational members may apply for a scholarship on behalf of any staff member, provided that person is an individual member of MLA. Visit our website for more information and submit your application online. MLA Scholarship Fund applications are due December 6, 2019.

National Endowment for the Arts
Big Read Grant 2020-2021

The PLA Awards are designed to highlight the best in public library service and programming and to honor those bringing innovation, creativity and dedication to public libraries. Nominate yourself, a colleague, or your library today! DEADLINE – December 6, 2019

Youth Services:

Update on the CSLP 2020 product line up - If this is the first you have heard of the necessary changes that were made to the 2020 program, please read this letter for context:

Products containing the offensive imagery have been removed, and the new poster and reading record design have been added to the online store. Essentially, the product line up has stabilized, and you can resume using the CSLP online store to place orders:
https://www.csipreads.org/csip-store/

Collaborative Summer Library Program

Imagine Your Story: Ideas & Tips from the Library of Michigan’s Youth Services Advisory Council - Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 2:00 PM Programming ideas and tips for the Collaborative Summer Library Program’s 2020 summer reading program, “Imagine Your Story,” will be shared from your peers in the field.

Best Storytime Practices: an Interactive webinar series with Jenifer Strauss
Stepping Gently Outside of Your Comfort Zone! With Jenifer Strauss - Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 2:00 PM ET
So...you have been doing Storytime for years! You have a reliable plan and you have developed your own special storytime groove! That is wonderful! But...maybe it’s time shake it up and try something new!
In this interactive webinar, Storyteller and Narrative Consultant, Jenifer Strauss will encourage you to step gently out of your comfort zone and create storytime programs with a new twist and some unique razz-a-ma-taz! Jen will be presenting innovative, “Out of the Box” ideas for storytime planning and model NEW use-right-away songs, stories and activities.

- Learn how to insert cool yoga moves into your next storytime
- Add more movement using oddly interactive props and games
- Learn to use large group writing projects as a story time finale
- Sandwich each storytime with memorable beginnings and endings beyond songs
- Collaborate with community partners to offer a Pop-up Storytimes in new and different places!

Parade of Elephants: Ready to Read Michigan 2020 with Jenifer Strauss - Thursday, February 20, 2020, 2:00 PM ET
In 2020, the Library of Michigan’s Ready to Read Michigan program will feature the book, Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes. In this informative and interactive webinar, Storyteller and Narrative Consultant, Jenifer Strauss will feature Parade of Elephants and then share a plethora of ideas to build a storytime for your youngest patrons using this sweet, action-filled

- Be introduced to the book: Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes with several examples for how to share it

All webinars are recorded for participants that cannot attend live.

Kids Read

Quick Facts
Target: Kids, Ages 5-7
Management level: Moderate
Book orders open: December 1, 2019
Book orders close: February 15, 2020
Book delivery: Week of March 16, 2020
Spring Institute for Youth Services: People First
MLA Spring Institute: People First
March 19-20, 2020
Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor

MiYouth - The Library of Michigan has begun a new listserv specifically for public library staff who conduct children and teen programming and services. Sign up today!

Michigan Read by Grade Three Law

Cool Kid Kits at our Libraries
Get ready to experience 3rd Great. 3rd Great! K-3 Cool Kid Kits are a fun and effective way for parents and teachers to help their students reach their literacy potential while having a great time together. Stop in to your Mason County District library today, check out your K-3 Cool Kid Kit and have them reading great by age eight!

Broadband for America’s Future Starts with Anchors
By John Windhausen

EPA/USA Department of Energy
2020 Fuel economy guide
www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/printGuides.shtml

Why Libraries Are Eliminating Late Fees for Overdue Books
More than 343,000 library cardholders in Chicago were barred from borrowing books because of unpaid fines. The city is now erasing all of it. (CityLab article)

Update on MLA Health Insurance Benefit Through Transcend and BCBSM
MLA is committed to offering an exclusive health insurance benefit to MLA member organizations with National Insurance Services (NIS) through Transcend and BCBSM. As many of you know, MLA has been monitoring the extended delay in the court case which caused this health insurance opportunity to be put on hold. MLA is committed to “stay the course” and we will continue to work with NIS as this moves forward. For those of you already in the pool, Rick Labian, our NIS contact, will be in contact with each of you individually and set up a direct, comparable plan that will go into effect January 1, 2020. To continue to offer the lowest premiums to each of our member organizations who take advantage of our health insurance program, we are hopeful that the court case will conclude by April 2020 and be favorable so we can continue with the pathway of a larger pool of associations in more states. If the court case is not, MLA intends to set up the smaller pool of just libraries in Michigan. MLA is committed to offering this benefit to you and we are committed to continuing our work with NIS – we ask for your patience as this plays out in the court system.

State Aid Annual Report – Due 2/1/20
Last fiscal year, you all had access to RBdigital downloadable audiobooks. We had the core collection of adult and children’s/YA titles. The number did not stay constant, but you can use:
RBdigital Adult eAudiobook Collection – 6370
RBdigital CH/YA eAudiobook Collection - 2080
Total - 8450

For this fiscal year, you have access to the full collection of unlimited downloadable eAudiobooks, which is currently amounts to 33,908 titles! Remember to let your patrons know! These titles are ALWAYS AVAILABLE to patrons, no waiting on holds lists. The URL to put on your website is: https://wmlpmi.rbdigital.com/
Further information about the RBdigital resources (including Transparent Language Online) as well as the Up North Digital consortium may be found on the website: https://www.mml.org/a/digitalresources
Check Your Facts
Libraries use tech tools to fight fake news
By Jessica Cilella | Nov. 1, 2019

Media Literacy in an Age of Fake News
Prepare your users for the pitfalls of misinformation
By George M. Eberhart | Nov. 1, 2019

Remember that you can ask your colleagues questions and share information with other members of the Mid-Michigan Library League by sending a message to midmichlib@googlegroups.com.

New eReading rooms created for kids
Article on Up North Digital and the children’s e-reading rooms. Manistee News Advocate

Road to the 2020 Census

DR. DERRICK GAY ON DIVERSITY IN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
PBS Books interviewed diversity and educational consultant Dr. Derrick Gay on “Reframing Diversity in the 21st Century Library,” exploring the necessity of library collections to include mirrors in which students are able to see themselves and connect with others who are different as a way to deepen inclusion. He spoke at the Michigan Library Association Conference.

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