

Mid-Michigan Library League

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2020 CENSUS

JANUARY 2020 UPDATE

LIBRARIES' GUIDE TO THE 2020 Census

Public Library ALA American Library Association

New rights for Michigan VOTERS

Register to vote through Election Day

Through Feb. 24	Feb. 25 through March 9	March 10 (Election Day)
Register: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online at Michigan.gov/VoterRegistration At any Secretary of State branch office At your township, city or county clerk's office At a designated state agency By mail 	Register: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a person with your township or city clerk 	Register and vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a person with your township or city clerk, just at a precinct. <p>Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.</p>

Residency verification required.
Acceptable documents include:

- Driver's license
- State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document

Documents must have name and current address. Digital copies are acceptable.

All voters now can vote early

Step 1: Request your ballot.
Get an application at county, township and city center offices or at Michigan.gov/Vote.

- Mailed-in applications must be **received** by 5 p.m. the Friday before an election. Your ballot will be mailed to you.
- Voters also can drop off their application in person at their township or city clerk's office by 4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day and get their ballot.

Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it.

- Option 1: Drop off completed ballot in person to your township or city clerk.
- Option 2: Return your ballot through the mail.

Ballots must be signed and returned by 8 p.m. election day.

[michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote)

News of Interest

March 2020



Member Happenings

- The [Pentwater Township Library](#) had a nice celebration of its **165th birthday**.



- [Reed City Area District Library](#) had a great kickoff for the Smithsonian **"Crossroads: Changes in Rural America"** hosted until March 13 at the RC Depot.



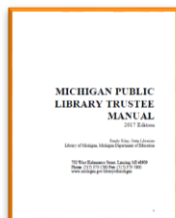
- [White Pine District Library](#), [Richland Township Library](#), and all other libraries in Montcalm County will have a county-wide millage renewal election on **March 10th**. Good luck!!!



- [White Pine District Library](#) has purchased the former Masonic Hall in Stanton and will be renovating the building and moving the library to its new location in about a year. Best wishes!

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, 11:30 a.m.**, at the [Mason County District Library](#) in Ludington. We will begin with a meeting and then have MeL training with Theresa Runyan.
- The **May 14th** meeting has been moved to [Cadillac Wexford Public Library](#) during the lunch hour. We have engaged Brian Mortimore, HR Specialist at Kent District Library for a training day. **Save the Date!**



Don't forget to share this Trustee handbook with your library Board!

https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88855_89735_89762-477021--,00.html

Upcoming Trainings/ Events IN PERSON:

STORYTIME FOR PRESENTERS

How to present more effective and engaging early literacy programs!

9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.
 MARCH 6 - ALDEN DISTRICT LIBRARY
 MARCH 13 - MCCL, LUDINGTON
 MARCH 18 - MORTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
 MARCH 25 - BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

This workshop is ideal for storytime presenters just starting out or practiced facilitators who want to make their storytimes fresh again. Get a solid grounding in storytime theory, structure, and benefits. Learn alternative storytelling techniques anyone can succeed at. Have fun with hands on activities to use between stories. Discover resources to help you answer your questions and solve your storytime issues!

\$10 MMLL Members
\$20 for Non-Members

[Registration Link - Storytime for Presenters](#)



MLA Spring Institute: People First
 March 19-20 Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor



Dream Believe Achieve
LEADERSHIP

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.

SRLC Attendee Packet



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.

United for Libraries to host National Library Legislative Day webinar for members



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

Grant Writing 101

How to Craft a Great Proposal

In-person workshop - 4 locations, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. \$20. **REGISTER HERE**

- Wednesday, April 29th- Peter White Public Library – Marquette
- Friday, May 1st – Kentwood Branch, Kent District Library – Kentwood
- Monday, May 4th – Otsego County Library – Gaylord
- Wednesday May 6th – Southfield Public Library – Southfield



Library Continuing Education Program

Applications may be submitted quarterly in 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 updated and expanded *Public Library Financial Management Guide* posted online at: www.michigan.gov/librarymanuals.

PLoud Training – coming in May:

- Bedrock Skills: Thursday, May 28: 10-3
- Advanced Skills: Friday, May 29: 10-3
- Bedrock Skills: Thursday, May 28: 10-3: Cadillac-Wexford Public Library
- Advanced Skills: Friday, May 29: 10-3: Cadillac-Wexford Public Library

<https://www.michlibrary.org/2020-workshops/bedrocks-skills-vs-advanced-course>



MIDWEST COLLABORATIVE FOR LIBRARY SERVICES
News

MCLS Training Calendar

MeLCat Refresher Training for DCB Libraries

1-day class, **March 5, 10am – 4pm Eastern**
In person: Lansing, MI

MeL Training - Visit [eResources](#)

[Training](#) on the Library Staff page to find aids for each of the MeL databases. See also the marketing resources.

[See the MeL Minute HERE](#)



- Practical Applications for Using Gale Business: DemographicsNow in Your Library (webinar); March 3rd 1:00-2:00 PM
[Registration Link](#)

The Library of Michigan's Beginning Workshop

will be held
May 13th-15th 2020
at Shanty Creek
REGISTER NOW



Thursday, **March 26**, FOML will present a workshop for Friends focusing on sustainability with a presentation by Cordelia Anderson, Library Consultant: ***Engaging with More Diverse Audiences.***

- Register at this link for the Thursday, March 26th workshop: <https://fomlevents.org/events/spring-workshop-and-fred-ruffner-symposium-2020/>

Friday, **March 27**, the FOML Trustee Alliance will present a trustees workshop focusing on sustainability with a presentation by Cordelia Anderson: ***Spreading the Word about Library Relevancy.***

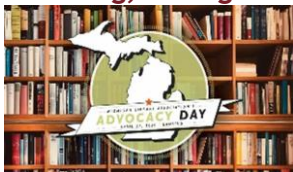
- Register at this link for the March 27th workshop: <https://fomlevents.org/events/trustee-alliance-workshop-2020/>

Registration is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. A full agenda for each day's event can be found on the registration site.

Michigan Library Association

SAVE THE DATE!

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



Michigan Library Association calendar of events

Leadership Academy

March 3-4, 2020 - Auburn Hills

May 11, 2020 - Grand Rapids

August 7, 2020 - Lansing

October 27-28, 2020 - Kalamazoo

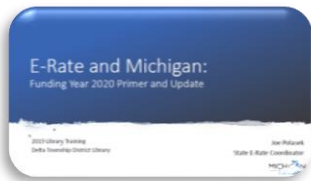
Register for Leadership Academy

MLA MLA 2020 Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2020
Michigan Library Association
Kalamazoo, Michigan
MLA 2020 Call for Proposals



July 9, 2020

Bloomfield Township Public Library



***Public libraries are encouraged to reach out to their tech directors to be connected to the MiSEN - the State Education Network.

E-rate training slides

www.michigan.gov/erateforlibraries



[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT](#)

Call for presentations and posters at the UPRLC Annual Conference!

Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS and ONLINE CLASSES:

LIBRARY 2.020
WORLDWIDE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
Wholehearted Libraries
Soft Skills for 21st Century Information Professionals
March 10, 2020
12:00 - 3:00pm (PST) • Library2020
FOUNDING PARTNER
SJSU SCHOOL OF INFORMATION

WebJunction
The learning place for libraries.
WebJunction Webinars Archive, course catalog

05 March, 2020, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Cultivating Protective Factors for Safe Libraries and Resilient Communities

Explore ways the library functions as a "protective factor" and how to build community resilience through more compassionate and inclusive policies and practices.

31 March, 2020, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Call to Action: Public Libraries and the Opioid Crisis

This webinar will present a newly published call to action, offering strategies for public libraries to consider as they determine a local response to the nationwide opioid crisis.

29 April, 2020, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern
Social Work Students and Public Library Partnerships

Find out how libraries can collaborate with social work interns and programs, to provide critical services to community members and training and support for library staff.

Improving Access to Civil Legal Justice through Public Libraries

- Free to public library staff
- Live sessions online **April 7, April 14, April 21 and May 5, 3-4pm ET**
- See [course FAQs](#)

Civil Legal Justice: The Crucial Role of Libraries

Youth-related Webinar:

Beyond Storytime: The Care and Feeding of Teens at Your Library with Jenifer Strauss

Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 2:00 PM ET

"If you feed them, they might come", but food alone will not keep teens coming back to your library for more! A sense of place, belonging and strong programming will. Don your hard hats and take a journey inside the teenage brain with former sixth grade teacher, Institute on Media and the Family speaker and Storyteller, Jenifer Strauss. Find out "why they act that way" and what it takes to really connect with teens and teens at your library. In this webinar you will:

- Understand the workings of the teenage brain
- Learn new programming ideas that will entice teens
- Find out how to create a Teen Advocacy Group & attract teen volunteers
- Discover ways to funnel teen creativity into programs that focus on contribution
- Learn how to collaborate with community partners that offer what teens need

Library of Michigan Webinar Archives

Public Library Association

Equal Access for Every Ability

Wednesday, 3/18/2020, 2:00-3:00 PM



Is your library's digital front door as easy to enter as your physical one? Are there virtual obstacles that make your library less inviting to visitors with limited abilities?

[Registration information](#)

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](#)



[University of Michigan School of Information Library Webinars](#)

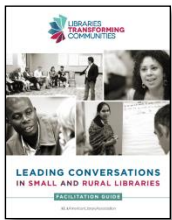


Free webinar: [Fundamentals of Library Advocacy](#)

LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES
FACILITATION SKILLS FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES

BECAUSE OUR DIVIDED NATION NEEDS CONVERSATION MORE THAN EVER.
A free learning series from ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation

Free Resources to Help You Lead Conversations



Fundamentals Web Courses

Free Webinar: **Libraries and the Census**
Wednesday, March 4, 2 p.m. Eastern
[REGISTER HERE](#)



March 28-April 18, 2020
Webinar: Five Essential Tools for Money Smart Week



DON'T FORGET ABOUT...

United for Libraries
Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations

www.ala.org/united/michigan
Login: michigan
Password: greatlake1837

Transparent Language' Online

Supporting Young Learners (K-12) with Transparent Language Online
Tuesday, March 3, 2020; 2-3pm

Taking place May 4, 6, and 8, the Exchange will engage a wide range of presenters and participants, facilitating enriching conversations and learning opportunities in a **three-day, fully online, virtual forum**. Programming includes **keynote presentations** from Emily Drabinski and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, and **sessions** focusing on leadership, change management, continuity, sustainability, collaborations and cooperative endeavors.

Emergency Geek
Cory Walker ("Emergency Geek") will come to your library for technology assistance. Ask him! See <https://mmll.ploud.net/a/tech-corner>

EQUITY IN ACTION
Taking Your Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives to the Next Level
Online Event + Interactive Workshop Live Interactive Sessions: February 25 | March 3 | March 10 | 2 PM - 4 PM

EVALUATING, AUDITING, AND DIVERSIFYING YOUR COLLECTIONS
Online Event + Interactive Workshop Live Interactive Sessions: April 28 | May 5 | May 12 | 2 PM - 4 PM

Broadband Educational Series

A LIBRARY 2.0 WEBINAR WITH DR. STEVE ALBRECHT

LIBRARY EMERGENCIES

DOING THE RIGHT THINGS WHEN THINGS GO WRONG



A Library 2.0 Resource Page & Forum

PANDEMICS: LIBRARY PLANNING & RESPONDING

[click here](#)

Kent District Library policy on pandemics



Setting the Record Straight: Panic and Pandemics - article from American Libraries



Full calendar
How Libraries and Librarians can meet the

Sustainable Development Goals
Wednesday, March 18, 2020; 2-3 pm Eastern - **free** - [REGISTER HERE](#)
Going Viral: How to Use Misinformation to Teach News Literacy
Thursday, March 19, 2020; 2-3 pm Eastern - \$49 - [REGISTER HERE](#)



Now through June 1, 2020, [you can apply](#) to serve as one of 13 commissioners on the first-ever Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Grant Opportunities:

Mini Grants!



FY20 Library Service Expansion & Mini-Grant Program!
Time to apply for a grant! It is not hard!

ROUND ONE

There were 16 grant applications submitted for \$10,395 and the Grants Committee (Mary Barker – Pentwater, Jennifer Thorson – Reed City, and Eric Smith – MCDL) made the final decisions to fund **11 projects for \$6,020.**

ROUND TWO

- Program Announced.....January 6, 2020
- **Application Due DateMarch 6, 2020**
- Award Announced.....March 13, 2020
- Project Implementation 3/13/20 - 8/7/20
- Reimbursement Due Date August 14, 2020

<https://www.mml.org/a/grants>

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Get notifications from Grants.gov – click here

[Community Blog](#)  
[Grants Learning Center](#)



[56 Literacy & Libraries Grants for Michigan](#)



<https://www.scholastic.com/librarians/programs/grants.htm>

**Additional Sources of Grant Funding**

[Games and Gaming Round Table \(GameRT\) - Game On! Grants](#)



## 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](http://www.michigan.gov/lsta)

### Public Library Services Grant Program

This program provides funding for **public libraries** to purchase materials and supplies that meet the selected program topics for a given year and are for an identified program or service the library will be providing. Funding is intended to supplement local topical services that improve information access and quality of service in their communities. The grant period is from mid-April to August. Funding will be from \$500 to \$2,000. Funding is by reimbursement. **The application deadline is March 6, 2020.** Eligible applicants are Michigan public libraries that are legally established and currently eligible for state aid.

- Improving Access to Information Grant Program - How to Apply - Tuesday, March 17th - 11:00 AM
- Collaborative Library Services Grant Program - How to Apply - Wednesday, March 18th - 11:00 AM

[REGISTER HERE](#)



### 2020 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant Program Call for Proposals

Up to 70 grants totaling \$35,000 are given directly to educators in public schools and libraries across the country every year.

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EBSCO Solar For 2020 three \$100,000 grants are available to libraries looking to fund a library solar project to offset electricity costs. If you're eager to show your community the benefits of solar energy or to add to your sustainability plans, consider applying to the EBSCO Solar Grant now through May 1st. The winner will be announced June 26th, 2020, online and at ALA Annual 2020. [Apply now](#)

Grantwriting with Robbe DiPietro -



[Michigan Humanities Council - YouTube](#)

Robbe DiPietro is Assistant Director and Director of Grants for the Michigan Humanities Council, which provides funding on humanities initiatives through four major programs from three major funders.



MI Humanities

Spring 2020 Grants (Awards made in June)

- September-March: Draft project proposals accepted and feedback provided
- **March 19, 2020:** Final online grant application deadline
- June: Award Notification

Fall 2020 Grants (Awards made in November)

- April-August: Draft project proposals accepted and feedback provided
- **August 27, 2020:** Final online grant application deadline
- November: Award Notification



American Library Association's resource for researchers of all levels of experience in school, academic, and public libraries. Here you can find [links to major grant resources](#), guides and books on achieving grant writing success.

PLA adds new resources related to eBook lending and pricing

- Measure the impact of marketing efforts using the [Value of Author Marketing Calculator spreadsheet \(XLSX\)](#)
- Connect with other library professionals via the [eBooksForAll community on ALA Connect](#)
- Listen to the December 18 edition of [Public Libraries Online's FYI Podcast](#), which focuses on the #eBooksForAll campaign; and
- Watch an archived version of the December 17 [#eBooksForAll Campaign Update webinar](#).



Youth Services:



Summer Reading 2020

Early Literacy Skills

- Phonological awareness** – Ability to recognize and work with sounds in spoken language.
- Vocabulary** – Learning words used in spoken or groups of letters when hearing to read.
- Reading** – reading words about context.
- Oral language** – using spoken words to respond to things, think and share.
- Fluency** – reading the words of things.
- Comprehension** – reading text and understanding the meaning of words and sentences.
- Fluency** – ability to read with speed, accuracy and proper expression.
- Metacognition** – recognizing the value of reading and the enjoyment of it.

Resources for Families

Michigan Department of Education Reading by Grade Three Law packet resources can be found at www.mde.state.mi.us/reading

Contact with the Michigan library at www.mil.org, or through your local public library to receive digital resources and kits to explore and share as a family.

Check with your local library for descriptive information and library programs such as Ready to Read Michigan and sign your child up for a library card.

READ BY GRADE THREE

A guide for parents and caregivers from your library

For more information, contact your local library.

READ BY GRADE THREE

A guide for parents and caregivers from your library

The guide is designed to assist you as a parent or caregiver in understanding the Read by Grade Three Law.

Help your child get the most out of reading by using these tips.

How will Read by Grade Three affect my child?

When children are doing reading they are better prepared to learn, graduate and succeed in life. Currently only 50% of third graders in Michigan are proficient readers. By 2025, this percentage will be 20% (Michigan Legislature passed a law mandating that 80% of third graders be able to read by grade three).

Read by Grade Three calls for schools to do the following:

- Identify struggling readers early.
- Offer specialized support to reach on grade level.
- Ensure student reading skills throughout the school year.
- Provide teachers with literacy-focused professional development.
- Provide parents with a Read at Home Plan that identifies ways in which parents can support reading at home.
- Provide extra support to students who are at the end of third grade for an additional year to bring them fourth grade ready for success.

Tips for Reading with Your Child

- Start Early!** Read, Sing, Talk, Write, and Play with your child before age 3. These practices from the Ready to Read! program help develop early literacy skills for your young child. From the very beginning, the more you read with your child, the more opportunities to support these practices.
- Play around with books** with your young child by reading a story using pictures to prompt. Involve your child in choosing and taking turns to read.
- Encourage your child to pick out their own books.** Ask your child to choose or describe for you books to read to you. Give the help you can to read, read aloud or encourage reading program to discover new games and resources to read.

Model reading to your child by using an "active reader journal." The more you read and talk to the world around them and make mistakes, making mistakes is fun and engaging.

Talk about what you read allowing time for your young child to respond to open-ended questions such as "Why do you think the character did that?"

Read to your child in their first language. So that you can better explain words and concepts in their language.

Make reading fun! Allow time for your child to read and write, respond to questions, and to read about all their own passions, interests, etc. Ask your child for their own opinions, such as "What do you think the character did that?"

CSLP Libraries and Summer Food

MEET UP and EAT UP

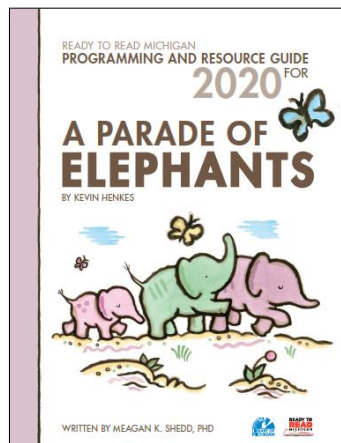
Healthy food to fuel your summer.

How You Can Help Feed Kids This Summer

Step Up for the Summer Food Service Program



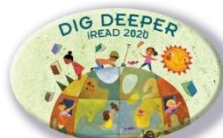
Public libraries should all have received by now. Go to www.Mi.gov/ReadytoRead for the programming guide, which includes coloring pages, activities, rhymes, and more.



Michigan Read by Grade Three Law Video from the MI Dept of Education

Read By Grade Three Communications Channel - If you would like to receive weekly Read by Grade Three communications, please sign up at

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MI/MD/subscribe/new>



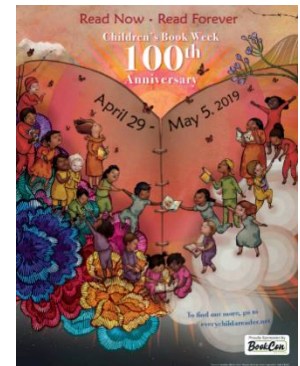
<https://wmlpmi.rbdigital.com/>

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>

Download audiobooks through your library's website!

MLA 2020 Thumbs Up! Award Top Ten Titles - Through March 15, teens aged 13 to 18 can vote online for their favorite book from the top titles.

Distribute the Top Ten Titles flyer (pdf) with the link to the online survey, or share the link below on your library's website! Voting can be done online through March 15.



naeyc Week of the Young Child™ Save the date and join us April 11-17, 2020

for five fun-filled, themed days to celebrate our youngest learners! The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.



2020 Michigan Notable Books





[Update on MLA's Work to Address Changes to the Michigan Library Privacy Act](#)



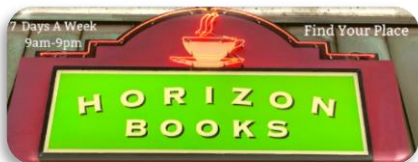
[Library Tech Trends for 2020](#)
techsoup
 FOR LIBRARIES



[Connecting seed libraries across Michigan](#)



Indie bookseller Horizon Books is closing its Traverse City store. For the time being, they are keeping the Cadillac store open, and they will still accept online orders via the [website](#). If you want to support independent bookstores instead of Amazon, please point your users to Horizon Books or other independent book stores in your area!



The [Mason County District Library](#) has posted some good [census information on their website](#). You can too!



U.S. Census 2020 Timeline

- **March 12-20:** Initial invitations to respond online and by phone will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with the invitation to respond online or over the phone.
- **March 16-24:** Reminder letters will be delivered.
- **March 26-April 3:** Reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not responded.
- **April 8-16:** Reminder letters and paper questionnaires will be delivered to remaining households that have not responded.
- **April 20-27:** Final reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not yet responded before census takers follow up in person.



ALA American Library Association
ALA Census information



The White Pine Library Cooperative offers OCLC interloan services via their "Peabody" system. The cost is reasonable, and you can use their services for patrons that cannot find what they need via MeLCat. Here is a link to useful tutorials for their system: [White Pine Library Cooperative > Peabody / OCLC Interlibrary Loan Tutorials](#)

Penal Fines

The Woodlands Library Cooperative has posted some valuable information about penal fines. See the links below:

- <https://woodlands.lib.mi.us/documents/penal-fines/>
- <https://woodlands.lib.mi.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/PF-History-12.2018.pdf>

Also, there is a memo from attorney Ann Seuryneck from 10/31/19 posted on the MMLL website [HERE](#)



New video PSA from "Call of the Wild" star Harrison Ford highlights how libraries are full of [adventure!](#)



Borrowed Time is a new initiative to combat climate change through a series of events, activities and actions throughout 2020. What can you do? Join our effort! Find the Borrowed Time blog, podcast, and event videos [HERE](#) at borrowed-time.org



DPLA and BiblioLabs partner to provide unprecedented statewide ebooks access



[MiLibAccess listserv](#) is for library staff (public, academic, school, special) to exchange information about accessibility services for all ages, including adaptive programming, collection development, assistive technologies and special items of interest to library staff or partner organizations working with the disability community. [Subscribe here](#)



[National Child Abuse Prevention Month Strong and Thriving Families](#)
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



[ALA Responding Online to the 2020 Census: What Libraries Need to Know](#)

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