

Mid-Michigan Library League



Become a Champion for Health Insurance Coverage!

A Public Library Guide for Open Enrollment of the Affordable Care Act 2020

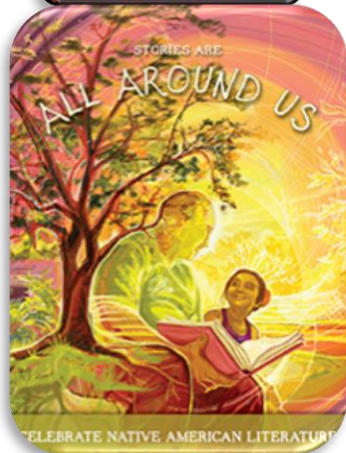
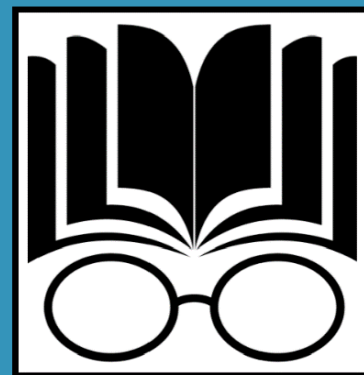
PLA's Insurance Education and Outreach Initiative --

Promoting Healthy Communities: Libraries Connecting You to Coverage

The 2020 Open Enrollment Period of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," is expected to run from November 1, 2019 to December 15, 2019 for states utilizing the Federally-facilitated Marketplace.

News of Interest

November 2019



Advisory Council

- We have new Advisory Council co-chairs, Debra Greenacre (Manistee) and Mary Barker (Pentwater)
- The next meeting of the Advisory Council is set for November 7th at [McBain Community Library](#), 11:00 a.m.
- 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.

Upcoming Trainings/ Events IN PERSON:

The Munson Community Health Library is hosting "*Learning for Longevity: Healthy Living Through the Holidays*," on Wednesday, November 13 from 1:30-3 pm. The FREE program will take place at the Foster Family Community Health Center in Rooms A&B at 550 Munson Avenue in Traverse City, Michigan. [REGISTER HERE](#)



Join your colleagues in Nashville to do more than develop new skills and talk about how far our libraries have come—be a part of inventing what comes next. The advanced registration rate is available to everyone through January 31, 2020. Public Library Association (PLA) and



Tennessee Library Association (TLA) personal members get exclusive access to the Early Bird discount through December 20, 2019.

[Register now!](#)

Samantha Bee - PLA 2020 closing speaker



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MIDWINTER MEETING & EXHIBITS
 January 24-28, 2020

MLA Spring Institute: People First
March 19-20, 2020 Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor
 Call for Breakout Session Program Proposals
[Submit a Proposal for Spring Institute](#)
 Submissions welcome through Friday, November 8, 2019.
Cool Things My Library Does Proposals are due **January 10, 2020**.



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!](#)

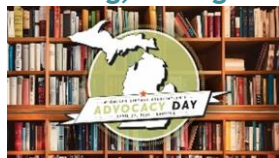


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Michigan Library Association

SAVE THE DATE!

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



[Michigan Library Association calendar of events](#)

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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.



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

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. [More information on criteria and application questions.](#)



MCLS Training Calendar

During November, MCLS will offer three online "lightning" webinars:

- Public Libraries Lightning Webinar, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10:30am-12pm Eastern (9:30-11am Central)
- Academic Libraries Lightning Webinar, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2-3:30pm Eastern (1-2:30pm Central)
- New Vendor Lightning Webinar, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 10-11:30am Eastern (9-10:30am Central)

The webinars will feature a variety of vendors, like EBSCO, Gale, ProQuest, and SAGE, as well as vendors new to MCLS like Cabell's, RedLink, and medici.tv. Vendors will have 10 minutes to highlight a specific product and demonstrate its functionality. These webinars will be a great opportunity for library staff to see products in action. [REGISTER HERE](#)

MeL Training - Visit [eResources](#)



[MeL Minute HERE](#)

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](#)

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

Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS and ONLINE CLASSES:

 **WebJunction**
The learning place for libraries.
[WebJunction Webinars Archive, course catalog](#)

07 November 2019 - [Advocacy 101: When Advocacy Becomes Second Nature](#) - A webinar hosted in collaboration with ARSL on the basics of library advocacy and how to integrate advocacy into your everyday and into your community relationships.

05 December 2019 - [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.

[Library of Michigan Continuing Education Page](#)



Biblionix's Apollo ILS/LSP - Now With New Staff Dashboard -

Tuesday, November 5, 2019; 2-3pm EST Join Apollo representative Cameron Charbonnet for a walk through of Apollo and its brand new Staff Dashboard. Go from making do with your current system to making Apollo work for you. Cameron will outline what sets Apollo apart from all others including: SMS text messages with available two-way texting, automatic value calculator, item duplicate check at an authority record level, and an included Kids Catalog.



[Register Now](#)

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Citizen Scientist Broadband Data Collection

November 12th | 12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
5 million households with school-aged children in the US lack access to broadband, creating the "homework gap," which is likely to reinforce socio-economic divides that limit opportunities for households on the margins. It is imperative for communities to leverage broadband network access for education, telemedicine, public safety and workforce development to maintain the quality of life. This presentation will explore the Michigan Moonshot's approach to crowdsourced broadband availability data. We will also discuss preliminary results from our pilot data collection efforts and the ways in which communities might leverage data collection to better inform their broadband plans.

Charlotte Bewersdorff, Vice President for Community Engagement, Merit Network; **Dr. Johannes Bauer**, Quello, Chair for Media and Information Policy, Michigan State University

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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Webinars
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[Eliminating Fines: A win-win for your library and community](#)
Wed, Nov 20, 2019 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

MMLL Archived Webinars

Remember that you can still view many of the Michigan Cooperative Director's Association (MCDA) webinars that have been offered statewide by going to the **ARCHIVES**.



[PLA on-demand webinars](#)

Why Trauma-Informed?

Monday, November 18, 2019 | 2-3 p.m.
Learning Outcomes:

- Understand more about what trauma is, including types of trauma;
- Empower patrons with making choices;
- Understand how the trauma-informed approach aligns with library values;
- Comprehend the use of trauma-informed ideals in developing informed judgement;
- Appreciate the importance of self-care.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



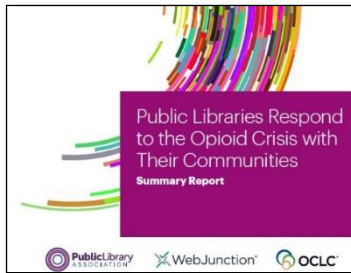
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project OUTCOME

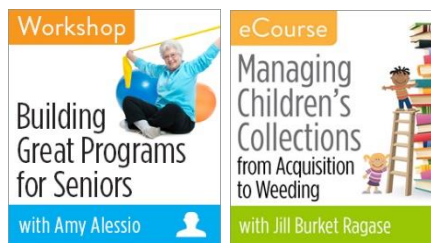
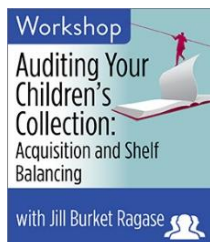
MEASURING THE TRUE IMPACT OF LIBRARIES

Project Outcome: Taking Action Using the Results

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 2-3 p.m.
[REGISTER NOW!](#)



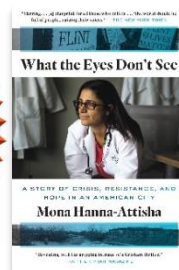
March 28-April 18, 2020



Emergency Geek

Cory Walker ("Emergency Geek") will come to your library for technology assistance. Ask him! See

<https://mml.ploud.net/a/tech-corner>



Grant Opportunities:

Mini Grants!



FY20 Library Expansion & Mini-Grant Program!
[Round 1 now open](#)

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 AnnouncedOctober 14, 2019
(All applications received during this period will be considered equally.)
- Application Due DateDecember 6, 2019
- Award Announc.....December 13, 2019
- Project Implementation 12/13/19 - 5/8/20
- Reimbursement Due DateMay 15, 2020

ROUND TWO

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

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



Calling Small Libraries: IMLS Opens Grant Program Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries

Deadline: **December 2, 2019**

[Benzonia Public Library](#) was awarded funding in the first round. Federal grants can be time-consuming, but they have a good payoff! For some tips on grant writing, you can audit The University of Michigan School of Information's online course on Grantwriting and Crowdfunding for free:

<https://www.edx.org/course/grant-writing-and-crowdfunding-for-public-libraries>



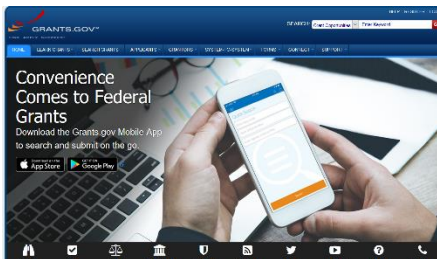
56 Literacy & Libraries Grants for Michigan



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



[Get notifications from Grants.gov – click here](#)

Additional Sources of Grant Funding

WebJunction Course: Grantseeking for Libraries

Learning Support \$\$\$

Library Continuing Education Program
www.michigan.gov/cestipend

The Library of Michigan encourages Michigan public, academic and school library staff to apply for continuing education stipends. You can apply at any time and your application will be considered at the end of each quarter.

“Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services and More”

www.librariesandautism.org/grant



National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grant 2020-2021



The ALSC/Candlewick Press “Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved” Grant is now open! This \$3,000 grant, made possible by [Candlewick Press](#) in honor of Newbery Medalist and Geisel Honoree author Kate

DiCamillo, will go to a library conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new program or an expansion of work already being done. Applicants must be members of the American Library Association and applications must be submitted by December 1, 2019.

ONLINE APPLICATION

National Park Service - Accepting Proposals for the Save America’s Treasures Grant Program

Save America’s Treasures grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind services. To be considered for this funding, historic properties must be listed as National Historic Landmarks or at the national level of significance in the National Register of Historic Places, and a case must be made for a collection’s national significance. For more information about the Save America’s Treasures grant program, visit <http://go.nps.gov/sat>. Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by December 10, 2019 (11:59 pm, Eastern Time). Application instructions and materials for both types of projects are available through Grants.gov.



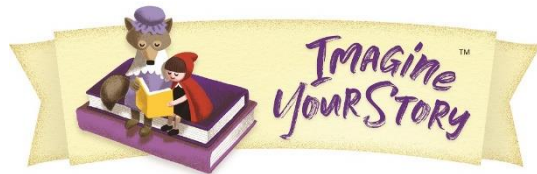
SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES

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!](#)



PLA 75th Anniversary Scholarships

Youth Services:



Collaborative Summer Library Program



2020’s “Imagine Your Story” and Virtual Reality Workshop!

- [Monday, November 18 at Bloomfield Township Public Library](#)
- [Tuesday, November 19 at Portage District Library](#)
- [Thursday, November 21 at Otsego County Library](#)

Fee: \$30 includes lunch

Doors open at 9:30am

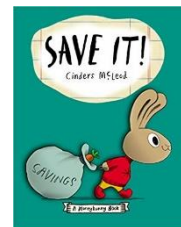
Workshop runs 10am-4:30pm

Nationally known storyteller [Will Stuck](#) will present on the 2020 Collaborative Summer Library Program’s “Imagine Your Story.” From passive programming to decorating to age-specific ideas, Stuck will help refresh your summer reading programs. Later in the day we will take the theme a step further and dive into the world of Virtual Reality with Kevin McDonough, Reference Librarian at Northern Michigan University, learning about different VR equipment, experiencing a virtual reality for yourself, and resources to support programming in your library with VR.



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



Valiant Veggies and Tabled Fruit:

Fun Food with a Fresh Food Fairy

The enchanting, interactive Fresh Food is Fun presentation involves counting carrots as loudly as possible, power crunching green beans, making veggie faces, sampling veggies, and discovering new food friends to help. A basket of Food Friends to Help, she encourages kids to "eat a rainbow," to touch, smell & create faces with fresh vegetables.



Fresh Food Fairy uses her super-natural powers to expose kids to different vegetables and get them excited about the "magic" that fresh food holds. Fresh Food Fairy also brings her magic Bike Blender, giving kids the opportunity to pedal local fruit smoothies.



Fresh Food Fairy romagnolo food in fun and innovative ways, offering kids and parents new ideas on how to enjoy healthy fresh food. Every participant receives a bag of colorful vegetables to play with and eat during the presentation.

Family Programming

Space Food: What Astronauts Eat

In this innovative space-themed program, our trained food educators describe techniques for sending food into space, and encourage participants to experience similarities and differences between fruits and veggies in their "meat" and "space" versions. They will also discuss the history of space food, as well as some of NASA's current space food programs and initiatives. The grand finale will feature Bike Blender Galactic Vortex Smoothies & hydrating their own fruit or veggie. Participants will be encouraged to take a turn riding the bike blender and sample the smoothies.



Cooking Together: For All Ages

In 60-90 minute hands-on presentations, our trained food educators will teach simple tricks on how to maximize nutrition and easily to increase daily dose of fruits and veggies. We will demonstrate how to have more time and energy...and more fun...by making easy and delicious changes to their meals and snacks. Programs can stand alone or be offered together as a series, and can be customized for any age group.

Bike Blender:	Eating A Rainbow:	Stress Snack Alternatives:	Healthy On-the-Go:
• Super Smoothies	• Rainbow Fruit Box	• Veggie & DIY Flash	• Nourish in a Jar
• Snacks	• Carrot Parsley Salad	• Hummus Tails	• Pasta Party

Early Childhood Programs

A series of 45 minute literature-based food programs for kids:

- Mindful Munching** - a program emphasizing mindfulness
- Super Veggies** - cutting our veggies makes us feel like superheroes!
- Plant Powered** - how do our veggies grow & what soil do we eat?
- Plant the Plate** - veggies taste even better when we share!
- Feelings Parade** - a program focused on understanding our feelings

Schedule a Fresh Food is Fun Program
 Heather Frayer
 269.596.6867
 heather@freshfoodisfun.com
 www.freshfoodisfun.com

The cost for Fresh Food is Fun and Bike Blender Smoothies is \$275 + mileage from Kalamazoo. Libraries can work together at a discount and share mileage costs

Early Literacy Skills

- Phonological Awareness** - the ability to identify and manipulate individual sounds in spoken language.
- Fluency** - reading words aloud correctly.
- Comprehension** - reading text and understanding the meaning of words and sentences.
- Fluency** - ability to read with speed, accuracy and proper expression.
- Metacognitive Strategies** - recognizing the value of reading and the enjoyment of it.

Resources for Families

Michigan Department of Education Read by Grade Three (see parent resources can be found at: www.mde.state.mi.us)

Connect with the Michigan Library at www.mil.org or through your local public library to discover digital resources and events to explore and share as a family.

Check with your local library for storytime information and library programs we are ready to read Michigan, and sign your child for a library card.

READ BY GRADE THREE

A guide for parents and caregivers from your library



For more information, contact your local library.

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

Include you'll find fun for developing stronger reading skills with your children!

How will Read by Grade Three affect my child?

What students are strong readers they are better prepared to learn, graduate and succeed in the workforce. Currently only 60% of third graders in Michigan are proficient readers. In 2025, Michigan Legislature passed a comprehensive reading law to ensure increased literacy achievement by the end of third grade.


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

- Identify struggling readers early.
- Offer individualized support to read at grade level.
- Assess student reading skills throughout the school year.
- Provide teachers with literacy-focused professional development.
- Provide parents with a Read by Grade Three Plan that identifies ways in which parents can support with reading at home.
- Provide extra support to ensure students at the end of third grade for an additional year so they enter 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, Read, Succeed!* program help develop early literacy skills in your young child from the very beginning. Be sure to check with your library for a storytime schedule to support these practices.
- Play around with books** with your young child by retelling a story using puppets or props. Invite your child to skip and follow from the very start.
- Read to your child in your first language** so that you can better explain words and comprehend the story.
- Make reading fun!** Allow time for your child to sound out words, respond to questions, and be read about all their own passions, no matter their age. Ask your library for literacy programming, such as the story slugs, that encourage your child to engage and want to read.

Early Literacy - Read by Grade Three Law



EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

DATE ADOPTED: OCTOBER 17, 2019

The Michigan Library Association (MLA) and its Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers are committed to recognizing, enhancing and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in all forms. MLA is committed to creating an equitable and inclusive environment that fully supports and promotes our commitment to modeling diversity and inclusion for the entire library community and to maintaining an inclusive environment with equitable treatment for all.

In order to do this, we will:

- Ensure open, responsive and respectful communication with staff, members, volunteers, and any/all statewide stakeholders.
- Create a strong collaboration and partnership with the community in any interactions regarding issues of diversity and equity, ensuring that we are reflective and responsive to the needs of the diverse state we serve.
- Continually monitor and evaluate our internal and external activities to ensure we are providing an environment that welcomes equality and diversity in all its forms, allowing us to set an example of best practices to create a culture of shared values and cross-cultural understanding.

MLA is committed to expanding diversity and inclusiveness across the state, including embracing and encouraging the rich socio-economic, physical, cultural, racial and ethnic differences that enrich the Michigan library community.

Register to vote through Election Day

Through Oct. 21	Oct. 22 through Nov. 4	Nov. 5 (Election Day)
<p>Register at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Secretary of State branch office Your township, city or county clerk's office A designated state agency By mail 	<p>Register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person with your township or city clerk 	<p>Register and vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person with your township or city clerk, <u>not</u> 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	• Bank statement	• Other government document
• State ID card	• Paycheck	
• Current utility bill	• Government check	

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 clerk's 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 received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.



Find out more at Michigan.gov/Vote.

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