

Mid-Michigan Library League

New Maker Kits now available!

Reserve one with [Librarika](#) ~ (more information on the website <http://mml.org>)
 ~ <http://mml.pcloud.net/a/maker-space-resources> ~
 Also, check out the conference archive for [Making in Michigan Libraries](#)



2.25" Std PHOTO Kit
 Machine + Punch
 + 1000 Parts



SPECIALTY MACHINE
 Please read listing for more info.



News of Interest

April 2018



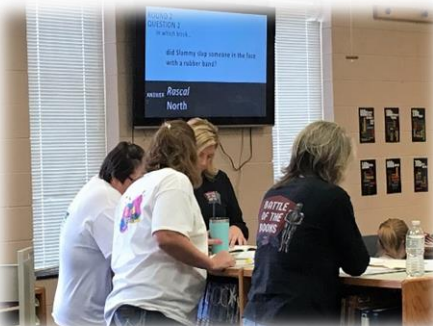
Member Happenings

- Pentwater Library had a Peep-a-Palooza Diorama Contest sponsored by a local business, "Cosmic Candy."



- What can YOU do with day-old, month-old, even year-old peeps? First thing to know: DON'T EAT THEM (!!!) But, perhaps you can add them to your maker kit materials. They certainly make for some good [STEAM activities!](#)

- McBain Community Library held the semi-final battle on March 10th with several first-time participants that did very well!



Upcoming Trainings IN PERSON:

April 30-May 2, 2018

Hopefully, you have made the deadline of April 1st to sign up for the 2018 Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference "Open Doors, Open Minds" at the Grand Traverse Resort.

<http://michigan.gov/fyanconference>

**** On Tuesday, May 1st, the sessions end at 4:15 and dinner is at 5:00. We have been given space to gather together as a cooperative during this time. Join us!!!
 Room: Mackinac BC ***



Beginning Workshop - May 16-18, 2018:

www.michigan.gov/beginningworkshop

An annual 3-day event held each spring for library staff without a Master's degree in Library Science. Beginning Workshop is a requirement to obtain Level 3 or Level 4 Library of Michigan [certification](#).

Fundraising Bootcamp

Thursday, April 12, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Delta Township District Library](#) (Lansing)

Carole J. Pence, of Pence Consulting, will cover key fundraising concepts and strategies and provide the tools you need to begin a campaign or enhance an established giving program. For complete event details visit www.milibraries.org. [Register here](#)



ABA - Advocacy Boot Camp April 2018

MLA and the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association are joining forces to present ALA Advocacy Bootcamp, this **April 20, 2018** at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Advocacy Bootcamp urges attendees to re-think advocacy: to re-define the library community and expand the way we advocate for libraries. The program will cover advocacy basics such as messaging, networking and community engagement as well as highlighting Intellectual Freedom history and principles. Attendees will focus on creating an advocacy plan they can implement in their library. Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is \$20 and there are no membership requirements of any kind, only that you care about advocating for your library in your community. [Register here](#).



[Library of Michigan Continuing Education Page](#)

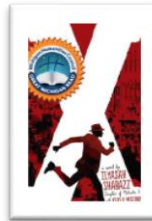
Public libraries that serve small and/or rural communities are invited to apply for a travel stipend to attend a one-day dialogue and deliberation pre-conference workshop at the 2018 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. Follow link below – Libraries Transforming Communities.



[MCLS Training Calendar](#)



[Michigan Library Association calendar of events](#)



Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS and ONLINE CLASSES:



- Infopeople Webinar: Serving Older Adults and Their Care Partners at Your Library. **Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT.** [Register Now](#)

Booklist webinars

- STEM vs. STEAM: Science and Art in the Classroom, **Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m. EDT.** [Register Now](#)

Booklist webinars are free, one-hour sessions geared towards exploring forthcoming titles from the publishing industry and trends in librarianship. To view recordings of past *Booklist* webinars, visit our [webinars archive](#). And check here for a list of our [live events!](#)



Don't forget that we are able to take webinars from [WebJunction](#) at no cost



The University of Michigan School of Information is now offering a set of online library management courses through the edX.org platform



[PLA on-demand webinars](#)



[Gale's Training page for MeL](#)

Current and archived MeL trainings are at: <http://mcls.org/mel/mel-training-events/>



[MeL Promotion MeL YouTube channel](#)

[MeL Information](#)

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Grant Opportunities:

Better World Books announces their eighth-annual Literacy Grants designed to address the literacy needs of communities across the world. Libraries and educational nonprofit literacy organizations can apply for funds to support their efforts to further literacy in their communities.

<https://cares.betterworldbooks.com/grants/>





Public libraries may apply for [grants to host public programs](#) around the PBS series “The Great American Read,” an eight-part television and online series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us, the ALA Public Programs Office announced. [Read the full project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by April 17. “The Great American Read” will premiere May 22 on PBS stations with a two-hour launch, kicking off a summer of reading and voting. In fall 2018, seven new episodes will air, featuring appearances by celebrities, athletes, experts, authors and everyday Americans advocating for their favorite book, culminating with a finale that reveals America’s best-loved novel as chosen by the American public.

Open Grant Opportunity Encourages Community Development Approaches

Deadline for applications is May 14

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting grant applications for [Activating Community Opportunities Using Museums/Libraries as Assets](#) now through May 14, 2018.

Museums, libraries, and archives, as well as universities and non-profit organizations with experience in museum, library, or archives projects and expertise in community development work, are eligible to apply. Award amounts will range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, and a one-to-one cost share is required. More details can be found in the [application guidelines](#).

The grant is part of IMLS’s [Community Catalyst](#) initiative, which examines how libraries, archives, and museums can work collaboratively with their communities to improve community wellbeing.

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. The program details and criteria are listed in the program criteria document. [Please read the criteria and the application questions BEFORE submitting an application online](#). You can apply at any time and your application will be considered at the end of each quarter.



MONEYSMARTWEEK

Plan a story time event about money for presentation between **April 21-28, 2018**. Recommended age for Lots and Lots of Coins is 5 - 8 years old.

The Library of Michigan has contracted with DEMCO to enable all Michigan libraries to use the online reading club features of:



Your library will be able to create, track, report, and customize the database for reading programs at **no cost** thanks to federal LSTA funding. Demco offered a webinar and it is now archived:

[Wandoo Webinar Recording](#)

In this 60-minute presentation, you’ll see a brief overview of Demco Software’s integrated suite of engagement solutions, including streamlined room, event and reading program management tools, mobile apps, and brain training exercises. Plus, learn about the new revolutionary discovery tool, [DiscoverLocal™](#). Demco will also be hosting 2 training sessions at our [Rural and Small Libraries Conference](#), end of April.



The American Library Association Legislative Day on the Hill in D.C. is an annual event for library advocacy. ALA holds a training on site and prepares information for use with legislators. The Library of Michigan also prepares packets for each legislator and makes the appointments, so doing the work of visiting legislators (or their aids) is super easy, since all of the details are taken care of. It is a great learning experience!
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>



Online Resources: www.CSLPreads.org – includes access to PSA’s, National Summer Reading Champion releases, diversity resources, and more!

- www.pinterest.com/csllpreads - CSLP’s official Pinterest sight with crafts, activities, and book recommendations to meet the theme.
- CSLPreads also has [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) accounts.
- Hashtags: #MiSummerReads #CSLPreads 2018 = #LibrariesRock

Access information to the 2018 Manuals, along with catalogs to CSLP’s promotional materials via Upstart and Scholastic, were mailed to libraries in November 2018. Please contact me at LancasterC5@michigan.gov with your USPS address if you would like the information sent again.

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Extra Kits Available for RTRM

The Library of Michigan is pleased to inform you that we have

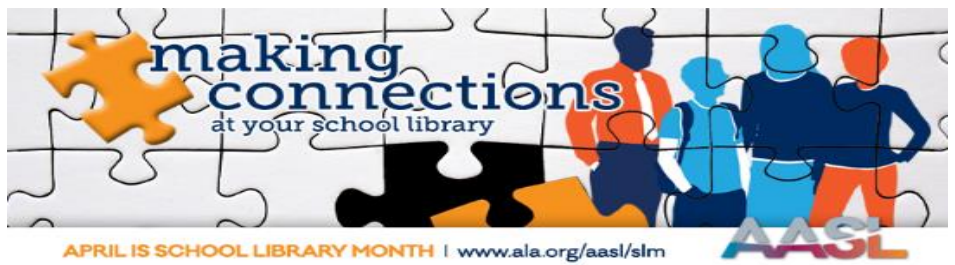


some extra kits available from our “Ready to Read Michigan” (RTRM) program. RTRM is an early literacy outreach program designed for public libraries focusing on ages 0-5 and the 5 practices of Every Child Ready to Read, a Public Library Association initiative. If you are not a public library but are interested in requesting a kit, please complete the [RTRM Kit Request](#) form for your organization.

Please be mindful that this is not the Michigan Reads program, which did end in 2017, and kits do not get mailed to schools, Great Start or Head Start programs automatically anymore. Any extra kits will be mailed in the order the request was received, while supplies last. For more information on this public library program and to access the programming guide you can go to www.mi.gov/readytoread.



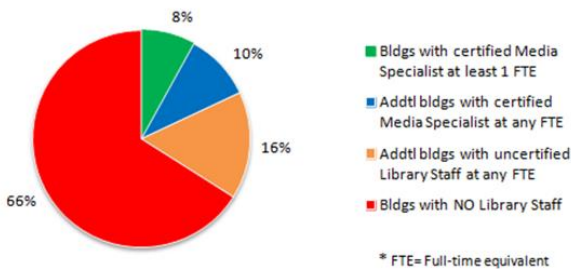
PSA: [Jason Reynolds](#) Speaks for School Libraries



Why school librarians matter: What years of research tell us, By Keith Curry Lance and Debra E. Kachel

FACT: Only 8% of Michigan Schools employ a full-time certified school librarian and only 18% employ either a full or part-time school librarian.

Michigan School Library Staffing
(as of Dec 2016)

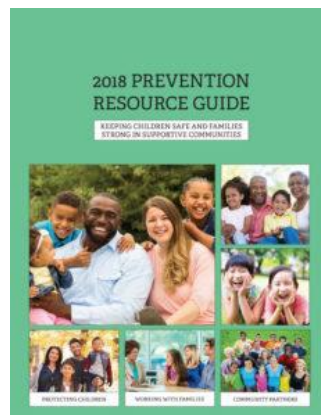
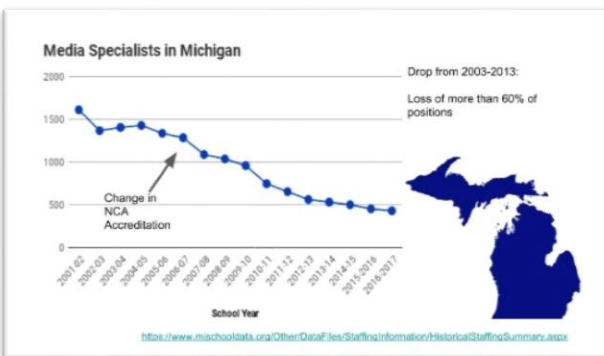


<https://www.mischooldata.org/Other2/DataFiles/StaffingInformation/HistoricalStaffingSummary.aspx>

FACT: Michigan ranks 47th in the nation in terms of the ratio of students to school librarians and ranks **46th in the nation in 4th-grade students scoring proficient or above in reading** as measured by the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP).



Congress has passed an FY2018 omnibus spending bill that includes significant federal funding increases for our nation's libraries. Good news for the rest of this fiscal year! But, the budget presented by the President for FY2019 eliminates the IMLS and federal funding for libraries (again)! Now that we are finished with the House, the "Dear Appropriator" letters have begun circulating in the Senate, asking Senators to preserve over \$210 million in federal library funding for FY 2019. One letter asks the Senate Appropriations Committee to fully fund the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the second asks for full funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program.



Michigan Public Library Statistics Reports This collection of reports contains the most often requested data inquiries from public library staff, trustees, the public and various other stakeholders and policy makers.



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For receiving QSAC Essential (re)Certification!
See www.michigan.gov/qsac



1. [IMLS Funding for Michigan Libraries](#)
2. [Chance En"counters:" What's in a Number?](#)
3. [Women's History Month and Women's Defense Unit Cards](#)
4. [A Programming Success Story: White Lake Community Library Welcomes a Kangaroo](#)
5. [Small Grant Applications Through LM](#)
6. [Tech Corner: Spiceworks to Inventory, Monitor and Troubleshoot Your Library Network Plus a Support Ticketing System](#)
7. [MeLCat Milestone](#)
8. [April Is School Library Month](#)
9. [3rd Annual Michigan Academic Library Association Conference Is May 16-18](#)
10. [Therapy Chickens, Emotional Support Hamsters, and Service Horses: Understand the Differences and Craft a Policy That Works for Your Community](#)
11. [Hart Area Public Library Cards for Migrants](#)

Untangling the Facebook privacy mess



Will Oremus writes: "A scientist-turned-political operative reportedly [hoodwinked Facebook users](#) into giving up personal data on both themselves and all their friends for research purposes, then used it to [develop psychographic profiles](#) on tens of millions of voters—which in turn may have helped the Trump campaign manipulate its way to a historic victory. But there was no data breach and Facebook's security wasn't compromised, then why isn't it just Cambridge Analytica that's in the barrel this week? It's partly because the stakes in this particular data scandal are so high."...

Slate, Mar. 20; The Guardian (UK), Mar. 17; New York Times, Mar. 17

Study shows worldwide lack of financial literacy



Adults need some [basic financial skills](#) in order to thrive in the world, but a study ([Word file](#)) conducted by Cambridge University and University College London found that many lack this knowledge. The situation is so bad, in fact, that the study authors are calling for policy intervention to improve financial literacy. The study analyzed data from a test that was administered in 2011 to more than 100,000 participants across 31 countries. The top performers were residents of Estonia, Finland, Japan, Singapore, and Austria. Least successful were adults in Turkey, Chile, Israel, Italy, Spain, and England....

TreeHugger, Mar. 19; Money Smart Week

[No One Ever Told Me My Job Would Include... Dealing with a Korean Missile Alert!](#)
By Michelle A. Moore

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project **OUTCOME** MEASURING THE TRUE IMPACT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Final Evaluation Findings

As part of the three-year grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, PLA hired ORS Impact to conduct ongoing evaluations of Project Outcome. These evaluations helped PLA identify user needs and make strategic and impactful improvements to the project. The final evaluation included an online participant survey and interviews with state library agencies and public libraries using outcome data.

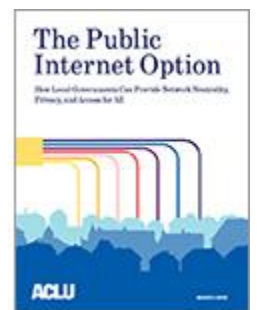
Evidence collected throughout the project's three-year span suggests that Project Outcome has played a significant role in making outcome measurement "business as usual" for libraries and orienting libraries' planning, decision making, and accountability more toward patron and community impact. [FIND OUT MORE.](#)

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The public internet option

As the FCC in the Trump era dismantles vital rules protecting net neutrality and users' privacy, Americans need an internet provider that they can trust and is accountable to the public, not profits. [Municipal governments](#) can provide this by offering broadband service themselves and implementing the net neutrality and privacy protections that are no longer required of private companies by federal policies. The internet has become a crucial utility, yet quality broadband service in the US is far from universal....

American Civil Liberties Union, Mar. 29



THE ASPEN INSTITUTE
DIALOGUE ON
PUBLIC LIBRARIES



The link for MeL database evaluations is live:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MeLevaluation18>

- Feel free to evaluate as many databases as you can, but please complete a new survey for each evaluation.
- There are only five required questions, everything else is skippable, even lines within matrices. If you think something doesn't apply to what you are evaluating, skip it rather than make up an answer.
- **Evaluation period ends April 20th at 11:59 p.m.**

There is a series of webinars to be hosted by the vendors during from April 2- April 9.

- All webinars will be at <https://libraryofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/meldatabasestraining/>.
- You do not need any login information to view the webinars
- All webinar dates will also be included in the Google Doc of trial information under the vendor's name
- Each webinar will be recorded, if you cannot make it, check the trial document for the link to the recording.



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