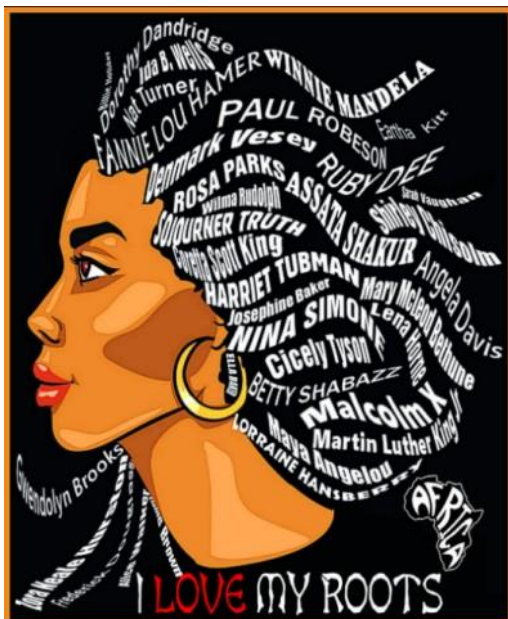
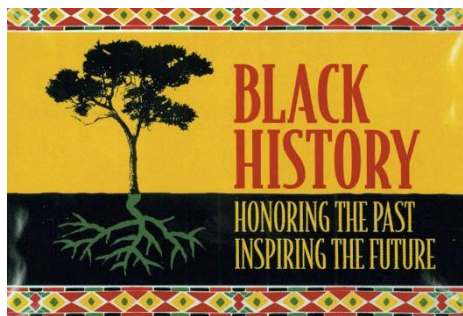


Mid-Michigan Library League



News of Interest

February 2018



Member Happenings

- Name correction: The new director of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library is **Denise Galardi**. She is originally from Michigan but most recently was working as a library director in Pennsylvania. Her email is galardid@cadillaclibrary.org. Welcome, Denise!



- The Reed City Area District Library had a program on Human Trafficking presented by a Michigan state trouper.



- The Shelby Area District Library offers free canvas classes. Nice work!



- Several MMLL member libraries are participating in the Battle of the Books 2018. McBain is hosting several teams, along with Richfield Township and libraries in other cooperatives: Roscommon and Houghton Lake. Great program!



- Leland Township Library is holding Maker Afternoons on Thursdays.



- The Manistee County Library holds Maker Mondays in the afternoons to build with Legos, Keva Planks, and more.



- The Benzie Shores District Library offers the "Artemis League" teen program



during which they are the only ones using the library.

Defend the universe @ your library with the Artemis Space Bridge Simulator!

- Alden District Library has an ongoing "Books and Brie" book club, which obviously pairs well with some nice red wine...

Book Club



Reading between the wines

- The Luther Area Public Library now has fiber connectivity via Merit, and they have a new Ploud website. Congrats, Ariel Lucas, director!

Donate your Tech Hours

Emergency Geek Cory Walker

All MMLL member libraries were credited at the beginning of the fiscal year with four hours of paid tech support provided by the [Emergency Geek](#), Cory Walker, with mileage covered by the cooperative.



Now that it is February, if you do not anticipate needing to use your hours (must be used by the end of September 2018), you are free to donate your hours to other member libraries in the League.

To do this, send a message out to midmichlib@googlegroups.com letting folks know to contact you if they are interested in taking your tech hours. Once deals are made, send a message to your co-op director (Sheryl Mase at smase@mml.org) specifying your agreement.



Upcoming Trainings IN PERSON:

Millage Campaigns: The Nuts & Bolts

This comprehensive seminar discusses millage law and ballot requirements. The workshop includes: strategies for successful millage campaigns; timeline, budgets & fundraising; marketing tips and strategies; the roles of administration, staff, trustees, friends and volunteers; and a discussion of marketing and branding for success.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn – Gateway Center

5353 Gateway Center, Flint

\$65.00 Registration Fee

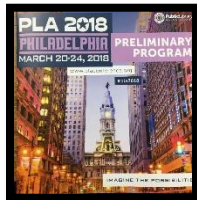
(Includes refreshments and a buffet lunch)

To register: <http://mmlc.info/workshops/>



PLA 2018 Conference registration & housing now open. <http://www.placonference.org/>
The 2018 Conference will be held **March 20-24** in the heart of downtown Philadelphia with most events taking place at the [Pennsylvania Convention Center](#).

The PLA 2018 Conference is themed, "Imagine the Possibilities." Among the confirmed speakers are actor/comedian Hasan Minhaj, best known as a correspondent on *The Daily Show*, and Elizabeth Gilbert, author of the 2006 inspirational memoir *Eat Pray Love*. For complete details, visit the [conference website](#).



Virtual Conference registration now open

Deadline: March 14, 2018, 5:30 PM Eastern

PLA is offering a great way to participate in and enjoy the PLA Conference, even if you can't be there with us in Philadelphia. The PLA 2018 Virtual Conference will consist of live programming on Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23, including five hour-long programs each day, plus author interviews and opportunities for networking. Programs are chosen from among the highest rated in PLA's session preference survey. [Learn more and register...](#)



Spring Institute 2018

[MLA Spring Institute 2018](#)

Growing, Networking and Inspiring!

March 22 - 23, 2018

GVSU L.V. Eberhard Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan



LOLETA FYAN 2018 Small and Rural Libraries Conference

April 30-May 2, 2018

The 2018 Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference will be at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. The theme, following the current library topic of diversity and inclusion, is "Open Doors, Open Minds." <http://michigan.gov/fyanconference>



ABA - Advocacy Boot Camp Coming to Michigan in April 2018

MLA and the Coop Directors Association (CDA) will bring the ALA Advocacy Bootcamp to Lansing, Michigan on **April 20, 2018**. Watch for registration to open in October.

The program will cover advocacy basics such as messaging, networking and community engagement. Intellectual Freedom basics will also be covered. Attendees will focus on working on an advocacy plan that they can implement in their library. Stay tuned!

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](#).



[Library of Michigan Continuing Education Page](#)



Michigan Library Association calendar of events



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.



Facilitation training for Michigan library staff

Presenters from [We Can Work It Out, LLC](#) will be coming to Michigan this spring to lead trainings on facilitation. Trainings are open to staff of Michigan libraries, especially those who have gone through [The Harwood Institute](#) Public Innovators labs, to help increase skills and knowledge for successful community engagement.

[Read more and register>>](#)



Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS:



Big Talk From Small Libraries

Small libraries doing big things

- [Home](#)
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WebJunction
The learning place for libraries.

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

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Lunch at the Library: Nourishing Bodies and Minds

In this webinar, learn the tools and tips for starting or expanding a USDA summer meals site and for incorporating lunches into your summer reading program.

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Homelessness in Small and Rural Communities: Libraries Can Help!

A webinar hosted in collaboration with ARSL on how small or rural libraries can provide services to community members experiencing homelessness, especially with limited access to resources, like a social worker.

Also on the WebJunction Site:

[Social Media Policy Examples](#): A collection of social media policies from public libraries. A recent survey found that most libraries don't have similar policies in place, so check these examples out for ideas and direction.

[Reflections on Opioid Crisis Town Hall](#): In collaboration with the Public Library Association, WebJunction hosted the Opioid Crisis Town Hall: Library Needs and Responses, on September 12, 2017. Three months later, participants reflect on how the session has impacted their work and how their libraries are responding to this issue.



The University of Michigan School of Information is now offering a set of online library management courses through the [edX.org](#) platform:

Public Library Management: Identifying Community Needs

This 4-week self-paced course is taught by UM-SLIS faculty member Kristin Fontichiaro. Visit the edX website for complete details and links to register for this course.

<https://www.edx.org/course/identifying-community-needs-public-michiganx-publib601x>

Personnel Management for Public Libraries

This 4-week self-paced course is taught by Josie Barnes Parker, director of the Ann Arbor District Library. Visit the edX website for complete details and links to register for this course.

<https://www.edx.org/course/personnel-management-public-libraries-michiganx-publib603x>

Budgeting and Finance for Public Libraries

This 4-week self-paced course is taught by Larry Neal, director of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. Visit the edX website for complete details and links to register for this course.

<https://www.edx.org/course/budgeting-finance-public-libraries-michiganx-publib604>

Managing a Diverse and Inclusive Workplace for Public Libraries

This 4-week self-paced course is taught by [Lionel P. Robert Jr.](#), associate professor, UMSI. Visit the edX website for complete details and links to register for this course.

<https://www.edx.org/course/managing-diverse-inclusive-workplace-michiganx-publib602x>

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[PLA on-demand webinars](#)

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Understanding Power, Identity, and Oppression in the Public Library

A FREE on-demand webinar

Panelists: Katie

Dover-Taylor, Jody Gray & Amita Lonial

In alignment with ALA's strategic direction on equity, diversity, and inclusion, this on-demand webinar provides an introductory understanding of the concepts of power, identity, and oppression, and how they impact public libraries' staff, services, programs, collections, and spaces. Through presentation and dialogue, the panelists discuss the role of allies in addressing these concepts. [More...](#)



[MCLS Training Calendar](#)

Securing Your Library in Troubling Times

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[MeL Training](#)



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

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



[MeL Promotion](#)

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## Grant Opportunities:

### MMLL Mini Grant Program

Once again, members of the Mid-Michigan Library League may apply for up to \$250 in one-time event cost support or up to \$1,000 in for library service expansion costs support. Applications may be submitted between January 15, 2018 and February 5, 2018 for events that take place between 1/15/18 and 8/15/18. **Deadline to apply: 2/5/18.** See the MMLL website <http://mml.org> and look under [Services: Grants](#).

### 2018 MCFB Literacy Mini-Grants Applications being taken now!

The Michigan Center for the Book will partially fund events or projects in Michigan that enhance or complement our mission to promote an awareness of books, reading, literacy, authors and Michigan's literary heritage. The simple application may be submitted online [preferred] but can be sent via US Post, if necessary. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YX9MTQZ> Applications must be received by **March 1, 2018**



### Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

**Receipt Deadline March 15, 2018**

The mission of this Challenge Grants program is to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building. Grants aim to help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials.

Applications are welcome from colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit humanities entities. [More information](#)

## Learning Support \$\$\$

Library Continuing Education Program  
[www.michigan.gov/cestipend](http://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.

*From Shannon White: "there was a question about using CE Stipend funds for substitutes. If someone wants to use some of the funds to pay for substitute staff that will be their choice and is allowable."*



### Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant

The grant will be awarded to an individual on an annual basis to provide monetary support (up to \$1,000) to participate in continuing educational event(s) to keep current in his/her career field.

[Grant Application](#)



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 American Library Association Legislative Day on the Hill in D.C. is an annual event that is very effective 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 as well as making appointments, so doing the work of visiting legislators (or their aids) is super easy, since all of the details are taken care of for you! It is an amazing learning experience, and I highly recommend it. The MMLL Board may approve the payment for at least one attendee, if we have the funds, and that should be decided at the January meeting. There will also be scholarship funds available - apply as soon as possible. <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>

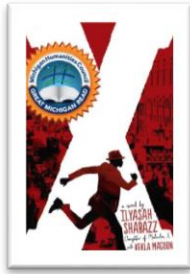
The Library of Michigan has contracted with DEMCO to enable all Michigan libraries to use the online reading club features of:



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™







## Great Michigan Read

If you are interested in becoming a Michigan Humanities Council [2017-18 Great Michigan Read](#) partner and receiving 30 copies of *X: A Novel*, reader and teacher guides, and promotional materials, there's still time to register.

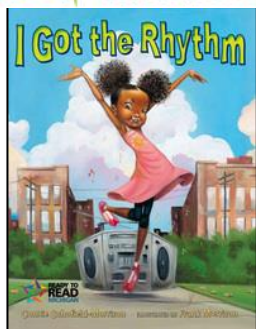
Non-profit organizations – including schools and libraries – can fill out the [“Become a Partner” form](#) on the Michigan Humanities website. Please spread the word to your colleagues in libraries, schools, and other interested non-profits across Michigan. We currently have more than 250 partners registered, but we have a large supply of books and look forward to continuing our distribution in 2018.

In March and May, the book’s authors will be traveling around the state for community conversations and presentations, so keep an eye out for those details about Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon’s tour stops.

Questions? Contact me (Katie Wittenauer) directly at [kwittenauer@mihumanities.org](mailto:kwittenauer@mihumanities.org) or via (517) 372-7770.



[www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org](http://www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org)



## IMLS Presents New Strategic Plan for 2018-2022

**Vision Will Focus on Advancing Museums, Libraries, and Their Communities**

[Transforming Communities](#), the IMLS Strategic Plan 2018-2022, [PDF, 4.59 MB] frames how IMLS will advance, support, and empower America's libraries, museums, and the communities they serve.



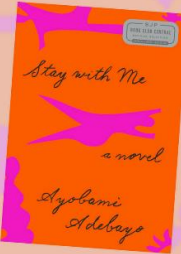

"Museums and libraries provide Americans with access to vital collections, information, and opportunities that can be life-changing," said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. "We hope this strategic vision will open up new conversations, inspire meaningful collaboration, and help museums and libraries improve the well-being of their communities."

The new plan outlines four strategic goals:

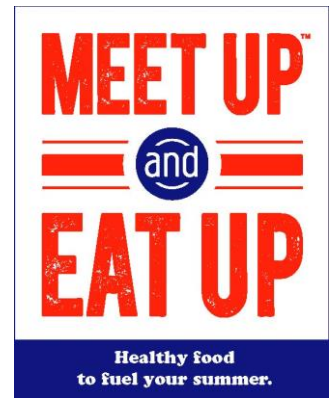
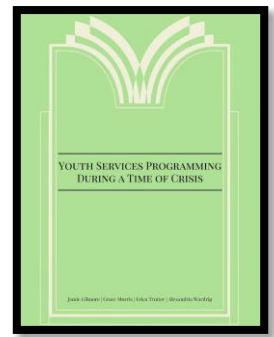
- 1. Promote Lifelong Learning:** IMLS supports learning and literacy for people of all ages through museums and libraries.
- 2. Build Capacity:** IMLS strengthens the capacity of museums and libraries to improve the well-being of their communities.
- 3. Increase Public Access:** IMLS makes strategic investments that increase access to information, ideas, and networks through libraries and museums.
- 4. Achieve Excellence:** IMLS strategically aligns its resources and relationships to support libraries and museums nationwide.



Announcing Sarah Jessica Parker's Next Book Club Central Pick:  
*Stay with Me* by Ayobami Adebayo

A printable toolkit designed to help public libraries in times of crisis plan programming that creates a sense of normalcy for youth and teens in times of disaster or upheaval



*Michigan Open Book Project is a multi-year initiative funded by the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) from the Michigan Department of Education. It is designed to develop an open education resource for use in Michigan classrooms. To date 13 textbooks have been authored and made available.*



MLA is seeking nominations for the 2018 Michigan Author Award. The award recognizes an outstanding published body of literary work by an author who is either from Michigan or has substantial ties to the state. Visit the [MLA website](#) to view detailed information and [submit a nomination online](#). The deadline to submit nominations is February 28, 2018

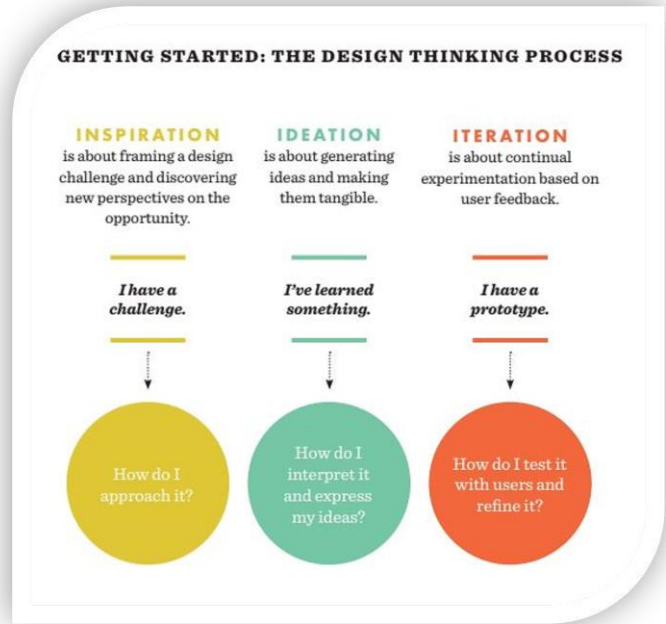


## Meet the 2018 ALA Policy Corps

Marcus Banks writes: "On January 4, ALA announced the inaugural members of its [Policy Corps](#), a new initiative that aims to



develop political advocates for conveying the importance of libraries. The Policy Corps team will meet at the Midwinter Meeting in Denver, attend a workshop about political activism in March, and attend ALA's National Library Legislative Day in May. Meet the first members of Policy Corps, a dozen people with diverse backgrounds and experiences who are united by their belief in libraries."



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