

Mid-Michigan Library League



News of Interest

January 2017

WHO CAN OUT-SHUSH THE SHUSHING LIBRARIAN DOLL?

Member Happenings

◆ From Shelby Area District Library: "We welcome Mary Sloan to our library family. Mary is a retired Shelby Public Schools teacher and has taught preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade. She took over storytime in December and will utilize years of experience to make this a fun weekly event for your children or grandchildren. She is enthusiastic and loves books and reading to children. She encourages parents to participate with their child(ren) so everyone is sure to have a good time!"



◆ From Alden District Library: "Antrim Photography Workshop: MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 5 to 7 PM. Speaker: Gary Ennis—Field Trip State Hospital. Donation \$10. See Lisa's FB page: Antrim Photography Workshop for details. Call the library to sign up, 231-331-4318."

From Leland Township Library:
Tech Tips from Mark



One of the hardest things you have to do as a computer repair person is to tell a customer that their computer's hard drive has failed and all the information that it contained is lost. This is when the customer starts to realize just how much data the computer contained such as family photos, documents and videos.

What can you do to prepare for that day when your hard drive quits working? BACK IT UP! Backups are a way of saving all that information on a separate device or on the "cloud" in such a way you can recover the data and put it on a replacement hard drive or a new computer.

There are two main ways to back up your hard drive, the first and best is an online (cloud) back up using a service such as Carbonite or iCloud. These services automatically check your computer and back it up to a secure server over the Internet. Then if you have a major disaster such as God forbid your house burns down or a pipe breaks and soaks your electronics, your information will be safe off site waiting for you to get your life back in order.

The second way to save your data is to use an external hard drive. An external drive is just

what it sounds like, a hard drive that sits on your desk and plugs into your computer. These drives have a program that comes with them that will automatically back up your data without you having to do anything after you set it up. Your computer also has a way to preform backups on either a daily or weekly schedule to ensure your information is safe. These drives are a great way to go for those of us that have slow Internet access that makes a online backup impractical.

So don't wait until your hard drive quits to realize just how much data it contains because one of the best things you can do as a computer repairperson is to help a customer restore all their valuable information to a computer from a backup.

~ Mark Morton, Leland Library "Cybrarian"

Benzonia Public Library featured in Stateside episode on Michigan Radio!



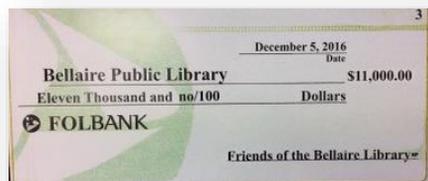
<http://michiganradio.org/post/library-makerspaces-help-communities-tap-joy-creativity>

Send your news to us!

Send news you would like to highlight in the MMLL newsletter. Photos too!

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Thank you Friends of the Library!! 2016 Annual Donation!! \$11,000!!



Upcoming Trainings



When: Friday, January 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Where: Kalamazoo Public Library
Cost: \$10/person covers lunch
Tentative Agenda
9:15-9:30 Welcome
9:30-10:15 Short Presentations - TBD
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-11:15 Upload Stations - Informal discussions on a set of public side IT issues.
11:15-12:00 Keynote - TBD
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:45 Lightning Round Talks - TBD
1:45-2:00 Break
2:00-2:45 Upload Stations - Informal discussions on a set of public side IT issues.
2:45-3:00 Wrap-Up

Scheduled and On-Demand Webinars:

NOTE: Save the date - **February 10th, 10 a.m.** - for a webinar on Records Retention for Public Libraries. We will also have Plymouth Rocket calendar and Peabody training via webinar. More information soon!



[Children's Program Manual](#) – Tuesday, January 10, 2017
There will be two identical sessions offered.
Session 1: 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time
Session 2: 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

[Early Literacy Program Manual](#)
Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Central Standard Time

[Teen Program Manual](#)
Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Central Standard Time

Free Storytime webinars:

[1/10 Preschool Storytime Basics](#)

2 PM - 3 PM Central

Storytimes in public libraries offer a valuable service to children, parents, and child care providers in the community on many different levels. This webinar, presented by Kim Lehman, will cover the basics of planning, preparing, and presenting engaging storytimes for preschoolers in the library. We will cover surefire books and literature selections as well as songs and fingerplays to captivate a young audience. Learn a few tips to address some storytime challenges like organizing materials, reading aloud to a group, and managing difficult situations.

[1/17 Science and Math in Storytimes](#)

2 PM - 3 PM Central

Children have an innate curiosity about the physical world around them. Storytimes offer a unique opportunity to help young children understand and organize information needed to make connections and solve problems. This webinar, presented by Kim Lehman, will explore inexpensive, easy to implement science and math experiences using literature, fingerplays, activities, and props. These ideas can be used in storytimes, as passive programming in the library, or as resources for parents and caregivers to extend the storytime experience for further STEM explorations.

Participants will be able to:

- Explore ways to use science and math experiences in library programs for preschool children
- Integrate books, music, and fingerplays centered on math and science
- Introduce parents and caregivers to age appropriate math and science activities for further science explorations

[1/24 Storytime Crafts](#)

2 PM - 3 PM Central

The process of creating offers children an opportunity to develop fine motor skills, cooperation, and a genuine sense of accomplishment. Working independently increases confidence and creative joy. This webinar, presented by Kim Lehman, will look at developmentally appropriate craft ideas to use in toddler and preschool storytimes as well as tips and suggestions for implementing and organizing craft activities in the library. Participants will be able to:

- Implement age appropriate craft activities as a part of library storytimes
- Identify developmentally appropriate expectations for young children
- Organize and manage craft activities in the library

[1/31 The Magic of Music in Storytimes](#)

2 PM - 3 PM Central

Music, a universal language, adds so much to storytimes. In this webinar, presented by Kim Lehman, learn ways to use music with young children in storytimes through songs, movement, literature, puppets, and props. Music in library storytimes is not about having the perfect voice or playing an instrument. It is about the magic that sounds and poetry bring to our shared experience. Whether you sing openly or in the privacy of your own shower, join us for fun and ideas. You will be inspired to warble a tune before the webinar is over.

Participants will be able to:

- Use opening and closing songs in storytimes
- Incorporate songs and music in storytimes using puppets, props, movement, and books
- Reference and use music resources including books, recordings, and websites



➤ Wednesday, January 11, 2017

[Service Excellence in Challenging Times](#)

3:00-4:00 pm Eastern Time

In turbulent times, many Americans turn to their libraries. While this is a true affirmation of the value our country places on its libraries, it increases the responsibility for library staff to meet the public with the best customer service. During times of community turmoil, it is an extra challenge to convey patience, good humor, an accurate knowledge of your collections and services, and a willingness to serve. Learn how to ramp up your skills to maintain a safe, welcoming environment where everyone can visit, work, and play without feeling uncomfortable. Keep calm, confident and capable of guiding your community through difficult times.

Presented by: Pat Wagner, library trainer and consultant with 35+ years' experience, and known for her practical programs.

➤ Thursday, January 26, 2017

[Toward Tech Savvy Trustees](#)

3:00-4:00 pm Eastern Time

Library staff are expected to embrace technology advancements and keep their skills sharp and their libraries relevant. But what about library boards-how tech savvy are your trustees? The more that trustees are dialed into a personal use of technology, the better advocates they will be for the library's technology needs. Learn some fun and practical ways to inspire greater tech savviness in your trustees. You don't need a board of IT specialists, just a board that has a

sharper set of digital tools. This webinar, hosted by WebJunction in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, is an encore presentation of a session presented at the 2016 ARSL conference. Presented by: Bonnie McKewon, Consultant, State Library of Iowa, Northwest District

- 14 February 2017
[Libraries Help Patrons Become Financially Empowered Consumers](#)
- 28 February 2017
[Visualizing \(and Finding!\) Funding for Libraries](#)
- 07 March 2017
[Privacy Literacy at Your Library](#)



[MCLS Training Calendar](#)

Current and archived MeL trainings are at:

<http://mcls.org/mel/mel-training-events/>

Third Thursday Twitter Chats:

<http://mcls.org/training-events/events/third-thursday-twitter-chats-2016/>

Jan 19, Marketing your library with Trent Smiley, Marketing & Communications Director, Capital Area District Libraries

Feb 16, Political literacy for librarians with John Chrastka, Executive Director, EveryLibrary

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[TechSoup Webinars](#)



On demand webinars:

<http://www.ala.org/pla/onlinelearning/webinars/ondemand>



Free PLA Webinar: Outcome Measurement Made Easy with PLA's Project Outcome

Thursday, January 12, 2017; 1:00 PM Central
The Public Library Association's field-driven initiative, Project Outcome, is a FREE online toolkit offering an innovative and platform for public libraries to measure the impact of their programs and services. Staff are able to easily measure patron outcomes using the field-tested surveys, quickly analyze their data using ready-made reports and interactive data dashboards, and take action using the results. For the first time, public libraries have access to an aggregated set of outcome measurement data and analysis tools they can use to affect change within their communities and beyond. This webinar provides an overview of the toolkit and examples of how libraries have been able to benefit from using Project Outcome.

REGISTER NOW!

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will:

- Understand how measuring outcomes can help demonstrate community impact;
- Know what is included in the Project Outcome toolkit and how participating libraries are using it; and
- Be able to apply the toolkit in their library.



There's still room for you to [register](#) for the 2017 webinar series on Every Child Ready to Read. This series is a continuation of the [2016 webinars](#) with Sue McCleaf Nespeca:

- Thursday, May 11, 2017: Family Engagement in Early Learning
- Tuesday, July 11, 2017: Storytime Basics
- Thursday, September 7, 2017: Working with Early Childhood Educators & Volunteers in Early Literacy Learning
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017: Every Child Ready to Read in Michigan wrap-up!

The webinars will be from 2 pm to 3 pm ET.

All webinars will be recorded. If a date or time is inconvenient, you can register in order to get a link to the recording emailed directly to you.

Want answers to all of your library technology questions?



Join Marshall Breeding, the editor of *Smart Libraries Newsletter* and creator of Library Technology Guides, in our upcoming **free webinar**. You'll be able to ask Marshall questions related to library technology, library automation, and more!

[Register now](#) to participate in this free webinar taking place on **Friday, January 27 at 2:00 pm Eastern time**. Be sure to [submit your questions](#) for Marshall, and join us for a discussion about library technology.

Marshall Breeding is an independent consultant, speaker, and author. He has edited and authored several books, including *Cloud Computing for Libraries*. Formerly the director for innovative technology and research for the Vanderbilt University Library, he regularly teaches workshops and gives presentations internationally at library conferences.



Between **April 22-29, 2017**, libraries and communities across the country will be hosting financial education events for people of all ages, including youth! Michigan libraries have a unique opportunity to obtain free copies of the Step Into Reading book, [A Dollar For Penny](#), to give away to children – if your library agrees to host a money-themed story time event during Money Smart Week. The Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates has once again generously offered to purchase copies of this book for you to hand out at a story time. More than 200 Michigan libraries successfully participated in "Money Smart Kids Read" last year!

To participate:

1. Register as a Money Smart Week Partner today at <http://www.MoneySmartWeek.org/>. (if you registered as a MSW partner last year, your login username and password should still be valid. Please test this

- before you attempt to enter your story time details, just in case you need to reset your password or re-register.)
- Plan a story time event about money to be held during **April 22-29, 2017**. (Recommended age for *A Dollar For Penny* is 4 - 6 years old.)
 - Request to participate in this initiative, and the number of books you think you'll need, by completing this SurveyMonkey questionnaire **before January 27**.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSW2017>
 - Between January 15th and March 31st, login and register your story time event(s) details at
<http://www.MoneySmartWeek.org/>.
 - Proactively promote your *Money Smart Kids Read* program through all your channels of communication.
 - Consider ways in which volunteers from your local community credit union can participate (help checking families in, passing out the books, helping with crafts, serving refreshments, etc. Whatever would be helpful to you!) If someone from your local credit union reaches out to you, please be sure to engage them.
 - Take delivery of your books mid-March, and store them until the time of your event.
 - At your event, announce that your story time is part of the national Money Smart Week initiative, read the *A Dollar For Penny* book (and other relevant, age-appropriate books from your collection), perhaps do a craft activity (decorate piggy banks, color pictures that feature money, sing money songs, do finger plays, etc.), and then hand out the free books to families who attend!
 - After your event takes place, enter your attendance numbers into the [Money Smart Week Partners website](#).



Connect with others who plan, implement, and evaluate teen library programs by sharing and discussing programming ideas.
<http://hq.yalsa.net/index.html>



Betsie Valley District Library

*****Attention all families!**
We welcome Don and Cecelia Williams in bringing their therapy dogs, Chaz and Denny, to visit the Library. Come and read with Chaz and Denny, the third Wednesday of every month, from 5-6 pm. Read a story from the Library or bring a favorite from home!



National Library Legislative Day 2017



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Registration for National Library Legislative Day 2017 is now open. To find information about the event, to register, or to book a room in the hotel block, visit ala.org/nlld. As with previous years, National Library Legislative Day 2017 will be held at the Liaison Hotel in Washington, DC. Briefing day will take place on May 1st, and includes informational sessions about each of the most important legislation issues libraries are facing, as well as advocacy training. On May 2nd, each state delegation will go to their meetings on the Hill with their elected officials. Registration this year is \$50 and includes entry into a reception held on Capitol Hill, along with a folder full of briefing materials, talking points, and information. To learn more about the event, [check out our blog post on District Dispatch](#). Contact Lisa Lindle at llindle@alawash.org with questions!

Grant Opportunities



Arts & Humanities Touring Program Grants begin on November 3, 2016

Quick and Planning Grants still have funds available - fill out an application.

2016-17 Humanities Grants will be announced this month.

Great Michigan Read will be announced in Spring 2017.



Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply to receive one of three Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants. Awarded by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee, the grant program provides books submitted for consideration for the Coretta Scott King Book Awards to libraries and other organizations to expand their collections. Each year, three organizations that demonstrate need and potential benefit from receiving the collection are selected. All three libraries will receive copies of more than 40 titles submitted for consideration for the 2017 awards, including a full set of the 2017 winner and honor titles.
Applications will be accepted through Feb. 21, 2017, and winners will be announced by mid-April. For more information, and to apply, please visit www.ala.org/csk and click on Book Donation Grant.

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Nice logo and nice new website too!!!
<http://hlpl.org/>



"Stop in and check out the beautiful mural and farm animals in the children area. The paintings were by Charity Dick of McBain."

MPSC: 2-1-1 now available statewide

December 20, 2016

LANSING, Mich. 2-1-1, the abbreviated phone number that connects people with information and resources, is now available throughout Michigan, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) noted today as it approved a request to include St. Clair County. "Today's 2-1-1 designation means 2-1-1 is now available in every corner of the state," said Sally Talberg, chairman of the MPSC. "The Michigan Public Service Commission is particularly interested in 2-1-1 because we know more people call it for information related to utility services than for any other reason. It has proven to be a valuable resource that connects people with the information and resources they need, free of charge. Whether it's information on who to contact for energy assistance or vital information during a crisis like the propane shortage or ice storm a few years ago, more and more people are relying on 2-1-1. It has become an indispensable partner in meeting the needs of Michigianians." Under the Michigan Telecommunications Act, the MPSC is charged with designating the digits 2-1-1 to community resource call centers. The MPSC staff is also responsible for reviewing the annual progress report of the state's 2-1-1 coordinator, Michigan 2-1-1. There are eight designated community resource call centers throughout Michigan. The MPSC action today designated 211 Northeast Michigan Call Center as the 2-1-1 answering point for 11 telephone exchanges in St. Clair County. www.michigan.gov/mpsc



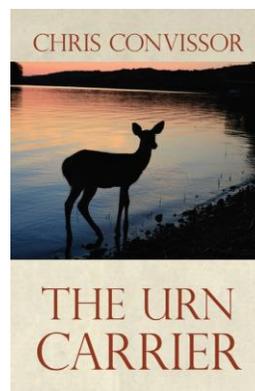
Social Justice and Disability



Evaluating Materials and Media with Characters with Disabilities

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In the *Urn Carrier*, we follow Tessa on a journey that is somehow always in the present. Designated to carry out her aunt's will to spread her ashes in several locations throughout the U.S. and Canada, suddenly Tessa is on a road trip riding alongside a canine companion pulling the refurbished camper her aunt once used. It is a ride, and a fast one, so suspend any disbelief and buckle in. Nineteen-year-old Tessa is wonderfully capable and brave and intuitive. We experience her sensuality and are privy to her sexuality as she carries out the task that endears us to her. She learns about her aunt, ponders relationships, and ultimately unfolds the truth about her father and that day for which her twin took the blame. Chris Convisor has a beautiful, yet sparse and contemporary style of writing that engages the reader from the start. Her descriptions of natural beauty are compelling, with great respect for the environment and indigenous spirituality. Family relationships are strong. They evolve and resolve. Recommended for HS and adult. Quick and accessible read. Contemporary issues. Ms. Convisor is a resident of Lake Ann, Michigan. This is her first published book of fiction.

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