

Mid-Michigan Library League



News of Interest January 2018



Member Happenings

- The new director of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library is **Denise McKernan**. She is originally from Michigan but most recently was working as a library director in Pennsylvania. She will begin her new position at CWPL on January 22nd. Welcome, Denise!



- The Big Rapids Community Library had the 3D printers in December for kids to make small ornaments and gifts. The photo has a link to the article in the Pioneer.



- The Friends of the Shelby Area District Library worked hard to make the 2017 Celebration of the Trees a success!



- Leelanau Township Library held a couple interesting programs led by community members. They had an "Opera Storytime with Amanda", and "Gingerbread Houses with Laura." Amanda is a classically trained mezzo-soprano. Laura runs a construction company with her husband and does large-scale baking. Both are moms of young children and geared their programs towards families.



- I had a great visit with Sigrid Robertson, new director at LeRoy!



New Website for MMLL

While still a work in progress, the new website for the cooperative is now live! The URL remains the same: <http://mml.org>. Please feel free to send any comments and suggestions you may have. We want the site to serve you well!

Are you taking advantage of our New Resources?

The MMLL Board approved the FY18 budget and reflected in the budget is the ability of the cooperative to offer new services! See the [MMLL Benefits of Membership](#) that spells it all out for you.

Here is what is now included with your MMLL membership:

- Downloadable audiobooks for all library patrons associated with MMLL member libraries. Some of you have the Overdrive "Up North Digital," and this is additional to that, providing unlimited simultaneous access to ~7,000 audiobooks via [Recorded Books Digital](#).
- A Language learning resource with over 100 different languages to choose from, [Transparent Language Online](#)

- Four hours of paid tech support for each member library provided by the [Emergency Geek](#), Cory Walker. Mileage to be covered by the cooperative.



Upcoming Trainings IN PERSON:



LOLETA FYAN 2018 Small and Rural Libraries Conference

April 30-May 2, 2018

[Award Nomination Form](#)

Nomination Deadline: Friday, January 12, 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>

*** Don't forget you can apply for a CE Stipend from the Library of Michigan to attend conferences. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/cestipend. ***



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](#).



Spring Institute 2018

[MLA Spring Institute 2018](#)
Growing, Networking and Inspiring!

March 22 - 23, 2018
GVSU L.V. Eberhard Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan

[Michigan Library Association calendar of events](#)



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](#).



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>>](#)



MeL Training



MeL Databases: MeL Statistics for Libraries

Learn about tools within MeL Databases.
Date(s) and time(s):

January 19, 2018
11:00am - 11:30am Eastern

[Registration Link](#)

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

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

Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS:



[Library of Michigan Continuing Education Page](#)



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

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[From Facilities to Trauma: Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency at Your Library](#)

This webinar will provide you with guidance on how to prepare your library to respond to the next disaster or crisis and to support community resiliency.

06 February 2018

[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.



[MCLS Training Calendar](#)

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[PLA on-demand webinars](#)



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>



Ready to Read Michigan: "I Got the Rhythm!"

Tuesday, January 16th, 2pm

join us to learn about a Ready to Read Storytime designed for outreach to your local early childhood providers & schools! This year's book selection is "I Got the Rhythm" by Connie Schofield-Morrison and illustrated by



Frank Morrison. Copies of the title will be shipped to libraries mid-January-early February, so this is a sneak peek if you do not already have the book in-hand.

Big Talk From Small Libraries

Small libraries doing big things

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Check out the new Parent Resources on the Teachers tab of MeL.org!

<http://teachers.mel.org/parent-resources>



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](#).

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.

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."*



Grant opportunity for public libraries to offer programs on the Founding Era in American history. Public libraries serving rural or underserved communities are especially encouraged to apply. Up to 100 libraries will be selected to receive the grant. Libraries may [apply here](#) before the deadline of January 31, 2018.

Applications
sought for
2018 Coretta
Scott King
Book Donation Grants



Deadline: January 31, 2018



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™



January 16, 2018



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.

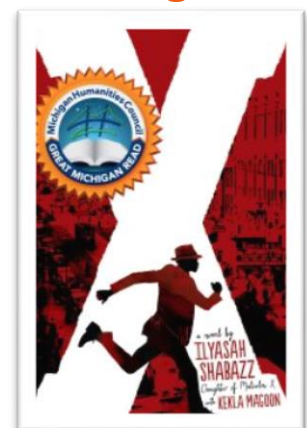


<http://textbooks.wmisd.org/> Michigan Open Book Project is a multi-year initiative funded by the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) from the Michigan Department of Education. It is designed to develop an open education resource for use in Michigan classrooms. To date 13 textbooks have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



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OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES



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



Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth
 The deadline to submit a nomination is **January 31, 2018.**

Visit the [MLA website](#) to find out more about the [Frances H. Pletz Award](#) or download the [nomination form here](#).

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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



The Best Fiction Books Of 2017
 by [Claire Fallon](#), [Katherine Brooks](#), and [Jillian Capewell](#)

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 FEBRUARY 9-13, 2018

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