

Mid-Michigan Library League



News of Interest

June 2017



MMLL HAS A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!

Member Happenings

- ◆ The Leelanau Township Library has a new director. Welcome Danielle (Nellie) Danke! She began June 1st.
- ◆ The Darcy Library of Beulah has a new director. Her name is Jennifer Blossley and she will begin her job June 15th. Welcome!
- ◆ **DIY: Melted Crayon Art Make and Take Event.** Jun 24 - Jun 25 · [Seville Township Library](#) in Riverdale



- ◆ See what [Alden District Library](#) can do with the gymnasium next to the library!



- ◆ New children's books at the [Wheatland Township Library](#) in Remus. A set of children's books written by Daniela De Luca. Lizzie The Elephant, Buster The Kangaroo, Mattie The Polar Bear and Harry The Wolf, are some of the titles in this 8 book set. Each book combines a whimsical narrative and factual background information to help children learn a little life lesson and a few things about some of the animals with which we share the world.

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- ◆ A Stormy Tip o' the Pint to everyone who joined us earlier this month for our 4th Annual Adult Spelling Bee. Proceeds from the event were presented today to the Friends of the [Benzie Shores District Library](#), which will be used to develop the library's Children's Learning Center.



Pictured: Stormcloud Head Honcho Rick Schmitt with Stacy Pasche, Assistant Benzie Shores District Library Director and Molly Harrison, Friends of Benzie Shores District Library Coordinator.

- ◆ [Goats at the Shelby Library](#)
 JUN16 Fri 10:30 AM · Shelby Area District Library · Shelby, MI



MMLL Advisory Council and Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Council and Board will be August 17th, 2017. The Advisory Council meets at 10 a.m. and the Board meets at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library, 411 S. Lake Street, Cadillac. The agenda will be posted on the website under the Board tab: <http://mml.org/board.html>.

SAVE the DATE!

The annual meeting of the Mid-Michigan Library League will be September 21st, 2017. Due to popular demand, we will be at the Cadillac Grill again this year for a luncheon! Invitations will be sent for this event, and a registration will be required for lunch, subsidized to keep your cost down to \$10. Such a deal! Stay tuned for further details.

MLA and National Insurance Services (NIS)

The Michigan Library Association is partnering with National Insurance Services (NIS) to provide health insurance options for Michigan libraries. NIS is an employee benefits firm that specializes in working with schools, cities, counties and other governmental organizations such as libraries. To participate in the NIS program, your library must be a current MLA organizational member. For more information, please contact Brian Mitchell, Market Development in Michigan at bmitchell@nisbenefits.com, or call 269-569-4033. www.NISBenefits.com/about.

NIS Webinar***

What: A webinar with Brian Mitchell of National Insurance Services (NIS)

Who: Anyone associated with a public library

How: [view webinar here](#)

Upcoming Trainings IN PERSON:

MeLCat Users Day 2017

LOCATIONS and DATES:

- [Delta Township District Library](#) - Tuesday, July 11, 1 - 4pm
- [Bloomfield Township Public Library](#) - Thursday, July 13, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- [Portage District Library](#) - Tuesday, July 18, 1 - 4pm
- [Saline District Library](#) - Thursday, July 20, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- [Peter White Public Library](#) - Wednesday, July 26, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- [Devereaux Memorial Library](#) - Thursday, July 27, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Help determine the program content by completing a very brief [survey](#). Sign up to attend [here](#).



The Library of Michigan is hosting a YALSA Institute in Michigan this September. Librarians and public library staff who work with teens are encouraged to attend one of three sessions. Thanks to the support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services the only cost is a \$25 registration fee. Space is limited so register today for a "[Teen-Centered and Teen-Driven Library Services](#)" session.

Lead by [Dr. Rachel M. Magee](#), covers teen development, current trends in library services to teens, and techniques for connecting with teens in your library and community. Each Institute runs from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, with doors opening at 9:00 AM.

- [Monday, September 25](#) at the [Portage District Library](#), 300 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002
- [Tuesday, September 26](#) at the [Canton Public Library](#), 1200 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188
- [Thursday, September 28](#) at the [University Center of Gaylord](#), 80 Livingston Boulevard Gaylord, MI 49735

Michigan Library Association
[calendar of events](#)



ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries) annual conference is set for **September 6-9, 2017 in St. George, Utah**. The conference organizers have announced scholarship availability for the 2017 ARSL Conference. See the ARSL website at <http://arsl.info/annual-conference-awards-calendar/award-scholarship-info-2/>. Scholarships are for first time attendees; anyone who has not attended an ARSL conference is invited to apply. Three scholarships are awarded. Applications must be received by **5:00 pm CST on June 30, 2017**. If you have any questions contact scholarship@arsl.info.



Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS:



Using DigitalLearn in Your Library

Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 1:00 p.m. Eastern
[REGISTER NOW!](#)



PLA on-demand webinars:

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





Don't forget that we are able to take webinars from WebJunction at no cost! Check out this month's offerings here:

[Free Training: June 2017](#)

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[MCLS Training Calendar](#)

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

MeLCat reports June 7th, 10 a.m.

Do you know what a Too Long report is? In MeLCat, there are reports you can run to find things that have fallen through the cracks. Those items that have been in a specific status for too long. Attend this webinar to find out what reports are available, how to run them and what actions to take with the results.

[Register here](#)



The University of Michigan School of Information is rolling out a set of online library management courses through the edX.org platform. The first is now available:

Public Library Management: Identifying Community Needs.. In this course you can learn how to conduct research, surveys, and interviews as well as how to analyze data to better assess the local needs and wants of a public library community.

What you'll learn:

- How to find demographic and persona data from online sources;
- To conduct environmental scans;
- How to lead focus groups and interviews;
- How to analyze data to find patterns, overlaps, and gaps in available community services;
- To synthesize your findings in a report.

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

<https://www.edx.org/course/public-library-management-identifying-michiganx-publib601x#>

Over the next several months additional courses related to public library management will be made available. Stay tuned to learn more about this exciting new opportunity.

Grant Opportunities

MMLL Library Service Expansion and Mini-Grant Program 2017

The Library Service Expansion and Mini-Grant Program is now open for 2017. Find the overview document and applications on the MMLL website. On the home page, there is a link on the left-hand side. You can also go directly to <http://mml.org/grants.html>.

Your Ad-Hoc Mini-Grant Committee is: Mary Edens (MMLL Board member, group 1) Jennifer Thorson (Interim director, Reed City) Miriam Andrus (Director, Big Rapids)
Deadline to apply: June 12, 2017.

The 2017 Arts & Humanities Touring Grant application

Performances/presentations can occur beginning on December 1, 2016 through August 30, 2017. Events outside these dates are not eligible for a Touring Grant. To be eligible for a grant, your application must be received at least four weeks before the date of the performance/presentation. (Exception: Events occurring December 1 through December 15, 2016 must be received three weeks before the date of the performance/presentation.)

Arts & Humanities Touring Grants are processed in the order received until the grant funding is expended. We encourage your organization to apply early.

Click [here](#) to view the 2015-18 Arts & Humanities Touring Directory.

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Michigan Notable Books

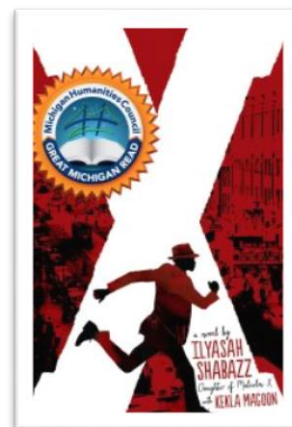
Big Rapids, Houghton Lake, Mason County District, and Morton Township libraries were chosen to have a Michigan Notable Book author visit to their library! Here are the programs still to come:

June 8th Wade Rose at Morton Township
June 27th John Smolens at Mason County DL



2017-18

Great Michigan Read



Become a Partner! [Click here](#)



MeL Training

Have you ever wondered how many MeLCat requests you receive each month? MeLCat staff posts monthly requests and fulfillment statistics on the MeLCat Wiki at <http://mcls.org/melcatstatistics> (the usual user name and password required) for all MeLCat libraries.

MeL Promotion



MeL has a YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSiX4ImeyL4D3MnA_kjyylXlkyl5CtyNq

MeL Information

In MeL.org is a [Teachers Portal](#) that has content for everyone – libraries, schools, parents, homeschoolers, administrators, and community partners. It contains PreK-12 resources, professional development opportunities, ideas for integrating MeL into classroom learning, and much more. The Teachers Portal can be a way for libraries and schools to find common ground introducing the use of MeL.org eResources in the classroom and reinforced in the library during afterschool activities and off-school times.



MCLS Community Engagement Roundtable
 Registration Form - Bellaire, MI
 Please complete the following form to register to
 attend the MCLS Community Engagement
 Roundtable on June 21, 2017 from 12:30 - 2:30pm
 (Eastern) at **Short's Brewery**, 121 N Bridge St,
 Bellaire, MI 49615. [Register>>](#)



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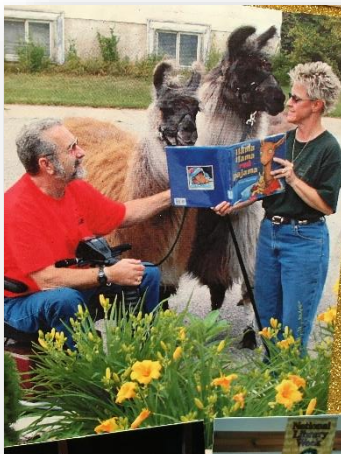
[Libraries](#)

Free makerspace/creativity workshops again this
 summer!

<http://makinginmichiganlibraries.eventbrite.com>



<http://michiganactivitypass.info>



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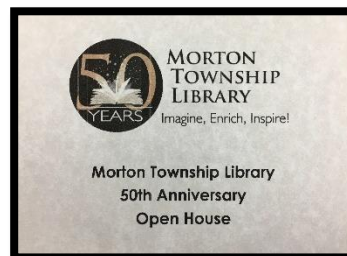
LIBRARIES
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Don't forget to borrow a maker kit!!! Click here for [Librarika](#)



[My Busy Green Garden: STEM Story Hour Kit](#)



Congratulations Morton Township Public Library! 50 years!!!

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