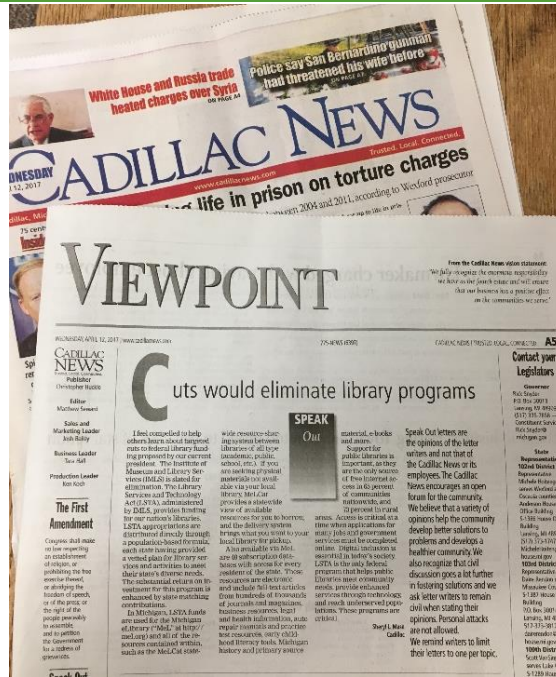


# Mid-Michigan Library League



# News of Interest

May 2017



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## Member Happenings

- ◆ The Pentwater Township Library is still closed for remodeling over the next three months. They are scheduled for re-opening June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ Leelanau Township Library is in the process of hiring a new director
- ◆ The Manistee County Library has posted a position: head of circulation. Details. They also have posted information about the director search, as Chuck Haemker is leaving at the end of September. [Details.](#)
- ◆ The Darcy Library of Beulah is looking for a director. [Details.](#)
- ◆ There was a nice reception for Tom Burnosky, new director at Reed City.



## MMLL Advisory Council and Board Meeting

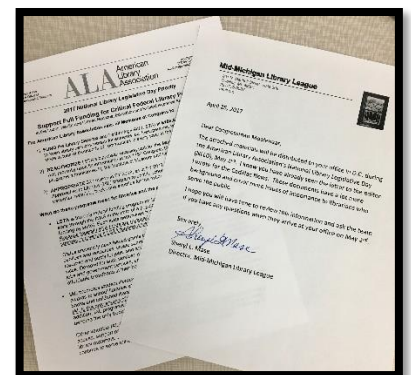
The next meeting of the Advisory Council and Board will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Advisory Council meets at 10 a.m. and the Board meets at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library, 411 S. Lake Street, Cadillac. The agenda will be posted on the website under the Board tab: <http://mml.org/board.html>.

## 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](mailto:bmitchell@nisbenefits.com), or call 269-569-4033. [www.NISBenefits.com/about](http://www.NISBenefits.com/about).

## NIS Webinar\*\*\*

What: A webinar with Brian Mitchell of National Insurance Services (NIS)  
 Who: Anyone associated with a public library in Michigan  
 When: Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.  
 How: [Register here](#)



## 2017 NLLD Issue Briefs



## Upcoming Trainings IN PERSON:

### MMLL Workshop: Community data and engagement – hands-on training with Kimberly Young

Get to know the people you serve in a whole new way! Everything from their shopping habits to what they do for fun is waiting for you to discover. The importance of demographic data in our decision making process is important, especially when budgets are tight. This hands on workshop will allow you to access the information relevant to your community and your decisions, leaving you empowered. Become an evidence based data driven decision maker!

#### TWO LOCATIONS:

**Morton Township Public Library May 11<sup>th</sup> 1-5 p.m.**

~OR~

**Bellaire Public Library [FULL]  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1-5 p.m.**

<http://mml.org/workshops.html>

### Beginning Workshop – May 17-19, 2017

This annual 3-day event is geared for library staff members that have not had formal library coursework. Its aim is to offer practical skills for working in a Michigan public library. Anyone new to the profession or just hired at a library, no matter what academic credentials, is welcome to attend the event. Certification for those seeking an initial Level 3 or Level 4 certificate from the Library of Michigan. Info: [Library Certification](#) page. May 17-19, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire. [2017 Attendee Information Packet & Agenda](#). [Register here](#).

### 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](#).

### Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference

The dates and location for the 2018 Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries conference have been finalized. The 2018 conference will be held from **April 30 - May 2 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI.** Registration will open in early 2018



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](mailto:scholarship@arsl.info).



Please visit <http://mml.org/workshops.html> for more information about workshops and webinars, current and archived.

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## Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS:



All 2016 + January 2017's ECRR webinars with Sue McCleaf Nespeca are now available with closed captions on the LM [Webinar Archives](#) page. Tune in and learn more about early literacy & storytime tips. [Registration is open](#) for our 2017 ECRR webinars:

- 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 and posted on our [WEBINAR ARCHIVES](#) page once they are made closed captioned. If a date or time is inconvenient, you can register in order to get a link to the recording emailed directly to you.*



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: May 2017**



[MCLS Training Calendar](#)

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

## 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 5, 2017.**

### LSTA Public Library Services Grant Program

This summer quick grant program provides Michigan public libraries with the opportunity to purchase supplies and materials to use in local programs. 2017 Program Topics:

- Literacy Programs – This topic area is for the broad idea of literacy programs.
- Children & Teen Programs – This topic area is for library related children's and teen programs.
- Technology Programs – This topic area is for programs that improve community access to technology.

The grant period will be from June to August annually, as funding allows. Funding will be from \$500 to \$2,000. The Library of Michigan will fund as many projects as funding levels allow. Funds are distributed through reimbursement after grant completion.

**Application Due Date: May 22, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

Grants Awarded: June

Grant Completion: Last business day of August  
APPLICATION WEBINAR: The Library of Michigan staff will hold a webinar on how to apply for the grant program. You can register [here](#) for the webinar. If you are registered and unable to attend, you will be sent a link to the webinar recording.

### 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.



Looking for a great summer program activity for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students? Consider starting a CS First Club! The [Michigan Film & Digital Media Office](#), partnered with [GOOGLE](#) in 2015 to offer the free, online CS First program to Michigan middle schools and middle school students. Learn more about our unique program [here](#).

Register for the CS First club through our [portal](#) and your club is eligible for special 'extras': up to 20 free headphones for your location, an opportunity to enroll in a digital badging program that allows you to certify that your students have earned their badges and an opportunity for active clubs to participate in an annual winter event focused on digital technologies and the local organizations/businesses that employ that technology.

Excited? Questions? Feel free to contact me, Lynn McNamara, or Jenell Leonard, at (800) 477-3456 / Toll-free.



### THE GREAT READING ADVENTURE

is a robust, open source software designed to manage library reading programs. It is free to use, modify and share!



**Congratulations** to Big Rapids, Houghton Lake, Mason County District, and Morton Township libraries! Each was chosen to have a Michigan Notable Book author visit to their library! Here are the programs still to come:  
**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Wade Rose at Morton Township  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>** John Smolens at Mason County DL



### MeL Training

### MeL Promotion

### MeL Information



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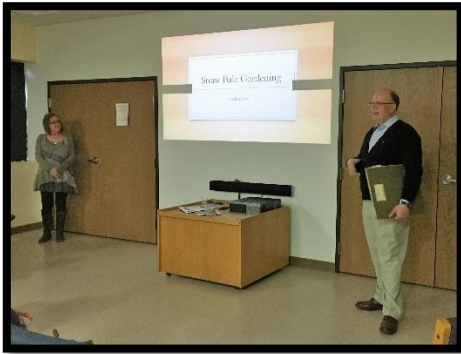


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## Deadlines:

- **May 11:** MMLL Service Prioritization Survey responses due <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2STSJ5H>
- **June 5:** MMLL Mini-Grant applications due <http://mml.org/grants.html>
- **May 22:** Library of Michigan Public Library small grant applications due [http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668\\_77699\\_79723---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_77699_79723---,00.html)

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