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News of Interest

November/December 2017



Member Happenings

- The new director at Manistee County Library is Debra Greenacre. She comes to Manistee from having been the director at the Three Rivers Public Library.
- The Leland Township Public Library is saying goodbye to Sylvia Merz and has hired Mark Morton as their new director. Mark had been in the technology support position previously.
- The new director at LeRoy Community Library is Sigrid Robertson. She has just begun her job and lives in the community.
- We said goodbye to Cathy Tacoma who has retired from the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. They are in the process of interviewing for the new director position. Cathy, you and your hubby will truly be missed!!!



Seville Township Library



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.

Kenneth, Cathy Tacoma announce retirements

Wexford County probate judge, Cadillac library director leave legacy of public service

BY BRANDI SMITH
CADILLAC — Word has spread that the Hon. Kenneth L. Tacoma is retiring. Applicants have already applied to fill the seat he will vacate, Westford County probate judge.

His wife Cathy Tacoma is also retiring as the director of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library.

Each leaves a legacy of distinguished public service. Cathy ensured that the public library was accessible and welcoming to all with the most up-to-date technologies and materials. Ken worked on numerous local and state committees to ensure the welfare of children. A tireless child advocate, he is known for "improving the lives of countless children in Michigan."

Although their announcement took many by surprise, the decision was two years in the making.

"Family is the biggest single driver," said Ken. "All three of our girls live in Virginia near Washington, D.C. and we have four grandchildren. That's where we are headed first."

40 years of service
The couple met at the University of Indiana in Bloomington in 1978 when Ken was in law school and Cathy was a senior. They married in 1977.

"That was 40 years ago," Ken said. "For 40 years, we've been pulling the traces."

"That's a horse analogy," Cathy explained. "Ken was raised on a farm in Palmyra. The traces on the horse, you pull on them together and you get further. That's what we've been doing since then."

The couple went from college to careers to raising children.

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EMERGENCY GEEK

COMPUTER SERVICE & REPAIR

Upcoming Trainings IN PERSON:

"Book Repair Basics"

To be held at the Pere Marquette District Library in Clare, Michigan. Spaces are limited. This full day workshop will take place on Monday, **December 12**. The cost of this workshop is \$25 and includes the tools and materials necessary to complete basic repairs during the workshop and at their library. Information and registration:

<https://www.solutionwhere.com/WW/Aspx/Public/Search/ShowCourse.aspx?courseNum=98&cid=67&pCid=0>



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>

[Michigan Library Association
calendar of events](#)



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](#).

Themed, "Imagine the Possibilities," the PLA 2018 conference will feature networking events, opportunities to mingle with authors, a bustling exhibit hall, and more than 100 educational programs carefully curated for public library professionals. 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

Call for *Cool Things My Library Does* Proposals

Submissions welcome through **Monday, January 8, 2018.**

[The "Cool Things" proposal submission form can be found here.](#)

*** 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. ***



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. Attending the pre-conference is free, though space will be limited to 50 participants. Twenty-five participants from public libraries serving small and/or rural communities will be selected to receive an \$800 stipend to help cover travel costs for one library employee. "Libraries Transforming Communities: Conversation Café Workshop for Public Libraries Serving Small, Mid-Sized and/or Rural Communities" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Friday, June 22, 2018**, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. This workshop is offered as part of [Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change](#), an initiative of ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD). The initiative seeks to introduce libraries to various dialogue and deliberation approaches, enabling libraries to foster conversation and lead change in their communities.

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!



Scheduled and on-demand WEBINARS:

REMEMBER ~ archived webinars available on the MMLL website: <http://mml.org/workshops.html>



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

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[Social Media Analytics: What to Measure and Why](#)

Part 2 in the Libraries and Social Media webinar series, jointly hosted by WebJunction and TechSoup.

- **Venue:** Webinar
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time, North America [UTC -5]

[Register to attend](#) [More info](#)

14 December 2017

[From Tots to Teens: STE\(A\)M-powered Ideas for Programming](#)

In this webinar, learn how to create engaging and skill-building STE(A)M programs for kids from preschool age to teenage.

- **Venue:** Webinar
- **Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, North America [UTC -5]

[Register to attend](#) [More info](#)

19 December 2017

[Going Deeper with Social Media](#)

Part 3 in the Libraries and Social Media webinar series, jointly hosted by WebJunction and TechSoup.



[MCLS Training Calendar](#)

[Everything you need to be doing as a DCB MeLCat library](#)

Megan Dudek, MCLS
Nov. 21, 10am – 11:30am Eastern (online)

[Assigning Library of Congress call numbers: Advanced](#)

Dawn Olmsted Swanson, Head of Technical Services and Metadata, Lead Librarian, Kettering University Library
Nov. 28 – 30 (3 day course), 1:30pm – 3:30pm Eastern (online)
6 LEUs for IN staff!

[Legal resources on the internet](#)

Daryl Thompson, reference librarian, Michigan State University College of Law
Nov. 28 – 29 (2 day course), 10am – 12pm Eastern (online)
4 LEUs for IN staff!

[Market research and community data for entrepreneurs](#)

MeL Databases webinar
Nov. 29, 3:30pm – 4pm Eastern (online)



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.

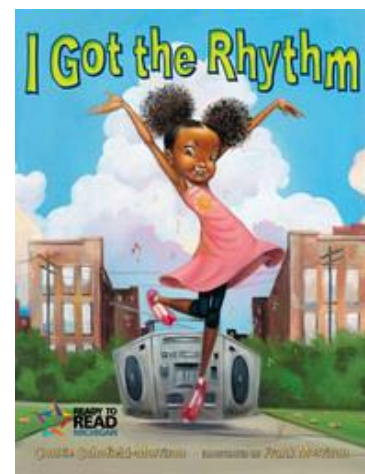
<https://www.edx.org/course/personnel-management-public-libraries-michiganx-publib603x>

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.

*** If you would like your public library to be considered as a host, please complete the [Ready to Read Michigan Tour Visit 2018 form](#) by **December 8, 2018**. ***

Grant Opportunities:

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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."*



PLA Awards and Grants Nominate yourself, a colleague, or your library, today!

Ten PLA service awards and grants—including the new [The Singer Group Helping Communities Come Together Award](#)—highlight the best in public library service and honor those bringing innovation, creativity and dedication to public libraries. Consider nominating yourself, a colleague, or your library, today! [Click here](#) for details on all ten awards and grants. **The deadline to apply is Monday, December 4, 2017 at 11:59 PM Central Time.** To submit an application or nomination, please login to the [PLA Awards Online Application](#).

2018 Service Awards & Grants:

[Allie Beth Martin Award](#)

Honors a librarian who, in a public library setting, has demonstrated extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books or other library materials and has distinguished ability to share that knowledge. A plaque and a \$3,000 honorarium are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1977 in honor of Allie Beth Martin. Sponsored by Baker & Taylor.

[Baker & Taylor Entertainment Audio Music / Video Product Award](#)

Designed to provide a public library the opportunity to build or expand a collection of either or both formats in whatever proportion

the library chooses. The grant consists of \$2,500 of Audio Music or Video Products. Sponsored by Baker & Taylor.

[Charlie Robinson Award](#)

Honors a public library director who, over a period of seven years, has been a risk-taker, innovator and/or a change agent in a public library. The recipient should have been active in national and other professional associations and be known for developing and implementing programs which are responsive to the needs of community residents. The award consists of \$1,000 and a gift. The public library director will be honored at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1997. Sponsored by Baker & Taylor.

[Demco New Leaders Travel Grant](#)

Designed to enhance the professional development and improve the expertise of public librarians new to the field by making possible their attendance at major professional development activities. Plaques and travel grants of up to \$1,500 per applicant are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1993. The name of this grant was changed in October 2004. This grant is sponsored by Demco, Inc.

[EBSCO Excellence in Rural Library Service Award](#)

Honors a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less, with an upper per-capita income limit of not more than the 75th quartile of the national average, that demonstrates excellence of service to its community as exemplified by an overall service program or a special program of significant accomplishment. A plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1991. Sponsored by EBSCO Information Services.

[Gordon M. Conable Award](#)

Honors a public library staff member, a library trustee, or a public library, that has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual freedom and the Library Bill of Rights. The award consists of \$1,500 and a plaque to be presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference.

[John Iliff Award](#)

Honors the life and accomplishments of John Iliff, early adopter and champion of technology in public libraries, and recognizes the contributions of a library worker, librarian, or library that has used technology and innovative thinking as a tool to improve services to public library users. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a plaque and a bouquet of roses for the workplace. Sponsored by Innovative.

[Romance Writers of America Library Grant](#)

Designed to provide a public library the opportunity to build or expand its romance fiction collection and/or host romance fiction programming. The grant consists of \$4,500 to be used toward the purchase of books in print and/or audio format, author honorariums and travel expenses, and other applicable program expenses. Sponsored by the Romance Writers of America.

[The Singer Group Helping Communities Come Together Award](#)

Recognizes a public library's ability to identify community needs specifically in times of crisis and division, and respond in creative and exemplary ways. The award consists of \$1,000 and a plaque. Established in 2017. Sponsored by The Singer Group.

[Upstart Innovation Award](#)

Recognizes a public library's innovative and creative service program to the community. A plaque and a \$2,000 honorarium are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Sponsored by Upstart, a Demco company.

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#### [Autism Welcome Here grants](#)

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017. The "Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services and More" grant honors the work of Libraries and Autism: We're Connected cofounder Meg Kolaya for her contributions in promoting inclusion. Each year, a total of \$5,000 will be awarded. All types of libraries in the US or Canada are encouraged to apply. Proposals can fund projects and services directed to any age group.

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Michigan eLibrary - "MeL"



MeL Training

MeL staff posts monthly requests and fulfillment statistics on the MeL Wiki at <http://mcls.org/melcatstatistics> and they also have posted presentations from [MeL Cat Users Day](#) (the usual user name and password required) for all MeL libraries.



MeL Promotion

MeL [YouTube channel](#)



MeL Information

You can get the MeL search widget and add it to your website. For the code, go to:

<http://mel.org/widget/meldiscoverywidget280.html>

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

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

[MeL Resource Refresher: Legal Forms webinar](#)

Gale's Training page for MeL

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



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™



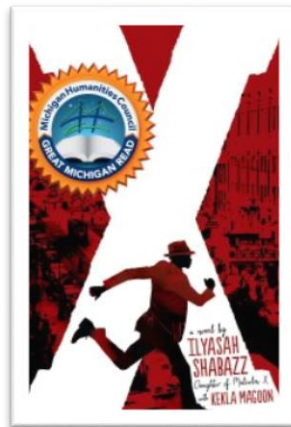
Plan a story time event about money for presentation between **April 21-28, 2018**. Recommended age for Lots and Lots of Coins is 5 - 8 years old.

For more information and details on how your library can receive copies of Lots and Lots of Coins for your Money Smart Week story time program, submit your request at the following link before December 31, 2017:

<http://bit.ly/2iC6Z1h>



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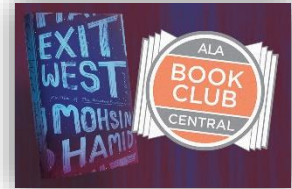
Using Data to Understand Your Community & Measure Impact

Thursday, **November 30, 2017, 2:00 P.M.** Eastern. To register:

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



Still looking for even more reads for your book club? You can find plenty of other recommendations, lists and author interviews on the [Book Club Central website](#)



Leadership Academy 2018 Registration is Open

Are you looking for the skills that will take you to that next level of leadership? MLA Leadership Academy offers the kind of training not found in library school. Plus you will develop a cohort of colleagues that you can count on for support as you navigate your way throughout your career.



[Scholarships are available](#) (deadline to apply is December 15.)

[Register Today!](#) Early bird rates expire December 15, 2017.

Visit the MLA website for [more information](#) and [register today!](#)



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](#).

Photos from programs at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. They did an "escape room" and human Clue. I participated and had lots of FUN!



NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY STANDARDS

AASL American Association of School Librarians
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New National School Library Standards

Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 FINALISTS

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LINCOLN IN THE BARREN by GEORGE SAUNDERS
SING, UNBURIED, SING by JESMYN WARD
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Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

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