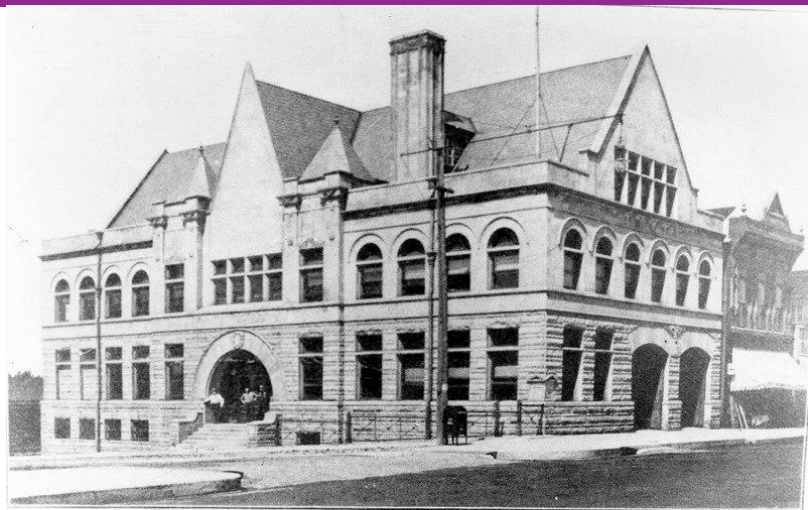# *Mid-Michigan Library League*

Cadillac City Hall, a Building Designed to Meet the Public Needs of an Enterprising Michigan Municipality.

News of Interest
October 2016

Member Happenings

✓ Congratulations to Benzonia Public Library for winning the State Librarian's Excellence Award 2016!!! Randy Riley presents the annual award, including $2,000 in privately-donated funds, October 28 at the Michigan Library Association's annual conference in Lansing.

✓ Suttons Bay Bingham District Library has lost a director and gained a director! We had to say goodbye to Ryan Deering, who went to be the director of the Allegan District Library. We gained a familiar face – Bradley Chaplin (formerly at Kalkaska), who will start mid-November. We'll be glad to have you back, Bradley!

✓ There were 65 attendees at our annual membership meeting and luncheon at the Cadillac Grill on September 22nd. We heard from Randy Riley, state librarian, Clare Membiela, library law specialist, and Karren Reish, grants coordinator all from the Library of Michigan. And, after the meeting and lunch, we had an engaging program with Jenifer Strauss of Story Be Told.

Staff of the Shelby Area District Library

What else? Send your news!
smase@mmll.org

The Chelsea District Library would like to share our newly created 2015 Annual Report. This year we decided to present all the wonderful things we do as a library in a more engaging way! We hope you enjoy it!
http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org/about-us/who-we-are/#report

New Groups & Board Representation

Group	Combined Population	County	Library	Class Size	Board Representative (final year)
Group 1	30,914	Antrim	Alden District Library	1	Mary Edens (17)
		Antrim	Bellaire Public Library	1	
		Antrim	Central Lake District Library	1	
		Antrim	Mancelona Township Library	2	
		Leelanau	Glen Lake Community Library	1	
		Leelanau	Leelanau Township Library	1	
		Leelanau	Leland Township Library	2	
		Leelanau	Suttons Bay Bingham District Library	2	
Group 2	36,545	Benzie	Benzie Shores District Library	1	Chuck Haemker (17)
		Benzie	Benzonia Public Library	1	
		Benzie	Betsie Valley District Library	1	
		Benzie	Darcy Library of Beulah	1	
		Manistee	Manistee County Library	4	
Group 3	35,087	Wexford	Cadillac Wexford Public Library	5	Patti Colvin (17)
Group 4	42,188	Missaukee	McBain Community Library	2	Open (19)
		Missaukee	[Ardis] Missaukee District Library	4	
		Roscommon	Houghton Lake Public Library	4	
		Roscommon	Richfield Township Public Library	1	
		Osceola	Marion (M. Alice Chapin) Memorial Library	2	
Group 5	28,646	Mason	Mason County District Library	5	Eric Smith (18)
Group 6	29,287	Lake	Chase Public Library	1	Heather Bassett (19)
		Lake	Luther Area Public Library	2	
		Osceola	Evart Public Library	3	
		Osceola	LeRoy Community Library	1	
		Osceola	Reed City Area District Library	3	
Group 7	29,758	Lake	Pathfinder Community Library	2	Valerie Church-McHugh (19)
		Oceana	Hart Area Public Library	3	
		Oceana	Pentwater Township Library	1	
		Oceana	Shelby Area District Library	3	
		Oceana	Walkerville Rural Public School Library	1	
Group 8	33,401	Clare	Surrey Township Public Library	3	Linda Myers (19)
		Mecosta	Barryton Public Library	2	
		Mecosta	Big Rapids Community Library	4	
Group 9	35,887	Gratiot	Seville Township Library	1	Jeanette Fleury (18)
		Mecosta	Morton Township Public Library	2	
		Mecosta	Walton Erickson Public Library	3	
		Mecosta	Wheatland Township Library	1	
		Montcalm	Richland Township Library	1	
		Montcalm	White Pine District Library	3	

Library of Michigan

What do you want to know from LM staff?

At the MMLL annual meeting on September 22nd, we had a chance to ask the Library of Michigan staff questions. I imagine you have more questions that I can send to them and then compile answers for everyone's benefit. Please send in your questions – funding issues, legal questions, policy, etc. – to me at smase@mmll.org.

*** Information about the Michigan eLibrary for library staff is at http://michigan.gov/mel.

From Eunice Borelli:
Promotional materials are available for the Gale MeL databases . There are free materials available for you to order. Bookmarks, flyers, posters, tent cards, tip sheets, and more are MeL branded and can be customized to show your library's name/address/logo/URL or other message as well, for shipment directly to your location, for free! Start at the Gale ProMo site, sign in (*see below), select "I'll Take It" or "I'll Tweak It", scroll down to find the Michigan eLibrary, and choose the piece(s) of interest. In a few weeks you'll have colorful promo pieces to help boost database and library usage. NOTE: *To obtain the required username and password unique to Michigan libraries, send an email to contact@mel.org

FOCUS on Learning Express Library:

SAT® and ACT® Test Prep
Twenty-five (25) new resources were added for 2016 SAT® test preparation, including complete, full-length practice tests in a test-simulation mode that helps students become confident with the format, timing, and content of the official exam. Complete practice tests and two (2) writing practice tests were also added for the ACT® test.

New eBooks
The eBook collection includes new eBooks for GED® test prep, time management,

communication skills, and Praxis II test prep, plus new editions of Nursing School Entrance Exams, Nursing Assistant/Nurse Aide Exam, Praxis: Core Academic Skills for Educators (5712, 5722, 5732), ASVAB Core Review, and Border Patrol Exam.

New School Center Resources
High School Math Skills Improvement has grown, with five (5) new practice tests aligned to the Common Core State Standards.

CLEP® Test Practice
Two (2) practice tests for the CLEP® College Mathematics exam have been updated to match the latest CLEP® test specifications.

New Career Center Practice Tests
Test prep for military exams increased with the addition of practice tests for the SIFT, ASTB-E: OAR, and ASTB-E: Aviation and Nautical Information tests.

MARC Records
MARC Records are available to help your patrons discover LearningExpress resources. Access them through "Librarian Resources" in your LearningExpress Library site.

Find out what MeLCat titles your patrons have requested, which of those requests were filled and which ones were not. see what titles you have loaned out to other MeLCat libraries. To request a report from MeLCat staff: http://mcls.org/titlereports

Upcoming Trainings

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

Three **E-Rate** workshops will be available to library staff this fall. The morning session is for beginners or those who would like a refresher on E-Rate basics, and runs from 8:30 – 11:30. The afternoon will cover updates to the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC); updates for Funding Year 2017; and a Q/A. The afternoon session runs from 12:00 – 4:00. Locations for training are:

- Monday, October 31 at Kent Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids
- Tuesday, November 1 at Winding Brook, Shepherd Winding Brook will have an option to dial in from an IP address using ITV (must have a Polycom or equivalent device).
- Wednesday, November 2 at Genesee Intermediate School District, Flint
  Registration

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Managing Library Technology: Keeping All the Balls in the Air
Thursday, October 20, 2016 ♦ 3 pm Eastern / 12 pm Pacific ♦ 1 hour Registration
Managing library technology isn't just about the technology. It involves fine juggling skills to manage people, workflows, procedures, policies and more—all while prioritizing, delegating and tracking. Helpful tips. Presented by: John Klima, Assistant Director, Waukesha Public Library (WI)

The WebJunction Experience: Find Your Learning Flow
Thursday, November 3, 2016 ♦ 3 pm Eastern / 12 pm Pacific ♦ 1 hour Registration

MCLS - Training Calendar

TechSoup - TechSoup Webinars

Public Library Association -
http://www.ala.org/pla/onlinelearning/webinars/ondemand

*** If you conduct a regularly scheduled storytime, please take a few minutes to answer this brief survey (before Oct. 21st): https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTK5KHT

Head Start Videos on Language Development - FREE downloadable videos from Head Start's training webpage modeling interactions between teachers and children around language development, early literacy, and cognitive development.

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 Newsletter: Focus on Twos and Threes

LIBRARIES AT THE CENTER OF SUMMER LEARNING AND FUN
Urban Libraries Council Online Toolkit to Expand from Summer Reading to Summer Learning

Vendor Deals

During this year, we hope to have a few different vendor demo days at which several demos are presented so it is worth your while to travel. We will also try to get trial accounts. If you are interested in something, let me know. And, remember that we are coordinating efforts statewide, so look at MCLS and TLN first. Here are the links: Midwest Collaborative for Library Services at http://mcls.org/eresources-products (my understanding is that if you have the billing go through the cooperative, you do not have to be a member); and The Library Network at http://tln.lib.mi.us/discounts/ and I believe they will bill you directly.

Also, here are World Book promotions:
World Book-Budget Booster.pdf
World Book-Back To School Print Special.pdf
World Book NEW Bolt Series-High Interest-Lower Reading Level.pdf

Frances H. Pletz Award

for Excellence in Service to Youth

The deadline to submit nominations is **January 31, 2017**.
Download the PDF nomination form here.
Find out more about the Frances H. Pletz Award here. If you have questions about the award or the nomination process, please email MLA@milibraries.org

Grant Opportunities

Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces
Grant provided via ARSL and IMLS

"Giving a Voice to Literature," TEI Landmark Audio grant program will award (25) $1,000 grants to support literacy for young people. All libraries are invited to participate whether or not they are current customers. Grant awards will be announced on December 15, 2016. Applicants must be a public or nonprofit community based organization (ex: library or school). Individual library branches within a larger system are welcome to apply. Funds must be used for children's programming and literacy.
Simple one-page grant application

LSTA Grant Program for 2017
The LSTA grant program is designed to provide Michigan libraries with the opportunity to develop innovative programs or services that have the potential to develop into sustainable regional or statewide programs, and include strong partnerships between libraries, and/or community groups or agencies. In a given fiscal year, the Library of Michigan will fund ONE to THREE pilot projects that meet these priorities. Priorities:

- ✓ Provide funding for innovative library services and programs,
- ✓ Create the opportunity to develop sustainable new regional or statewide programs, and
- ✓ Develop partnerships among libraries and/or between libraries and community agencies.

Timeline:
- Intent to File Form Due Date - **October 31, 2016**
- Application Due Date - January 31, 2017
- Grants Awarded - March of application year
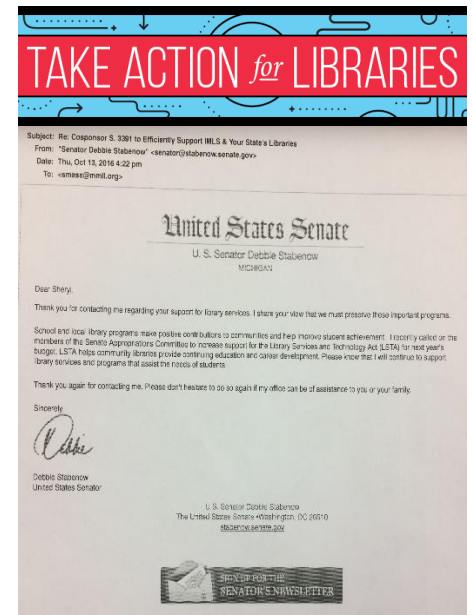- Grant Completion - April of final year of grant

Application webinar:
A grant application webinar will be on **September 27th at 3 pm and repeated on October 19th at 9 am.** Sign up at the Library of Michigan registration site. Participation is highly recommended.

Spring 2017 Prime Time Family Reading
The Michigan Humanities Council is accepting applications for libraries and schools interested in hosting Prime Time Family Reading Time. Grants of up to $14,000 are available to host sites. Learn more about Prime Time:

www.michiganhumanities.org/prime-time-family-reading-time/. For more information contact James Nelson, Program Manager, 517-372-7770 jnelson@mihumanities.org
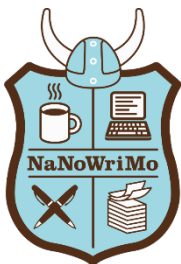The deadline for Spring 2017 applications is **November 4, 2016**

2016 ULC Top Innovators

Listserv – all welcome

The members of the Mid-Michigan Library League are all welcome to be on our email listserv! Friends and Board members are welcome as well. Just write me a message and let me know what email and name to list for you, and with which library you are associated. smase@mmll.org

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

Festival of Artists

Hosted by Big Rapids Festival of the Arts
Saturday, January 28, 2017
At the Big Rapids Middle School
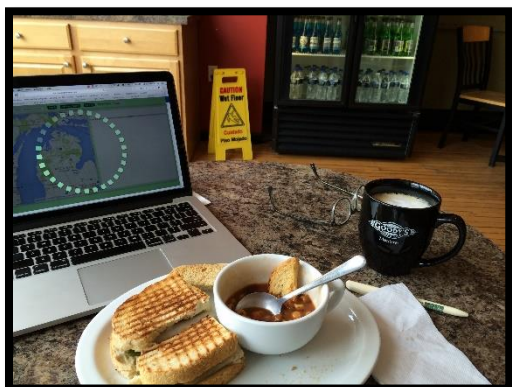10:00am to 3:00pm
No Table Fee!

The Big Rapids Festival of the Arts is looking for artists to participate in its Festival of Artists event. Join painters, sculptures, authors, musicians, dancers, bakers, weavers, photographers, crafters and many more from around Michigan as they showcase their talents. Artists are invited to sell their artwork while showing their process (if possible). The Festival board is also looking for a few select artists to hold workshops on this day. Eight foot tables will be provided. Please register before October 26th to be a part of this culturally enriching event.
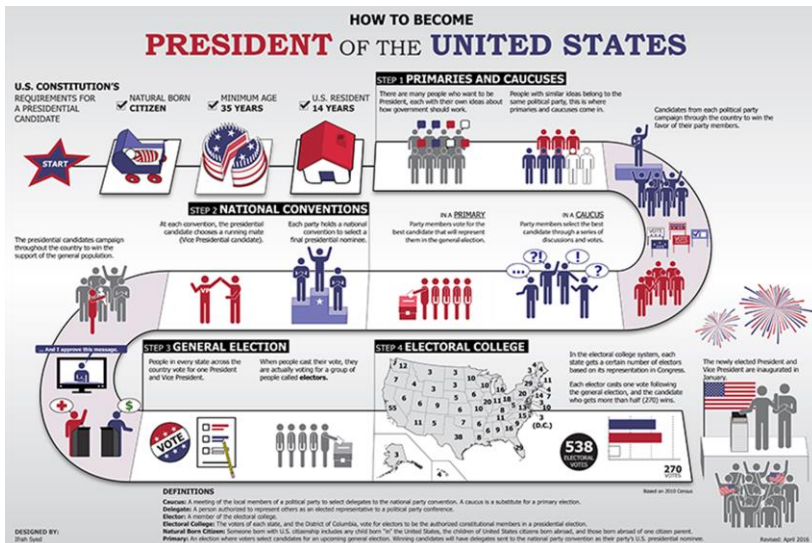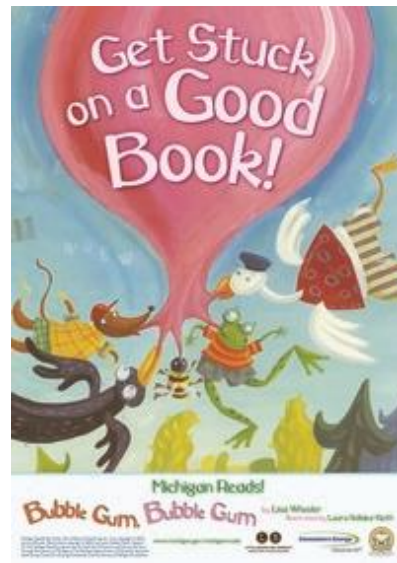
* Name:_____
* Email:_____
* Phone #:_____
* Website:_____
* Art Medium:_____
* Sell/Show/Both:_____
* Interested in teaching workshop or doing a special demonstration: Yes / No
* Table Accommodations (extra space, electricity, etc.):_____

To register: email Miriam Andrus (mandrus@bigrapids.lib.mi.us) or mail completed form Big Rapids Community Library 426 S. Michigan Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307
(or call with any questions 231-796-1055)

Where was I???

Try your hand at creating a LOGO for MMLL!

Draw or otherwise create a logo that you think would represent a group of libraries cooperating together and a service organization helping them to be great. The size should be at least 4"x4" and it should look good in color or black & white. If your logo is chosen, you will WIN a $100 Amazon.com gift card and possibly other fabulous prizes. You will agree to give your art free and clear to the cooperative. Send submissions to smase@mmll.org

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