

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative**  
**Director's Report**  
**July – August 2016**

**State Budget/State Aid:**

**State Aid, FY2015-16:** All MMLC libraries have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> half State Aid payments.

**State Aid, FY2016-17:** The budget presented by Governor Snyder went through both the House and Senate without any changes. It is the same as last year and includes the MeL.org and Renaissance Zone monies. Final budget numbers:

- State Aid                      \$9,876,000
- Renaissance Zone        \$5,300,000
- MeL.org/LM                 \$1,752,300

**Cooperative Services:**

**Programming:** The 2016 Programming season has come to a close, with members reporting many success stories. The MMLC Programming Team met in early August to discuss the 2016 program successes and challenges and to decide on performers for the 2017 season. Plans are well underway for the Performers Showcase scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We began a conversation with Pam Christensen, Superiorland Cooperative Director, to discuss ways to provide programming services to members in Northern Michigan and also to assist in the development of a similar programming initiative in the Upper Peninsula.

**hoopla digital:** The hoopla implementation is nearly complete after working out licensing issues.

**MMLC Advocacy:**

**Meet the Candidates** MMLC is partnering again with White Pine Library Cooperative to host Meet the Candidate sessions for legislators and their challengers in the November elections.

**Collaborating Organizations:**

**Cooperative Director's Association (CDA):** The CDA met in August at the Wixom Public Library. Reports from Collaborating Partners are below. Led by Kate Pohjola Andrade, Woodlands Cooperative Director, the CDA has been working on the development of a website dedicated to cooperatives. It will include a calendar of workshops, current information on cooperatives, meeting minutes, and many other items of interest. The site is located at: <http://micoops.info>.

**Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS):** Randy Dykhuis made the following report:

- Libraries will begin to see information about a new contract that MCLS has signed with a company named Zepheira. The goal is to bring book searches to the first page of popular browsers and to link the person to the closest library. Watch for more information soon.
- The CDA and other members of the Collaborating Partners group will meet in November to talk about future collaborations. MMLC members should send ideas for workshops to me by the end of October.
- MCLS is creating an RFP for ten academic libraries to join together in an ILS.

**Michigan Library Association (MLA):** Gail Madziar made the following report on behalf of MLA:

- Genny Allen, Director of Finance and Administration, has resigned for another position.

- Summer break has made for a quiet legislature. We can expect things to heat up soon with Calls to Action on the DDA bills that are now in committee. \$10 million are siphoned from libraries throughout the state.
- MLA and the CDA are working together on a hands-on advocacy training program. More information as details are determined.

**Library of Michigan (LM):** Randy Riley made the following report:

- Encouraged libraries to apply for the State Librarian's award.
- New and Advanced Directors workshops will be held on September 15 and 16, 2016 at the Hanna Center.
- Carolyn Sparks Mowery retired from her position as Library of Michigan Foundation Director. An interim director will be appointed.
- A new LSTA grant program was debuted late in August. Libraries may apply for grants of \$50,000 to \$225,000 to be disbursed over a 3 year period. Applications are due in January and 2-3 grants per year will be awarded.

**Collaborating Partners – CDA, LM, MiALA, MLA, and MCLS:**

- Registration is going well for the workshop planned by the Collaborating Partners with Dr. Maryanne Wolf will also feature Natalie Phillips from MSU. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch. The event will be held at the Lansing Community College West Campus. Registration for the September 30 event is now posted on the MCLS website at: [http://www.mcls.org/training-events/training-events-list/training-event/?ref\\_cid=198&bID=0&dd\\_asId=4172](http://www.mcls.org/training-events/training-events-list/training-event/?ref_cid=198&bID=0&dd_asId=4172)

**MMLC Administration:**

- Desta Ureel, longtime Dryden Township Library Director, retired at the end of August. Congratulations, Desta! New Director is Diane Moyer who has also worked at Dryden for several years.
- The Document Review Committee met to make a minor revisions to the Plan of Service including Board membership section and the frequency of revising Attachments and Appendices to the document.
- I did a Board Orientation for the Shiawassee District Library Board prior to the July meeting.
- Members submitted Technology Support and Innovation Grant and Library Promotion Initiatives Grant evaluations for FY2015-16 and notice of intent to participate in FY2016-17.
- I spoke to the Southwest Library Cooperative Advisory Council on the value of cooperatives and services around the state.
- I met with Pat Wright, Lapeer District Library Board Member and new MMLC Board Member, to talk about board membership and cooperative operations.
- Genesee County has been awarded a *Connected Community* status in large part due to the connectedness of our libraries at Genesee District Library locations and the Flint Public Library.
- MMLC Board Personnel Committee met to discuss the Director's Evaluation. I was really gratified by the good numerical ratings and kind comments. Thank you!

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