

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative**  
**Director's Report**  
**November - December 2016**

**State Budget/State Aid:**

**State Aid Annual Report, FY2015-16:** Six MMLC libraries have completed annual reports so far. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2017.

**State Aid, FY2016-17:** MMLC received our first half payment in December. The first few MMLC libraries should also have received first half payments.

**Cooperative Services:**

**Programming:** Irene has booked 533 programs so far for 18 MMLC member libraries and for 14 libraries from MidMichigan, Northland, White Pine, and Woodlands Cooperatives.

**OverDrive:** OverDrive introduced an updated website and we worked with our team to change colors and make a few changes where possible.

**Library Promotion Initiatives Grant:** Public libraries were asked to submit a certification form for 2016-17 grant funding for library promotion which also included an evaluation on use of last year's funding. Funds were disbursed in December.

**MMLC Advocacy:**

**NLLD Grant:** The Advocacy Committee met to review the grant application/information sheet and to set the application period for 2017. A few edits were made and the form was endorsed for use. January 5 -13, 2017 will be the application period. NLLD is scheduled from April 30 – 2, 2017. Deb Bloomquist, MMLC Board Chair, will lead a Board committee in reviewing applications.

**Michigan Library Association (MLA):** Gail Madziar made the following report to the CDA:

- Bills to prevent unwanted library tax capture have passed both Houses and will be headed to the Governor for signing. It will be some time before all of the details are available. Libraries are encouraged to thank their legislators for this important legislation.
- Some libraries have received letters from the Michigan Department of Treasury about using fund balances. Please contact Gail if you receive one of these letters.
- Penal fine law has changed for motorcycle operators which includes fees for safety classes.
- Dark Store legislation did not move forward and will be reintroduced during the next legislative session.
- There are 42 new legislators so libraries will need to reach out to them to help MLA educate and inform them about library issues.
- MLA is offering many webinars in 2017; emails and the website will provide information.

**Collaborating Organizations:**

**Cooperative Director's Association (CDA):**

- The CDA received a thank you from MLA for sponsoring the 2016 Conference photo booth. Attendees were seen showing their photogenic sides!
- The CDA has decided to create a Facebook page with resources focused on Michigan cooperatives.
- The Visioning Committee is meeting to create a white paper on the state of public libraries in Michigan.

- With other cooperatives, hosted American Library Association Futurist Miguel Figueroa at the Dexter District Library.

**Michigan Association of Media Educators (MAME):** I was invited to provide input on the value of school libraries staffed with certified librarians for Michigan Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Venessa Keesler at the MAME annual conference in Grand Rapids.

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

- A linked data workshop will be offered on March 16, 2017 and will feature information on the new cataloging standard BibFrame. It will also discuss the use of Zepheira to enhance library's access on Google.
- MCLS and LM are reviewing the progress and success of the first few Harwood cohorts.
- Debbi Schaubman is conducting MeLCat and RIDES focus group meetings around the state. She will be meeting with MMLC members on January 11, 2017 at the Flint Public Library.

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

- Mary Cooperwasser, new Library of Michigan Foundation Director, was introduced.
- District Libraries began to receive their Personal Property Tax reimbursements in November.
- Twenty eight applications were received for the new grant funding provided through LSTA funding. One to three projects will be chosen.
- LM is promoting the Public Library Association Project Outcome training to be conducted.
- Michigan Notable Books award winners will be announced January 8, 2017 and the Night of Notables will be held April 1, 2017. Libraries are encouraged to apply to host an author visit.

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

- The groups are working on the Fall 2017 workshop and have chosen safety in libraries as the topic. Safety was listed many times in the recent CDA continuing education survey.

**MMLC Administration:**

- All documentation has been submitted for the annual audit. Irene has worked with the auditor to answer questions and provide information to ensure a clean audit.
- Attended a presentation by John Richardson of Zepheira.
- Attended an E-Rate update at Genesee Intermediate School District.
- Met with Goodland Township Library Board on a variety of topics.
- Attended the CALL meeting at the North Branch Township Library.
- Attended the MCLS annual meeting in Lansing.
- Began development on the MMLC website revision with Janet Newall of Island River Designs.
- Provided an orientation for Kristin LaLonde, new MMLC Board Member representing Chippewa River District Library.

Happy New Year!

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