

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
July - August 2017

State Budget/State Aid:

State Aid, FY2016-17: All of the MMLC libraries received their 2nd half payments by the first of August.

State Aid, FY2017-18: Governor Snyder signed the budget for 2017-18 in mid-July. We have not received the official notice of the exact State Aid amount, but is expected to be slightly more than \$.36 per capita. The total amount of State Aid is \$1,191,700.13.

Cooperative Services:

Programming: Summer reading programming concluded during the third week of August. The Programming Team met in early August to debrief on the 2017 programming season and to discuss performers for the 2018 Performer Showcase lineup and programming season. Irene is working with many libraries to book Fall and Winter programs.

OverDrive Consortia: On behalf of the OverDrive consortia group, I attended the Digipalooza conference in August. It was an outstanding opportunity to learn about new developments and hear from libraries across the country on how they maximize OverDrive services.

MMLC Advocacy: Advocacy efforts have been fairly quiet over the Summer, however, the Michigan Library Association has announced a partnership with the Cooperative Directors Association to present the American Library Association Advocacy Boot Camp training at the Library of Michigan on April 20, 2018. I have taken a lead on this CDA initiative and will provide more information as it is available.

Collaborating Organizations:

Cooperative Director's Association (CDA): The CDA met in August at the Peter White District Library in Marquette, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. We were guests of the Superiorland Library Cooperative Director Pam Christensen. It was certainly validation that we live in one of the beautiful and grand states in the nation.

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

- Two bids were received for the planned RIDES study. It is expected to take place this Fall with the final report published early in 2018.
- The University of Michigan BIBFRAME data will be uploaded to the Internet as part of the Linked Data project.
- A new Harwood Public Innovators Lab will be held from November 8-10, 2017. Libraries are encouraged to register a staff team from their library. There are fifty spots available.
- Strategic Planning services are now available at a customized rate for each library.

Michigan Library Association (MLA): Gail Madziar sent the following report for MLA:

- Senators Stamos and Hansen were instrumental in assuring that State Aid funding remained in the budget and also on legislation on tax capture. Both Stamos and Hansen were honored for their efforts at a library in their district.
- A new bill (HB4814) was introduced to force all millage proposals onto the November ballot. Stopping this bill is priority one for MLA. Also expected this year is another attempt to hinder the role of libraries in sharing millage election information with patrons for 60 days prior to the election. Another under the radar 'sneak attack' without public attention appears to be in the works as experienced in the last legislation.

- The tax capture clean up bills are working their way through chambers and will not be an easy battle.
- Leanne Sandoval is the new Director of Education at MLA taking the position vacated by Kristy Doak.

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

- LM is revising database contracts and will be conducting in-person meetings and poll via email to get a wide response to needs.
- The Special Collections position has been posted and there are nearly 100 applicants.
- Randy reiterated his desire to visit libraries that he has not been to and would welcome an invitation to meet with directors and staff.
- State Librarian's Excellence Award application deadline was extended.

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

- There has been a tremendous response to both safety workshops in Gaylord and Dearborn. The Gaylord registration reached maximum capacity and registration was capped at 50. In Dearborn, over 100 participants are registered.

MMLC Administration:

- The website redesign is progressing. While the major site structure was completed in May, the remainder of the detail work and checking for functionality throughout was slow going over the Summer. In addition, the new registration module was introduced and troubleshooting occurred before launching in August. The full site will not go live until later in the Fall. As a part of that work, our email boxes will be transferred to the hosting site in late September. We will notify members during that process.
- Kate Scheid, Holly Township Library Director, is transitioning from that position to her new job as collection development specialist at Brandon Township Library. The posting for the new Holly library director is available on Michlib-1. We wish Kate well in her new library!
- Catherine Yezak, Goodland Township Library Director, resigned from her post. The Board has posted the director position. We wish Catherine well in her future endeavors!
- Perry Valle, Lapeer District Library's new MMLC Board representative joined us at the May meeting after the resignation of LDL's Pat Wright. I met with Perry in August to talk about cooperative operations and plans.
- Each year, some MMLC Board members finish their terms and new ones join the Board. Public Libraries of Saginaw representative, Tina Gutierrez, has served on the MMLC Board for the past six years. We will truly miss Tina's commitment to PLOS as their Board Chair and member and for her unwavering attendance at MMLC Board meetings. In her place, we have Pamela Clark, PLOS Board member, joining the MMLC Board. We bid a fond farewell to Tina and a warm welcome to Pam!
- I attended the Lapeer County CALL meeting at the Almont District Library.
- Sandra Wilson, Lakeland Library Cooperative Director, retired after eight years at Lakeland. A search for her replacement has been opened and is being conducted by Bradbury and Associates.
- The Personnel Committee met to go over the Director's Evaluation with me. I want to thank all of you for the wonderful evaluation and encouraging comments!

Respectfully submitted,

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