

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
November – December 2017

State Budget/State Aid:

State Aid, FY2017-18: MMLC's annual survey was submitted in October and our cooperative first half funding has been received. A reminder that the per capita rate is \$.363984.

Annual Survey: Library of Michigan sent a reminder email that the Annual Survey process is underway and encouraged all libraries to begin inputting data. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2018.

Cooperative Services:

Programming: Irene has accomplished an enormous amount of work on programming in the past two months. The statistics are already at an all-time high for this early in the year: 599 confirmed programs; 52 performers; 37 library systems; and 106 locations. She is currently working on final confirmation sheets, final performer contracts and letters of confirmation to library directors. Success!

OverDrive Consortia Information Day: The MMLC OverDrive consortia members met in November to discuss collection development methods and new ways to purchase high use items. Our guest speaker was OverDrive Collection Development Specialist, Mike Evans. Mike also presented on the new Libby app and many other topics of importance to members. The Group Funds Committee was recognized for providing leadership in developing the collection and for assisting libraries in purchasing new materials. Monica Fox, Chippewa District Library; Linda Hudecek, Community District Library; and Anne Heidemann, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries have met at least twice a month for several years to complete this work. Kudos to them and to all who make this collection a go-to resource for patrons!

MMLC Advocacy:

National Legislative Library Day: The application period will be advertised early in 2018 and runs from January 3 – 12, 2018. MMLC Board members and Advisory Council Directors/ Representatives are eligible to apply for funding through this grant. NLLD is May 7-8, 2018 in Washington D.C.

Net Neutrality: The FCC has continued its efforts to roll back the restrictions on Internet Service Providers put in place and upheld by the Supreme Court in 2015. In mid-December, a report was issued that will be voted on soon. Advocacy efforts included ALA Calls to Action and articles that were sent to members with the latest information and action needed alerts. Our access to a free, open Internet is at stake once again.

Collaborating Organizations:

Cooperative Director's Association (CDA): The CDA met in mid-December and heard reports from our Collaborating Partners. The CDA received a report from Kate Pohjola-Andrade, Woodlands Library Cooperative, and Gail Madziar, MLA, on their current work to understand and track how penal fines are distributed. Further information will be available as the task force completes its work.

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

- Legislation has been introduced to include libraries in the list of government entities that are legally eligible to administer Narcan within the parameters of Michigan law. It is expected to move forward by mid-January.
- New legislation under S393 that proposes an end to all tax incremental financing act legislation does not adversely affect the new options for libraries to opt out/be excluded from tax capture activities in their communities.

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

- Lori Ayre from the Galencia Group, the consultant hired to do the statewide delivery survey, visited Michigan sites in October. Lori will continue to collect data via a survey sent to RIDES contacts at each library. Responses should include all perspectives on the RIDES service.
- A Harwood Community Engagement conversation will be held on Mar 2, 2018 at the Caro Area District Library, Caro, MI.
- MCLS is working with Branch District Library on strategic planning as a fee-based service.
- On Thursday, August 2, 2018, MCLS and Library of Michigan will be hosting a one-day program on "Disney's Approach to Quality Service." Location and registration will be announced soon.

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

- The MeL database RFP will be issued in January; the expectation is that new contracts will be in place by the end of June 2018.
- LM is still working with Wayne State and Michigan State Universities on a storage site for their Digital Public Library of America records.
- The Notable Book award winners will be announced in early January with Richard Ford scheduled as the April 7, 2018 Night of Notables featured speaker. Another celebrity guest/author is also expected to attend.
- Consumers Energy is the Ready to Read program sponsor for this year.
- The Michigan Interstate Compact bill was passed by both the Senate and House. Information at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/libraryofmichigan/Interstate_Library_Compact_Act_info_608701_7.pdf

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

- The group met in late October to discuss the September workshops and begin planning for the 2018 workshop. The topic is library accessibility and will feature speakers who have expertise in the areas of library architecture, ADA compliance, and collection development to ensure access for all. The workshop will be in November 2018 in Grand Rapids or a location nearby.

MMLC Administration:

- Our long awaited website debut occurred in November. We are very excited about having a system in place that will serve members and provide information in an easily accessible format. It is also mobile friendly. The link is: <http://mmlc.info/>
- Workshop registration is open for the 2018 “Millage Campaign: Nuts and Bolts” event that will take place on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. The location this year is the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre on Hill Rd. in Mundy Township. With our new registration system, you may pay with a credit card through PayPal as well as by check. The direct link is: <http://mmlc.info/events/2018-millage-campaigns-the-nuts-bolts/>
- We have continued to work with the Friends of Michigan Libraries during the year and have made significant improvements to their budgeting and finance processes. Irene’s experience with LSTA grants was especially valuable due a more stringent process for administration of the grant.
- I attended the CALL meeting in December at the Goodland Township Library and later met with new library director, Annette Adams, to talk about cooperative services.

Respectfully submitted,

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