

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
May - June 2018

State Budget/State Aid:

State Aid, FY2017-18: First half checks were mailed to all libraries by the end of June. The breakdown of the first 50% for state aid was \$.181992 for direct state aid and \$.181992 for Indirect State Aid (Trust Account). The remaining 50% will be paid after July 1, 2018. A list of payments through May:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/libraryofmichigan/LM_2018_State_Aid_Payment_Status_Report_for_FY2018_as_of_5_30_18_624288_7.pdf

State Aid Budget, FY2018-19: Final information on the budget indicates that a \$1 million increase sailed through both houses and went back to the Governor for his signature. This is a 9% increase! FY2019 Per Capita amounts:

- Cooperative Direct State Aid \$.39689475
- Direct State Aid to Public Libraries per capita \$.39689475
- Indirect State Aid to Public Libraries per capita \$.39689475

Kathy Webb also reported that she will update population figures after processing the July penal fines payments.

Cooperative Services:

Programming: We currently have booked 644 programs so far for this fiscal year and anticipate adding more events through the summer and fall. Confirmation sheets are flying into the office via fax and scan every day. Evaluations have been overwhelming positive about the quality of programs.

MMLC Advocacy:

The MLA Advocacy Newsletter is a good way to stay informed about what is going on in addition to the 'Call to Action' emails that I send out. <http://www.milibraries.org/mla-advocacy---june-28-2018/>

Of note:

- SB 1031 has recently been introduced and is opposed by MLA. It would give utilities a break from paying taxes on the transmission and distribution systems and will cost libraries, schools, and local governments in lost PPT income. Utilities were not included in the original round of PPT exemptions.
- HB 5090 pertaining to penal fines will be voted on in the Fall; it was successfully argued that libraries should still receive their legally mandated penal fines even if a misdemeanor is reduced to a civil infraction. Over 400 contacts by the library community ensured that attention was given to understanding the losses for libraries.

Cooperative Directors Association:

Cooperative Directors Association (CDA): The CDA met in June and received reports from our Collaborating Partners. The Penal Fines Task Force is working on a toolkit that will educate libraries on the history and importance of penal fines to libraries. Another goal is to create materials that will assist libraries in speaking to their county treasurers about penal fine distribution.

CDA Webinars: The next CDA webinar will be presented by Anne Seurnyck on the 'Top 5 Library Policies'. Registration for this webinar and archived webinars: <http://mml.ploud.net/workshops-webinars/webinars>

OverDrive Collaboration: On behalf of the CDA, Lakeland Library Cooperative is working with MCLS to explore a potential pilot project for a statewide OverDrive sharing system.

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

Registration is open for the Fall workshop Removing Barriers: a Library Accessibility Workshop scheduled on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the Grand Valley State University Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids. Link including information and agenda: <http://mmlc.info/events/removing-barriers-a-library-accessibility-workshop/>

Collaborating Organizations:

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

- A new comprehensive New Director training will be provided soon. Watch for details in the MLA professional development newsletter.
- A redesigned website will feature a new MemberClicks database, improved navigation, a dedicated annual conference site and easier workshop registration.
- MLA 2018 Annual Conference is October 17-19 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Registration: <http://www.milibraries.org/prof-development-networking/annual-conference/registration-rates/>
- National Insurance Services health care pricing is expecting to be available by the end of the Summer. Contact: Rick Labian, NIS, (262) 780-1248; Toll free: (800) 627-3660, ext. 1248.

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS): Nancy Kirkpatrick made the following report:

- The RIDES Study is complete: <https://www.mcls.org/rides/presentations> Questions should be directed to Randy, Sue or Debbi.
- Negotiation on pricing for 2020 is in process. RIDES fees for FY18-19 will remain the same.
- A consulting firm will conduct the search for a new Executive Director.

Library of Michigan (LM): Shannon White made the following report:

- New and Advanced Director Workshops will be held September 13-14 at the Hannah Center in East Lansing.
- Seventy one libraries received LSTA small grants. For those planning to apply next time, you will need a DUNS number. LM will include information on how to find the information.
- New MeL Coordinator is Liz Breed.
- Clare Membiela is presenting a webinar on Library Law – Summer Issues. The date is July 12, 2018 from 11-11:45 am. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/liblaw1>

MMLC Administration:

- We attended the Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference in Traverse City. Irene managed registration during the entire conference and performed many other extraneous duties while there. I heard many kudos about how smoothly things ran under her leadership.
- The MMLC Annual May meeting featured a look at the demise and rise of State Aid funding over the past 9 years. Highlights of the NLLD trip were also presented. The MMLC revised Bylaws were approved by the MMLC Board.
- We bid farewell to Melissa Barnard, Grace A. Dow Memorial Public Library Director, as she retires at the end of June. Melissa will be missed as a great MMLC supporter and friend.
- Miriam Andrus is the new Grace A. Dow Memorial Public Library Director. Miriam was formerly the director of the Big Rapids Community Library. Welcome, Miriam!
- I attended the MLA Leadership Summit on June 1, 2018 at the East Lansing Public Library.
- The FOML Board strategic planning retreat and business meeting was on June 5, 2018. Irene and I attended as the fiscal agents.

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