

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
October and November 2022**

State Budget/State Aid:

State Aid FY2022

- On October 1, the State Aid portal was opened for members to start working on their annual reports. Everyone has at least logged in to their accounts and we have one member who has completed the report.

Cooperative Services:

- Eric has started visiting members again. By the end of November, he will have visited 14 member libraries. Five additional visits are planned for December.
- At the October Advisory Council meeting, we discussed the Strategic Plan for MMLC. We have taken the suggestions and incorporated them into the plan and sent it to the Document Review committee. In January, we will have the Board Review the plan, add any suggestions and then at the February Advisory Council meeting we will have another discussion. The revised plan will then be submitted to the Board for approval. The revised Strategic Plan will extend through September 2025. Planning for the next Strategic Plan will begin in early 2025 and may include hiring an outside consultant.

Organizations:

Michigan Cooperative Directors Association (MCDA):

- The MCDA Continuing Education committee is working with MCLS to bring Kristin Fontichiaro to do her presentation on 'When Misinformation Shows Up at Your Door: Pink slime journalism, manipulative algorithms and your library' on January 30, 2023; Noon-1:30 via zoom.
- We had a presentation from Chelsea Denault: Michigan Digital Preservation Network Coordinator (MDPN)/Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS). The presentation contained information about MDPN and digital preservation for libraries.

Library of Michigan (LM):

- MCDA is talking with the Library of Michigan about transferring several grant programs to the Cooperatives. Karren Reisch, LM Library Grants Coordinator, has over 400 grants that she is coordinating and overseeing.

Michigan Library Association (MLA): Debbie Mikula, Executive Director

- Spring Institute for Youth Services 2023 is in person **March 30-31, 2023** at the Ann Arbor Sheraton Hotel. [Attendee registration is open!](#)
- On November 11, MLA presented a workshop titled 'Supporting Trans Staff and Community in Your Library: Trans Allyship part 1'. Part 2 of this series will be held January 11, 2023.

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS): Scott Garrison, Executive Director

- MCLS is moving forward with selling their building, as approved by their membership. Sale needs to be completed in 24 months from approval.
- MCLS staff attended the Upper Peninsula Regional Library Cooperative [UPRLC](#) annual meeting. They were happy to discuss RIDES delivery. Attendees enjoyed great sessions and conversations for the whole conference.
- In 2023 plans are underway to begin discussion of pricing for the [Michigan Digital Preservation Network](#).

- **Dr. Emily Knox will visit Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo for a lecture and professional development program for librarians, Feb. 7-8, 2023.** Please watch the MCLS website and your email inbox for specific times, descriptions, locations, and registration information to come. MCLS is co-sponsoring Dr. Knox's visit with Western Michigan University Libraries. The goal is to make her presentations available as widely as possible to the MCLS member community in a hybrid format (in person and via Zoom).

MMLC Administration:

- We had our Advisory Council meeting at the beautifully remodeled Flint Public Library. Debbie Mikula, Executive Director of Michigan Library Association spoke to us about Material Challenges and MI Right to Read website. We also talked about the MMLC Strategic Plan and some ideas to update it.
- Irene and Eric attended the FOML (Friends of Michigan Libraries) Budget and Finance committee, Executive Committee and Board meeting for both months.
- Eric worked and attended the MLA 2022 Annual Conference in Port Huron, which was a good conference.
- Eric attended both MCDA meetings held in October & November.
- Eric attended the LM update in October, but LM did not host a meeting in November.
- In the beginning of November, Eric attended the MLA 22 Annual Conference Wrap up and then the 23 Annual Conference took over. Eric is not serving on the 2023 MLA Annual Conference workgroup but is on the Workshop & Webinar Workgroup (WWW) for MLA which had a meeting in October.
- Irene and Eric attended a meeting with our Auditors. Irene and Lewis & Knopf Auditors successfully completed the 2021-2022 FY Audit in November. The Auditors will present the audit to the MMLC Board at the January 2023 meeting.
- Eric attended the 'MLA Advocacy Hour'. Hosted at The Michigan High Speed Internet Office, Eric Fredrick, MI first Chief Connectivity Officer spoke to us about bringing Broad Band to everyone.

**Respectfully submitted,
Eric Palmer
MMLC Director**