

MMLL Director's Report
August 23, 2012

State Aid for FY 2011/2012 and 2012/2013

Library of Michigan has paid all of the state aid due for FY 2011/2012. A few of our member libraries saw some reductions due contract townships that did meet the 3/10ths of mil of funding requirement.

2012-2013 Budget has been approved. Both house and Senate have approved versions of the 2 budgets that contain money for libraries. The House and Senate versions of the State Aid to Libraries came out of conference committee with an increase in funding of \$762,300 –much more than expected. Therefore the total aid to libraries budget will be either \$7,512,300 (\$6,750,000 is the amount of state aid in the current year)

The Governor signed the budget bill in law on June 25, 2012. So, libraries will see and 11% increase in State Aid this coming year. That will translate roughly into \$25,000 more for MMLL.

MCLS RIDES Delivery Service Renewals and Problems

This year MCLS has demanded full payment for the full year for RIDES Delivery service. We have always paid quarterly for our members. Also, MCLS is billing each library individually instead of sending one consolidated bill to the cooperative. This has caused a great deal of extra work on our end. We have paid them for the first quarter of the year. We will pay the remainder of the bill for by the end of August. Until we received the final state aid payment we could not make the full payment. Now that we received the money we will finish the payment.

Monthly ILL Statistics Posted on Website

We have begun posting monthly ILL statistics on our MMLL website. Curently we have May and June Statistics for all ILL and the last 6 months worth of OCLC statistics. The section is just called Statistics on the website index/contents list. We hope to add more items as they become available. We also have a new ILL request form online that will help streamline the process. The form looks almost the same as before but how it gets handled and transmitted to us is much more direct.

Traverse Area District Library (TADL) changing the LBPH and ILL Policies

TADL will be changing their service area and services for the Library for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. And, as they prepare to go on MelCat in the fall they are modifying their ILL policies. Metta Lansdale, Director of TADL has requested time to present the changes to the Board today.

Michigan Library Association's Executive Director is Leaving in the Fall

Recently, it was announced that Gretchen Couraud is leaving MLA in the fall following the MLA annual conference. An interim director is expected to be appointed. The National Association of College & University Food Services (NACUFS) has named Gretchen Couraud, CAE, CFRE, as its next executive director, effective November 1, 2012

Advisory Council Meeting Held in Cadillac on August 9th.

On August 9th we held the Advisory Council Meeting at the Cadillac Wexford Library. We had pretty good turn out and attendees heard presentations on products from Library Ideas, LLC – Freegal Music, Freading and Rocket Languages. They will sending us group pricing schedule soon. Also, Metta Lansdale presented the changes taking place at TADL and their LBPH.

Library of Michigan to redesign MEL

Library of Michigan has announced that The Mel Database interface will be redesigned so that it will include a search frame on the first page. This will make Mel databases much more useable to the average user. Hopefully they will be able to get going on it this year using some of the funds appropriated by the legislature (\$900,000) for MEL.

Target again Sponsors Children's Reading program

Target is again funding the Michigan reading program with the book *Moose on the Loose* . The book is being sent to every library in the state along with nice promotional materials. The kick-off event will be September 7th .

Michigan Secretary of State Wants to Work With Libraries

The Secretary of State has expressed an interest in working with libraries to promote their online services. And, in fact, are trying to design some of those online services after input from librarians and libraries around the state. I have a handout for you that will help explain what they have in mind.

Other matters & Miscellaneous

1. Sutton Bay Bingham District Library has a new Director –Ryan Deery
2. Mancelona currently has an interim director since Linda Johnson is no longer the director.
3. The Idlewild Library is closed for a few months until a new board of directors is elected in November.
4. Last Friday I attended the Cooperative Directors Association meeting held this time in Charlevoix at their beautiful, recently opened public library.

Respectfully submitted by

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