

MMLL Director's Report
June 28, 2012

State Aid for FY 2011/2012 and 2012/2013

Library of Michigan is paying the State Aid in the order that libraries filed their state aid annual reports. Through April and May, about 25 of our libraries have received their state aid checks. The remaining libraries should receive their first state aid check by the end of June. Library of Michigan is making every effort to get the 2nd 50% payments all made by mid-July.

2012-2013 Budget is moved through the legislature fairly quickly. 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 fund differed by \$470,700 with House approving the higher amount. This bill went to conference committee and when it came out for approval both sides had agreed to a \$762,300 increase. Therefore, the total aid to libraries budget will be \$7,512,300. [The current year's total is \$6,750,000]

The Governor signed the budget bills into law on June 25, 2012. So, libraries will be getting and 11% increase in state aid. Next year.

Summer Reading Promotion on 9 & 10 News

Once again Channel 9 & 10 news has been promoting summer reading programs on their Helping Hands public service spots.

Library is Michigan Preparing New LSTA 5-year Plan.

Library of Michigan is conducting a online survey right now on LSTA and they have held several in person sessions around the state to get input from libraries for the next 5-year plan for the Library Services and Technology Act.

MCLS Wants to Work Closer with Coops

At the last Coop Director's Association meeting in April, Randy Dykhuis approached the coops about working closer together for training in other areas. A committee was formed to explore areas that we can work together. I have been put on that committee.

MMLL will begin posting monthly Interlibrary Loan Statistics on the website.

As we used to do, we will begin posting ILL statistics for the League on our website beginning in July and it will contain more detailed information.

May's ILL statistics:

788 Requests by member libraries

465 OCLC transactions (borrowing requests and lending requests)

Other matters & Miscellaneous

1. Miriam Andrus is the Interim Director at Big Rapids Library and Bradley Chapin is the new Director at Kalkaska County Library.

2. Suttons Bay - Bingham District Library is looking for a new director. [Virginia Roberts has left the position.]

Respectfully submitted by

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