

**MMLL Director's Report  
August 28, 2014**

**State Aid for 2013/2014 Annual Reports to the State**

All of the MMLL member libraries that were entitled to state aid have received all of their state aid. MMLL received all of its state aid as well. The second 50% payments were slightly higher. The increased revenue is reflected in the proposed budget revisions in today's packet.

**State Aid for 2014/2015 Approved and Signed**

The Governor's proposed budget for 2014-2015, which he presented in February, includes an increase in State Aid of \$300,000. (That translates into about a \$.01 per capita or about a 3.5% increase.) State Aid would then total to \$8,876,000. Although it looked for a time that state aid was in-line for up to a 10% increase, however, following disappointing numbers from the May budget estimates for the state, the increases fell off the table. The legislature approved the amount originally recommended by the Governor of

\$8,876,000. This amount is the same amount that we have received this fiscal year.

**Renaissance Zones to be Funded at 100% in New Budget**

Also, as part of the Governor's budget, the Renaissance Zones reimbursements will be at \$4,700,000. Which we believe is full funding. This is important for several libraries in our area, most notably is Hart Area Public Library. The legislature did approve this amount.

**Workshop for Directors, Trustees, and Friends will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at TADL**

MMLL is hosting a workshop for "Directors, Trustees and Friends" at the Traverse Area District Library, Woodmere location, on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 7:30 PM. The workshop will feature Anne Seuryneck of Foster, Swift Collins and Smith PC. Program flyers are in your notebooks today.

**Workshop on Book Repair to be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>**

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, MMLL will be hosting a book repair workshop at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. The workshop will be in the morning. Attendees will get free samples and instruction booklet. Kary Barth of Kapco Library Products will be doing the workshop.

**Personal Property Tax Repeal was Approved on August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, voters approved the personal property tax repeal that was approved by the legislature last year. Distribution of the funds to replace the revenue for local governments will bypass the legislature in the future and be allocated by formula.

**MMLL hosts August Michigan Cooperative Director's Meeting in Leland.**

MMLL hosted the summer meeting of the Michigan Cooperative Director's Association. We met at the Leland Township Library, in Leland. Following the meeting we had lunch at the Blue Bird Restaurant.

**Michigan Library Association Annual Conference is in Grand Rapids, Oct. 15-17<sup>th</sup>**

MLA's 2014 Annual Conference is fast approaching. It will be at the Amway Grand Plaza hotel on Wednesday, Thursday and ending Friday at 12:00 PM. October 15-17<sup>th</sup>. I have registered and plan to attend. The Michigan Cooperative Directors Association will meeting at hotel on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> following the conference.

**Other matters:**

1. White Pine Library in Stanton has hired a new director – Patty Rockafellow.
2. Lake County approved a county wide millage to benefit Pathfinder Community Library(Baldwin), Luther Area Public Library and Chase Public Library
3. Reed City District Library's operating and bond millages lost by a narrow margin and will be back on the ballot in November.

Respectfully submitted by  
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