

MMLL Director's Report

January 23, 2014

New Board member joins us today: Nannette Miller, Representing Group 1—Antrim and Kalkaska Counties. Nannette is Director of the Elk Rapids District Library.

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

MMLL has received its first 50% of State Aid for 2013-2014. The amount was somewhat less than had been projected based on the per capita rates given to us this past summer. The check was for approximately \$655 less than had been projected. Member libraries have until February 1 to file their annual reports to the state. I have been calling some of the libraries, especially those that have new directors, to see how they are doing completing the online report forms.

Universal Service Fund application Form 470 Filed for MMLL

This week we completed the first part of the annual Universal Service Fund e-Rate reimbursement application process by filing Form 470 which solicits bids for service for telephone and Internet access. There is a required waiting period of 28 days before we can settle on a vendor. Charter Business is our current provider. MMLL qualifies for 70% reimbursement from the service provider.

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting and Performer's Showcase was Cancelled

The Advisory Council meeting and Performer's Showcase scheduled for January 9th was cancelled due to bad weather and lack of interest. We had more performers scheduled than we had libraries signed up. Last year when the winter was milder we had 35+ attendees.

Workshop on Library Security on April 10th

On April 10th MCLS (Midwest Collaborative for Library Services), the Cooperative Directors Assoc. and the Library of Michigan will be sponsoring a Workshop on Library security issues entitled: "Securing Your Library in Troubling Times including active shooter situations. MMLL has volunteered to host a remote viewing site. Details will

be forthcoming in the next few days. The workshop will feature speaker(s) from the Michigan State Police.

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The Rural Libraries Conference is set for April 30 - May 2

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Other matters:

1. Trustee Patricia Colvin is now a "signer" on our bank accounts.

Respectfully submitted by
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