

MMLL Director's Report

January 24, 2013

State Aid for 2012/2013

The deadline for filing library annual reports/state aid applications with the state is February 1, 2013. We urge everyone to make sure their libraries have filed their reports. As of last Friday, January 18th -- 25 libraries had filed and 21 were working on their reports. One library had not started on their report yet.

The cooperative received its first 50% payment. The funds were a bit higher than had been predicted. We had estimated an increase of 11 % and it came in at about 11.4% you will see the new figures on the budget revision that is on the agenda today.

MMLL's Performer's Showcase held on January 10th.

MMLL held our annual Performer's Showcase in conjunction with the January Advisory Council Meeting. We were again at the United Methodist Church in Kalkaska for the event. We had 20+ library staff present and 11 performers. Weather cooperated and Kalkaska County Library staff did an excellent job in preparation, set-up and food procurement. Big thanks to Bradley Chaplin and staff.

As libraries send me their bookings we will post them on the MMLL calendar online.

Interlibrary Loan OCLC Requests Transition Continues.

The transition to using the While Pine Library Cooperative for our OCLC searches and ILL requests is moving along but slowly. Their approach is different from ours and it is taking some time to sort out the best way to proceed. We have a new form ready to go for website but have not implemented it yet. Jack Sheehan, MMLL ILL Coordinator fell and broke his right arm on Monday, January 14. The break required surgery and he is on the mend. He has returned to work this week.

Webinar on Merchandising for Better Circulation set for February 21.

On Feb. 21 we will co-sponsor another webinar along with Superiorland. This webinar is a follow up to the webinar held earlier in the fall on marketing. Kathryn

Dempsey will be the presenter. MMLL will be charging a fee of \$20.00 for our members. Registration is online and is being handled by Superiorland.

We received quite a bit of positive feedback on our first webinar and we will be planning some more.

Webinar on Guns in Libraries is planned for March 19

Foster Swift Collin's attorney Anne Seuryneck will be holding a free—pro bono webinar on the law regarding Guns in Libraries. Laws are changing in this area and librarians need to be aware of what's going on. Gov. Synder vetoed one bill this past fall but supporters say they will be back this year. Also, there is a case in the appeals process working its way through the courts that deals with open carry of guns in libraries.

Annual Audit conducted December 18th.

Auditors from Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth were here on December 18. While they have finished the field work, they are still working on the report. Their time here went well and they were able to complete in less time than anticipated. The Financial reports have been delayed because the reports will have to be modified when the audit is finished as they are making the RIDES expenditure a prepaid expense with the costs spread out over the 12 months of the year.

Michigan Library Association (MLA) Appoints New Executive Director

MLA has announced the hiring of a new Executive Director. **Gail Madziar** is their new Executive Director. Ms Madziar brings more than 25 years of association experience to MLA. She leaves the Michigan Bankers Association where she spent the past 6 ½ years successfully crafting their public relations strategies.

Rural Libraries Conference for 2014 will be on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel

Library of Michigan has announced that the next rural libraries conference –April 30 – May 2, 2014 will be held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Respectfully submitted by
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