

**MMLL Director's Report**  
November 15, 2012

**State Aid for 2012/2013**

The online portal for filing library annual reports/state aid applications with the state is open. We urge everyone to make sure their libraries ID and password is working and they are accessing the correct pre-filled in data on the report.

**OCLC requested price analysis results in no change in cost to MMLL. ILL changes to proceed.**

Per our request, OCLC analyzed our cost/pricing for MMLL's ILL subscription. It took about 6 weeks for them to get back to us. They have informed us that no change in the pricing for is warranted at this time. We will be dropping our subscription to OCLC as soon as we have a successful working arrangement with White Pine Cooperative for OCLC searches and requests.

**Michigan Library Association Annual Conference Moved to Detroit, Nov. 7-9**

MLA's Annual Conference was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> at Cobo Hall in Detroit. The conference seemed to be well attended. The Interim Director for MLA was introduced. The search has begun for the permanent director and they 65 applicants so far. They hope to have the new person by early next year.

**MMLL and Superiorland Sponsored *Accidental Library Marketer* Webinar.**

MMLL and Superiorland co-sponsored to our first Webinar! Kathy Dempsey author of the *Accidental Library Marketer* conducted a half day (90 minutes) webinar on October 25. We hope to have Ms Dempsey for related webinars in the next month or two, but dates have not been finalized. We had 30 registered for the webinar. It is available on archive for those interested.

**New Auditor hired for MMLL Annual Audit**

Following the Board directive, we have engaged the accounting firm of Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth of Traverse City to do the audit. It will be more expensive than the

past several years. We contacted four(4) CPA firms. Initially we had planned to use Vanderwal Spratto & Richards of Manistee, but they backed out in October due to staff shortages at their office. Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth was the only firm to send a written bid and proposal. The audit is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2012.

**MMLL Has Lost its 501c (3) status.**

MMLL has been informed by the IRS that we have had our 501c(3) status revoked. We are still tax exempt as governmental organization. The IRS changed the qualifications and reporting requirements a few years ago that made it impossible for us to complete the annual Form 990 that are required. Many small non-profit organizations are in the same position. I have been informed —off the record— that we should never have been granted a 501c3 status since we were already tax exempt.

**Other matters & Miscellaneous**

1. Renee Kelchek is the new Director for the Interlochen Public Library. She has been on the staff there for several years.
2. Jeanette Fleury and I met with four of the Directors from her area—Group 9 on November 12 to discuss their needs and activities.
3. Library millage questions passed in Barryton and Seville Twp. Shelby District Library's went down to defeat. Idlewild elected a new library board but their operating millage failed by 10 votes.

Respectfully submitted by

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