

# Mid-Michigan Library League

## Director's Report

November 2017

### Administrative:

- FY18 Board members, groups they represent, year term ends:
  - Group 1 – Mary Edens – 17 (will need to renew or replace)
  - Group 2 – Susan LaBelle – 20
  - Group 3 – Patti Colvin – 17 (will need to renew or replace)
  - Group 4 – Diane Eisenga – 19
  - Group 5 – Eric Smith – 18
  - Group 6 – Lois Langenburg – 19
  - Group 7 – Valerie Church-McHugh – 19
  - Group 8 – Chris Cook – 19
  - Group 9 – Jeanette Fleury – 19

See the website to get a downloadable spreadsheet of the membership: <http://mml.org/members.html>

- From the Plan of Service regarding the Board:

*“Term of Office - The term of office shall be three years. The term shall run from October 1 through September 30, or until the annual meeting at which a change in Board officers is made...The officers of the Board shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, to be selected for a term of one year or until successors are elected... All officers shall be elected by the MMLL Board members at the **November meeting**, to serve for a term of one year, and shall assume office immediately. No member shall hold the same office more than twice in succession. Should an officer resign before their term has expired, the Chair shall appoint another member of the Board to assume the office for the remainder of the year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair, the Vice-Chair shall succeed to the office. Should a member of the MMLL Board resign or be unable to serve, the libraries which elected the member shall be notified and requested to elect another person to fill out the unexpired term.”*
- Health insurance – The ability to obtain health insurance via Michigan Library Association membership via a partnership with National Insurance Services has been delayed. The plans have yet to be announced and will not begin until February 2018. We will continue to monitor this and share with the membership. For the MMLL director's health insurance, we needed to change from Priority Health, since there is no option for a group of one. We have selected a BCBSM plan that begins December 1, 2017. If there is a favorable difference in what we see from MLA/NIS, we will consider a mid-year change.
- In FY18, beginning October 1, 2017, the Mid-Michigan Library League will have 36 members. Suttons Bay Bingham District Library and Houghton Lake Public Library are going to other library cooperatives, and the Ardis Missaukee District Library will not qualify for State Aid in FY18 and their Board has selected not to pay for cooperative membership.
- The application for state aid FY18 has been locked and submitted, and fidelity bond sent in to the Library of Michigan. The first direct state aid payment to the cooperative will be issued soon.

### Trainings:

- FY18 webinars include the Opioid Crisis (now archived), Broadband for public libraries, Basic E-rate information for public libraries, and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). Watch the website and email for dates and registration information <http://mml.org/workshops.html>.
- This spring is the Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference, April 30 - May 2, 2018 at the Grand Traverse Resort. All are encouraged to attend! <http://michigan.gov/fyanconference>.

**Initiatives:**

- Mini Grant Program – there will be a new FY18 mini-grant program announced in January.
- The 18 maker kits and two 3D printers are available for loan! Go to <https://mml.librarika.com/> to request a loan. All kits go via RIDES delivery except for the two 3D printers, which I will drive to you!

**New Services:**

- Now that the fiscal year has begun, all areas served by member libraries now have access to about 7,000 downloadable audiobooks from RBdigital, with no limits on simultaneous use or renewals (i.e. no holds necessary). We have also been able to add Transparent Language for the entire area as well. These resources, plus four hours of tech support for each member paid for by the cooperative, are new benefits of membership.
- Training, marketing resources, how to get statistics – all posted on the MMLL website at <http://mml.org/RBDigital.html>
- Also, the guidance on how to get your four hours of tech support is a link on the home page called “tech support” and leads you to a pdf document (<http://mml.org/documents/2017-2018/Emergency%20Geek%20procedures%20for%20MMLL%20members.pdf>)

**Member Libraries:**

- The new director at Manistee County Library is Debra Greenacre. She comes to Manistee from having been the director at the Three Rivers Public Library.
- We said goodbye to Cathy Tacoma who has retired from the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. They are in the process of interviewing for the new director position.
- The Leland Township Public Library is saying goodbye to Sylvia Merz and has hired Mark Morton as their new director. Mark had been in the technology support position previously.
- The new director at LeRoy Community Library is Sigrid Robertson. She has just begun her job and lives in the community.
- If you would like me to plan a visit, whether I have been there already or not, please don't hesitate to ask! I am glad to attend a Board meeting, a fundraiser, or just come to talk with you about any issues you like. I can assist with Board training or strategic planning.
- If you have any questions or need for support in your transition to MeLCat, please let me know! We can get your questions answered and hopefully the resources you need.

**Travel/Meetings:**

- 9/27 – Darcy Library of Beulah, Benzie Shores District Library (Frankfort)
- 10/18-20 – Michigan Library Association annual meeting (Lansing)
- 10/20 – Michigan Cooperative Director's Association meeting (Lansing)
- 11/8 – Groups 8 & 9 meeting at Seville Township Library (Riverdale)

Respectfully Submitted,

*~Sheryl*

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