

## **News of Interest – Mid-Michigan Library League**

**2/24/2015**

### **E-rate support**

The Library of Michigan has opted to change the support mechanism for E-rate. There was a survey done in December 2014 that informed their decision to fold the support for libraries into the existing Department of Education support contract with E-rate Central and the TRIG grant contracted E-rate supporters. It is laid out in the attached document that was sent out on michlib-l. See also the survey results attached. The contract with Linda Schatz is in place through the end of March 2015, so please feel free to contact me with any E-rate questions and I will either field them myself or pass them on to Linda and get a response for you.

### **National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)**

You are encouraged to attend the National Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C. on May 4-5, 2015. Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUAKx5Op1CA&feature=youtu.be>. To register, go to <http://ala.org/nlld>. There are two grant opportunities that I am aware of: (1) the WHCLIST Award which is for a trustee/non-librarian who is attending for the first time – see [2015 WHCLIST Award](#); and (2) the Gale Cengage grant, which will be coordinated this year by the Cooperative Director's Association, Denise Hooks – I will send information when available.

### **Movie licensing**

Libraries currently covered under the Movie Licensing USA contract 6/1/14-5/31/15:

Alden District Library  
Big Rapids Community Library  
Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library  
Central Lake District Library  
Darcy Library of Beulah  
Hart Area Public Library  
Houghton Lake Public Library  
Kalkaska County Library  
Luther Area Public Library  
Manistee County Library  
Mason County District Library  
Missaukee District Library  
Morton Township Public Library  
Pathfinder Community Library  
Pentwater Township Library  
Reed City Public Library  
Richland Township Library  
Shelby Area District Library  
Surrey Township Public Library  
White Pine Library

I will be sending you all a renewal commitment form sometime in May or early April. We need to let them know who is participating in the next contract (June 2015 – May 2016) by April 30<sup>th</sup>. We get a group discount of around 40%. See their online movie search tool: <http://www.movlic.com/library/search.asp>. If you are not yet participating and want to join early, let me know! See American Libraries article: <http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org/article/screening-legally>

### **Discounts**

See the list of discounts that the Coop Director's Association has negotiated for you at <http://tln.lib.mi.us/discounts/>. I have attached the book and A-V discount schedule and am working on getting our mml website in order with all of these resources as well.

### **Support of School Library Media Centers and School Librarians**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading initiative – There is a fiscal year 2016 Executive Recommendation to support 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading that would fund various efforts that support literacy efforts that lead to proficiency by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The recommendation proposes to increase State Aid to Public Libraries by \$1 million. The Michigan Library Association and lobbyists are supporting the Governor's budget ;-). See the attached memo from the State Budget Office.

- CDA statement on school libraries – The Coop Director’s Association has written a statement in support of school libraries and librarians that anyone is free to adopt and send out under their cover. See the attached statement on school libraries. I will send it from MMLL to legislators who serve our districts, but I encourage you to send this as well from your library.
- Community Conversations that were facilitated by MCLS led to a joint decision to support school libraries in Michigan and Indiana. There is a steering group made up of Randy Dykhuis, David Votta, Shannon White, Gail Madziar, Karren Reish, Rachel Minkin, Roger Mendel, Kate Pojola Andrade, Jim Pletz, and Denise Hooks. They are working on a pre-conference program for the fall.

#### **MCLS news**

- MCLS hired their community engagement librarian, Nancy Kirkpatrick. She will be working on a “one book, two states” program to culminate in October with an author event.
- To bring more collaboration and support to both states, MCLS is using a group of 4 libraries in each state to pair up with each other for a series of 6 meetings in July and provide content for a revised MeLCat Users Day event.

#### **Michigan Library Association Update**

There is a big push for connecting libraries to early childhood literacy efforts (I know, we have been doing this all along!) and letting the new legislators know that LIBRARIES and EARLY LITERACY are connected and it is critical to fund early literacy programming in Michigan’s public libraries. We are supporting the Governor’s draft budget, which has \$1 million added to State Aid funding to increase support of this early childhood literacy materials, programming, and services. Gail Madziar met with the new Budget Office director and gave him a copy of the Data Digest and lots of information about Michigan’s libraries. Gail is asking if libraries have arrangements with Michigan Works offices, as there may be money in their budgets to enter into contracts for public access to computers and basic support for job seekers. Let me know if you have such a relationship. MLA has done a lot of investigation of tax capture issues and any efforts to change the penal fine laws. Stay tuned.

#### **Library of Michigan Update**

- Anticipate an additional question on next year’s annual report form regarding early childhood literacy support. I will share as soon as they know the exact question.
- MeL databases – the survey garnered 600 responses and the core resources offered will most likely not change much, as there was little change in interests from the last survey.
- Michigan Notable Books – [Introducing the 2015 Michigan Notable Books!](#)