News of Interest – Mid-Michigan Library League
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Create It at Your Library!
This week, **March 6-12**, is Teen Tech Week 2016 with the theme "Create It at Your Library." Visit http://teentechweek.ning.com/ for information, planning resources, free downloadable bookmarks and posters, free webinars, and online forums to help you plan and prepare for a great event. Show teens and their families all of the great digital resources the library has to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and careers.

Human Resources Part II: HR Basics – The "soft" skills, and some hard ones too!
When: Thursday, **March 31st**, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Where: Cadillac Wexford Public Library, 411 S Lake St, Cadillac, MI 49601, (231) 775-6541,
Who: Brian L. Mortimore, Director, Human Resources & Organizational Development, Kent District Library
Part II of a two-part series, this workshop will focus on both the soft skills and the hard skills of human resource management. Specific areas of focus will include the recruitment and hiring process, with time devoted to mock interviews covering a myriad of scenarios that can happen during the interview process. In addition, there will be a discussion of performance management for library staff. Similar to Part I of this series, this will be a highly interactive session that will attempt to meet the needs of those who attend. This session is open to all, regardless of whether or not you attended Part I.
Registration fee is $50 for MMLL members, $65 for guests, and includes lunch. Use this registration form
Registration deadline: March 24, 2016.

Webinar on MeL Resources of Value to Teachers
Libraries' strongest allies in education are teachers. Libraries provide numerous tools that can be used to further students' ongoing success. Staying up to date on those tools can be a challenge for everyone, including teachers! A 30 minute webinar is planned for **March 30, at 3:30pm**, focused on MeL resources that support teachers in their critical work of ensuring student achievement. Registration is free and open to all Michigan library staff. Read more and register for this webinar http://mcls.org/training-events/training-events-list/training-event/?ref_cID=198&bID=0&dd_asId=3732.

National Library Legislative Day
National Library Legislative Day will be **May 2-3, 2016.** Virtual Library Legislative Day activities will be held throughout the week and will be an opportunity for all library advocates to make their voices heard on a national level. Library advocates who cannot make it to Capitol Hill for the event can be a part of the effort by calling and/or emailing their elected officials on May 3, or any time the week of May 2-6. Visit this web page in late April for talking points to include when writing or calling your legislators. Bookmarks, flyers, and more details are available on the United for Libraries website. Gale once again is sponsoring 2 representatives from the Michigan library community to go to National Library Legislative Day, May 2-3, 2016 in Washington DC. Please go to: http://galesupport.com/legislativeday for more information and to submit your application. *Reminder: Deadline to submit is: **March 18, 2016**!*

Spring Institute
The Spring Institute 2016 will be held April 14 and 15 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. This is the MLA annual education event for youth library professionals. Register today!

Maker Team
We are currently compiling seven maker programming kits for MMLL members to use:
*Squishy Circuits; *Ozobots; *Q-BA-Maze; *Photography Studio; *Virtual Field Trip; and *Sewing!
We will also have two MakerBot 3D printers that will circulate with laptops with associated software for use.
The MMLL "maker team" (Tracy Logan-Walker, Cadillac; Sarah Maddox, Houghton Lake; Michelle Moore, Missaukee; Stacy Pasche, Benzie Shores) is working on kit compilation with associated instructions and resources. Hopefully, they will be ready later this month! The University of Michigan received funding from the IMLS to bring maker education to all areas of Michigan. Of the 9 sites around Michigan at which they will host three-day events in summer 2016 (more opportunities in 2017), two are MMLL members, Houghton Lake Public Library and Benzonia Public Library. See http://makinglibraries.si.umich.edu/.

2016 Rural Libraries Conference
The 2016 Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Library Conference will be held from **May 4-6, 2016** at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. The three-day event features vendors, awards, keynote speakers and an array of sessions geared to libraries serving small and rural communities. Conference registration is $89 per person, includes one round-trip ferry ticket on Shepler's Ferry, 5 meals and conference materials. The special lodging rate at the Grand Hotel is $129 per room including breakfast buffet. Please see the hotel reservation form for complete details on lodging. Registration is now open: http://www.michigan.gov/fyanconference
Registration deadline is March 31st. Make sure to read the attendee information packet:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/libraryofmichigan/LM_2016_GeneralInfo_RLCAttendees_2016_512593_7.pdf

E-rate
USAC has announced the Form 471 window dates. The window opened on February 3, 2016 and will close on April 29, 2016. The SLD website has helpful training videos for many of the forms and questions you may have: http://www.usac.org/sl/about/outreach/online-learning.aspx. You may also want to check out their file along with me blog at http://filealongwitherate.org/. Webinar training is also available from the TRIG E-Rate group. http://22itrig.org/activities/e-rate/e-rate-training/. The Michigan library site for E-rate is http://michigan.gov/erateforlibraries.

Beginnning Workshop
The Library of Michigan's Beginning Workshop is a 3-day event geared for library staff members that have not had the opportunity for formal library coursework. Information and practical skill building will be provided for a variety of topics that relate to working in a Michigan public library. Anyone new to the profession or just hired at a library, no matter what their academic credentials, is welcome to attend the event. Those who need a Level 3 or Level 4 certificate from the Library of Michigan need to attend a Beginning Workshop. For more information on Library of Michigan's certification program, see: http://www.michigan.gov/librarycertification
Register: http://www.solutionwhere.com/lom/cw/CourseByAlpha.asp
Date: May 18-20, 2016
Location: Shanty Creek Resorts, Bellaire, MI
Deadline: April 17
2014 Attendee Information Packet:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/libraryofmichigan/lm_2016_bw_GeneralInformation_516285_7.pdf

eBooks
Did you know that there are eBooks provided to all residents of the state via the Michigan eLibrary? And, you can put the icon on your website with a link to direct patrons. Icons with links and descriptions of the MeL databases can be found at http://mel.org/databases:

[eBook Collection](#): General interest. Full text. Over 20,000 eBooks available on all topics. Michigan residents or Michigan library access only. Netlibrary users ALERT--the collection has changed its name to eBooks. This product is now owned by EBSCO. Along with [More...](#)

[eBook K-8 Collection](#):   K-8. Fiction and nonfiction books you can read online - for school and for fun. Search for what you want. Picture books, homework topics, languages learning. Online help available too. Michigan residents or Michigan library access [More...](#)

2016 Allied Media Conference (AMC)
On June 16-19, 2016 in Detroit, Michigan, the 18th annual Allied Media Conference will be held in Detroit. There will be a *Radical Librarianship Track* that may create a buzz! To find out more about this annual event, see https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLRGNfsyQ1DegkpB37gYNaspJHtPh3t0um&v=orOxQ0d7eOU.

Great Stories Club - Grant
Under the theme "The Art of Change: Creation, Growth and Transformation," this round features three books with protagonists that use the arts to overcome personal challenges. You can find more information about the grant on the Programming Librarian website: http://programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-great-stories-club-art-change.

Seminars & Events for Anne M. Seurynck
Anne Seurynck is a Michigan lawyer who specializes in library law. She is an excellent presenter who has given many workshops and webinars helpful for public libraries. She has archived many of her presentations on her company's website. See them at http://www.fosterswift.com/news-events-bio-109.html.

Libraries Transform
The Libraries Transform campaign is designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals. ALA is offering resources and support for libraries willing to participate in this campaign. See: http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/toolkit

Summer Reading
Library of Michigan Summer Reading page – www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices has some flyers that you can use. Flyer for parents - http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Summer_Reading_Flyer_for_parents_2012_377491_7.doc
Flyer for teachers - http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Summer_Reading_Flyer_for_teachers_2012_377490_7.doc

PLA 2016 Conference
The Public Library Association annual conference is April 5–9, 2016 in Denver http://www.placonference.org/registration/. If you have requests for specific information from this conference, let me know, as I will be attending and will bring back lots of sharable resources!

Upcoming Elections
Tomorrow (3/8) is Michigan's presidential primary. The State Primary election is August 2, 2016 with the last day to register of July 5, 2016. The State General Election is November 8, 2016 with the last day to register of October 11, 2016. See the Secretary of State voter information at http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716---,00.html. See a step-by-step instruction for how to register to vote: http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-176447--,00.html.

Trustees and Friends Groups
Don't forget about United for Libraries. You can access the member area of the site here: http://www.ala.org/united/michigan Login: Michigan; Password: greatlake1837
On the left-hand side of the site you can find navigation links. The link for "Friends" contains good resources and a link to the Electronic Discussion Group and Organizational Tools. You can find the "Libraries Need Friends" Starting a Friends Group or Revitalizing the One You Have" in this area. It is a PDF handbook with lots of helpful information, including information on the 501c3 status.

Continuing Education Stipends from the Library of Michigan
The Library Continuing Education program helps by providing financial support for library staff continuing education. Full program details are online at: http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_63014-359559--,00.html. You will find program criteria, application questions, timeline and the link to the online application on this page. Staff from eligible libraries may apply at any time and may request from $200 to $1,500. More at: www.michigan.gov/libraryce.

Beginning Workshop
The 2016 Beginning Workshop is scheduled for **May 18 -20, 2016**, at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, MI. Online registration will open after the New Year. You can find information about the annual event at www.michigan.gov/beginningworkshop. Last year's information booklet is still online if you are interested in understanding more about the content of the 3-day event. The Beginning Workshop is required for library staff wanting to obtain Level 3 or a Level 4 Library of Michigan certification. It is geared for those that do not have a master's level degree in library science and have little experience working in libraries. Questions about Certification and necessary requirements to obtain certification can be directed to Joe Hamlin at hamlinj2@michigan.gov or 517-373-1580.

Every Child Ready to Read
The Library of Michigan is pleased to provide an in-depth Every Child Ready to Read program through 2016 and 2017. The program will include workshops, webinars, newsletters and materials. The program kicks off with a full day workshop with Sue Nespeca of Kid Lit Plus Consulting. The workshop will be held in three locations in March: Tuesday, March 29th – Southfield Public Library; Wednesday, March 30th – Kentwood Branch Library; and Thursday, March 31st – Traverse City District Library. Register at www.michigan.gov/libraryce.

National Library Week
April 10-16 is this year's NLW with the theme "libraries transform." See the American Library Association site at: http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek

Tech Soup for Libraries
Don't forget about this resource for discounts on equipment, software, and more. See Tech Soup at http://www.techsoupforlibraries.org/. Also, they are offering online technology training to nonprofits and public libraries through Skillsoft self-paced courses and videos to help you implement, configure, and use

Microsoft Windows, Office, Cisco networking products, security products, and more. Skillsoft admin fees vary from $20 to $45. Browse Skillsoft

Money Smart Week
April 23 - 30, 2016. See MoneySmartWeekPartners.org for the partner kit, downloadable logos, online marketing materials, media tools, etc. MoneySmartweek.org was designed to include as much online support as possible. FAQ's and instructional videos are available. There is the link to the session held at the MLA conference in Novi and much more on this page: http://www.lifeguide360.com/money-smart-week.html.

WebJunction
Check out free, on-demand courses and webinar archives on dozens of subjects at WebJunction. And check out the Social Library, a weekly feature highlighting work from libraries that WebJunction follows on Facebook.

MLA Event Scholarships
The new MLA Education Fund Scholarship can be used for:
   » Leadership Academy
   » MLA Workshops
   » Spring Institute
   » Academic Libraries
   » MLA Annual Conference
Download the information sheet and application (interactive Word document):
http://www.milibraries.org/assets/1/6/Application_ED_Fund_MLA_Scholarship111715.doc
The deadline to apply for MLA 2016 annual conference is September 1, 2016.

Open eBook App
The White House has announced that the Open eBooks app to put ebooks in the hands of lower income children and young adults aged 4-18, is up and running. The Open eBooks service to provide age appropriate reading materials, was developed in partnership with the Digital Public Library of America, the New York Public Library, FirstBook, and Baker & Taylor. With the app, the Open eBooks service can begin.
http://www.districtdispatch.org/2016/02/long-awaited-open-ebook-app-launched/ Carrie Russell of ALA Dispatch says, "the Open eBooks service initially will be a bumpy ride—isn't everything?—but worthwhile to so many young people." If you are interested in pursuing this, contact me smase@mmll.org – I registered to take a look and the registration process requires lots of data.

Museum Adventure Pass
MAP has entered into a brand new partnership with the National Park Service and its Every Kid in a Park program. As a result, the following seven Michigan NPS sites will be added to the MAP website, with passes available beginning on or about May 21:
   • Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore http://www.nps.gov/slbe/index.htm
   • River Raisin National Battlefield Park http://www.nps.gov/rira/index.htm
   • North County National Scenic Trail http://www.nps.gov/noco/index.htm
   • Isle Royale National Park http://www.nps.gov/isro/index.htm
   • Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore http://www.nps.gov/piro/index.htm
   • Keweenaw National Historical Park http://www.nps.gov/kewe/index.htm
   • MotorCities National Heritage Area http://www.nps.gov/auto/index.htm

Search Engines for Kids
Google has entered the field of kid-friendly search engines (http://www.safesearchkids.com/), but if you did not already know about the MeL Kids and MeL Teens portals, don't forget to check them out! You might want to use them for splash screens for Internet computers in your youth areas. Here is another list of kid-friendly pages: http://www.kidfriendlysearch.com/Kid_Friendly.htm

Resource Links
- Barb Campbell, Educational Resources Lab director at Oakland Univ. has posted her Book Talk videos focusing on young/school age readers: http://wwwp.oakland.edu/erl/booktalks-and-displays/ click on "Book Talks."
- Changing Field of Librarianship: How young librarians are figuring out the field's future
- Interesting Infographics created by staff at EBSCO: Eliminating Barriers: 7 Best Practices for Creating a User Friendly Library Website and how college students conduct research
- Don't forget you can often find answers to your questions or places to start looking by going to our website at http://mmll.org.