News of Interest – Mid-Michigan Library League
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Happy National Library Week!
This 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

Celebrate Books and Reading
Plan on attending MAME's Spring Workshop, scheduled for **Saturday, April 23rd**. Everyone is welcome: school & public librarians, teachers, and any book lover! Bring a friend. The location is near the Howell Tanger Outlet Mall. Plan on a day of learning, sharing, and shopping. **Registration deadline: April 16.** You can find out more and register at: http://bit.ly/MAMEspring

Beginning 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; Registration **Deadline: April 17;** 2014 Attendee Information Packet: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/libraryofmichigan/lm_2016_bw_GeneralInformation_516285_7.pdf

Book Repair Basics
When: **Thursday, April 28th, 2016, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
Where: Cadillac Wexford Public Library, 411 S Lake St, Cadillac, MI 49601, (231) 775-6541, http://www.cadillaclibrary.org/
Who: Kary Barth of Kapco (Kent Adhesive Products Company) will give a _free_ workshop on book repair basics. Ms. Barth has a bs from the University of Illinois, Urbana and has worked with libraries since 1990. Formerly the national library sales manager for Kapco, Kary authored a basic book repair guide previously available from Kapco and has presented book protection/repair workshops in various venues throughout the U.S. Workshop Description: This workshop is designed to demonstrate quick and easy techniques for extending shelf life on general circulating materials. Prevention is the key, but we will be addressing specific, common repairs: re-inserting loose pages, broken spines, torn header caps, ripped and torn pages. Registration: http://mmll.org/workshops.html **Registration deadline is April 21**

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.

Prime Time Reading Time
Registration for Fall 2016 Prime Time Family Reading is now open – *application deadline: May 2, 2016*. The Michigan Humanities Council is now accepting applications for libraries and schools interested in hosting Prime Time Family Reading Time. Grants of up to **$14,000** are available to host sites. To learn more about Prime Time please visit our website at: www.michiganhumanities.org/prime-time-family-reading-time/. Questions about the program and application, please contact Program Manager James Nelson at 517-372-7770 or jnelson@mihumanities.org

LMCE
The April list is available online! Be sure to review the monthly list of library-related webinars for November. The updated list has dozens of free online sessions you may find useful as you look to develop a new program, apply for a grant or develop a fundraising campaign. Each month you can find the updated list on the LM website: http://www.michigan.gov/libraryce.

Maker Team
The seven maker programming kits for MMLL members to use are: *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, and one will also include a 3D scanner attached to an iPad with associated application. The MMLL "maker team" (Tracy Logan-Walker, Cadillac; Sarah Maddox, Houghton Lake; Michelle Moore, Missaukee; Stacy Pasche, Benzie Shores) is finalizing kit compilation with associated instructions and resources. Stay tuned for the announcement of availability. 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 (Wed., June 15 – Fri., June 17) and Benzonia Public Library (Tues., Aug. 16 – Thurs., Aug. 18). 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

MAISA Early Literacy Publication
MAISA (Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators) General Education Leadership Network (GELN) Early Literacy Task Force has been doing great work on early literacy resources. The first available document, Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy, outlines the important practices of literacy for ages K-3. A Pre-K version will be soon to follow.

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.

Michigan Activity Pass
The resources keep growing in the MAP program, thanks to Jim Flury at TLN! Make sure you are aware of the program and that you are making it available to your community! There are lots of promotional materials posted at http://tln.lib.mi.us/map/.

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. There is a recent recorded webinar on library millages – check it out!

Programming Ideas
We have compiled various messages and referrals from michlib-l and other sources about possible programs for libraries to hire out. The list will be updated monthly and the link is on the home page of our website, http://mmll.org. The direct link for this month is http://mmll.org/documents/2015-2016/MMLL%20Program%20Resource%20List%204-1-16.xlsx.

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.

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. There is a recording for one of the webinars if you missed it at http://libraryofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/p8f4ydptyl8/. The Early Literacy section of the Summer Reading manual incorporates the Every Child Ready to Read program ideas. The Library of Michigan has additional Every Child kits available upon request for those libraries that need a set.

Library Service Expansion & Mini-Grant Program
The Cooperative Board approved a second round of the Library Service Expansion & Mini-Grant Program! Applications may be submitted through June 3rd. Awards will be announced June 10th. Funds must be spent and reimbursement requests in by mid-September. The program is open to all MMLL members. New applicants will be given top priority, but previously funded libraries are free to apply and will be considered secondarily to new applicants. See the link on our home page, http://mmll.org, or go directly to http://mmll.org/grants.html.

MeL Content Webinar
April 27, at 3:30pm Eastern, there will be a free 30-minute webinar focused on MeL resources that bolster student achievement. Registration is free and open to all Michigan library staff. Read more and register for

this webinar. This webinar will be recorded, archived, and made available. http://mcls.org/mel/mel-training-events/.

TechSoup for Libraries
Don't forget about this resource for discounts on equipment, software, and more. See TechSoup 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.

The State of America's Libraries
A Special Issue of American Libraries was published this month (April 2016) on the state of our libraries and is available at: http://www.ala.org/news/sites/ala.org.news/files/content/state-of-americas-libraries-2016-final.pdf.

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.

Documentaries from PBS' POV Available for Free to Libraries
POV is television's longest-running showcase for independent nonfiction films known for their intimacy, their unforgettable storytelling and their timeliness, putting a human face on contemporary social issues.
These award-winning films are available to libraries for free through the POV Community Network. Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide and suggested reading list to help librarians facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film. The POV Community Engagement and Education team can be reached by email at events@pov.org or by phone at 212-989-8121 ext. 318.

Earth Day is April 22
Friday, April 22, 2016 is National Earth Day, a day celebrated around the globe to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Started in 1970 and gaining momentum in the 1990s, Earth Day is great time to reevaluate the impact that we are having on the planet. YALSA has compiled a list of resources for Earth day: http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2016/04/08/booklist-books-celebrate-earth-day-environmentalist-us/

New Staff at Library of Michigan
Continuing Education Coordinator: Evette Atkin atkine@michigan.gov 517-373-3746
MeL Education Specialist: Christine Schneider
Library Law Consultant: Clare Membiela
Youth Services Coordinator: Cathy Lancaster

Upcoming Elections

The State Primary election (non-presidential) 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.

Mobile Beacon Donation Program

The Mobile Beacon donation program at TechSoup provides 4G LTE mobile broadband hotspots to eligible nonprofits, charities, schools, and libraries throughout the United States. See: http://www.techsoup.org/mobile-beacon?utm_source=marketo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=btc-2016-04-06&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTUdFek9XRTFOemhpWVRKaSIsInQiOiIzNHA1cUhNTnNmYzlVZHpabGhNMWZ3dWxKeUN4NXVLcnZMdGJHHMmdRTlNcL0NXNWdQVWZNajFCYnpEK1lSdHlGMFlFRDJSZDlYQ1wvaG9jREZMM0FTeThqdmNwcXcXcxQjVMUWlRMU5EUFZwQnJFPSJ9

Data USA

A project coming out of the M.I.T. Media Lab seeks to ease the challenge of finding government data and to make it available to a wider audience. The project, called Data USA, bills itself as "the most comprehensive visualization of U.S. public data." It is free, and its software code is open source, meaning that developers can build custom applications by adding other data.

Resource Links

- Kids Count in Michigan Data Book: http://www.mlpp.org/kids-count/michigan-2/mi-data-book-2016
- Pew Research Center Lifelong Learning and Technology: http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/03/22/lifelong-learning-and-technology/
- Pew Research Report, Libraries and Learning: http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/04/07/libraries-and-learning/
- A Library Board's Practical Guide to Strategic Planning.
- A Library Board's Practical Guide to Evaluating the Library Director.
- American Libraries latest library links: http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/latest-links/.
- 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.