

News of Interest – Mid-Michigan Library League

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National Readathon Day

#Readathon2016 is May 21st! Even if you're not planning to host a reading party at your library you can still post on social media and/or run a "Get Caught Reading" giveaway in your building during the Readathon. Lots of handouts, clipart and ideas for all ages online: <http://www.readathonday.com/>

Maker Kits and 3D Printers

We have nine maker kits ready for show and tell at the **May 19th** Advisory Council meeting at **10 a.m.** at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. The kits for MMLL members to use are: *Squishy Circuits (2 copies); *Ozobots (2 copies); *Q-BA-Maze; *Photography Studio; *Virtual Field Trip; and *Sewing! (2 copies). We will also have two MakerBot 3D printers with laptops and associated software for use, and one will also include a 3D scanner attached to an iPad with associated application. The 3D printers will be available for the maker programs at Houghton Lake and Benzonia, and we will make a schedule for having them as demo machines at any of our member libraries that are interested. The MMLL "maker team" (Tracy Logan-Walker, Cadillac; Sarah Maddox, Houghton Lake; Michelle Moore, Missaukee; Stacy Pasche, Benzie Shores) has worked hard compiling resources and making sure we have all the parts we need. 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/>.

Summer Reading and MeL Resources

Summer reading is an essential component of maintaining and growing a student's academic achievement. Library summer reading programs advance literacy, foster lifelong readers, and position libraries as pivotal in Michigan student's education. Please join us May 25 at 3:30pm for a free webinar focused on summer reading resources in MeL. Read more and [register for this webinar](#).

https://www.mcls.org/training-events/training-events-list/training-event/?ref_cid=198&bid=0&dd_asId=4640

WebJunction

On May 19, WebJunction will hold the free webinar [Genealogy Essentials: Helping Patrons Search for Family Roots](#) to show you how to assist patrons with genealogical questions using [FamilySearch.org](#), a leading genealogy resource. Also, WebJunction has added a new explore topic – [Access & Equity](#). Search here for issues such as making sure your facility is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, serving patrons on the autism spectrum, building a diverse collection, and creating a welcoming environment that represents your entire community no matter ethnicity, heritage, gender identity or sexual orientation.

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://mml.org>, or go directly to <http://mml.org/grants.html>.

ALA, Harry Potter Alliance make it easy to advocate

The American Library Association (ALA) joined the [Harry Potter Alliance](#) in launching “[Spark](#),” an eight-part video series developed to support and guide first-time advocates who are interested in advocating at the federal level for issues that matter to them. [Continue reading on District Dispatch.](#)

2016 TRIG Bid Contract

All Michigan public libraries are eligible to purchase hardware and devices through the Michigan Department of Education. For a spreadsheet of all of the catalog items, go to <http://22itrig.org/activities/device-purchasing/spring-2016-bid-information/spring-2016-purchasing-info/> and click on the link in the 2nd paragraph. You can save on desktops, laptops, mobile devices and accessories. Here is how:

1. You must have a SPOT account on the [REMC SAVE Bid Project website](#). If you need instructions on setting up an account, go to [How to Register](#).
2. Orders must be placed by uploading a Purchase Order in SPOT. For information on purchasing via SPOT, go to [How to Purchase](#).
3. NEW IN 2016! You must verify the number of devices purchased through SPOT. More information coming soon on this requirement.

Watch <http://22itrig.org/activities/device-purchasing/spring-2016-bid-information/> for updates as they develop. Any questions should be sent to spot@remc.org.

MCLS Twitter Chats

If you missed the Twitter Chat with Nancy Kranich, it is archived at <https://storify.com/mclsorg/community-engagement>. Nancy Kranich is a former ALA President, Lecturer and Special Projects Librarian at Rutgers University. Next in this series will be on May 19, *Finding and building partnerships* with Emily Bunyan, Director at the Knox County Public Library, Vincennes, IN. <http://mcls.org/training-events/events/third-thursday-twitter-chats-2016/>

How to participate?

- Follow @MCLSorg on Twitter and use #MCLSchat to join the conversation.
- New to Twitter chats? Read our [Twitter chat instructions](#).
<http://mcls.org/training-events/twitter-chat-instructions/>

Michigan Harwood Cohort, 2016

On October 5 – 6, 2016, a cohort of up to 50 Michigan library staff will convene in Lansing, Michigan for a 1.5 day workshop led by two certified Harwood Institute coaches. That training will be followed up by nine months of coaching calls from Harwood, and guidance and support from Harwood trained Library of Michigan and MCLS staff. See <http://mcls.org/training-events/events/michigan-harwood-cohort-2016/>.

AASL Pre-Service Toolkit for Principals and Teachers

Developed by the AASL Educators of School Librarians Section (ESLS), this resource can help to educate future principals and teachers about the significant role that quality library programs can play in student learning. Share this widely with practicing principals and teachers and anyone who would benefit from learning more about the impact that a quality school library program can have on their schools.

http://www.ala.org/aasl/sites/ala.org.aasl/files/content/aaslissues/toolkits/PreserviceEducators_Toolkit_FINAL_2016-03-17.pdf

LMCE

The May list of monthly library-related webinars is available now. The updated list has dozens of free online sessions - find the updated list on the LM website: <http://www.michigan.gov/libraryce>.

Michigan Summer of Safety

The [Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning](#) (OHSP) is asking Michigan libraries to join us for the second year of the summer traffic safety campaign, *Michigan Summer of Safety*. This is a reminder to all of us to “take safety along for the ride” by driving and boating sober, wearing helmets and reflective gear when biking and riding motorcycles, and always wearing a seat belt. In May, OHSP will be mailing all Michigan libraries bookmarks, stickers and a banner.

Every Child Ready to Read

There is a webinar available 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.

MAISA GELN

This group has released two documents outlining the essential early literacy practices that we should see every day, in every PreK – Third grade classroom. Please take time to share these resources with the educators in your networks: [Prekindergarten: Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy](#) and [Grades K to 3: Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy](#)

Michigan Activity Pass

The MAP stats for April, 2016 are attached. Good to see the stats warming up again, along with the weather. <http://tln.lib.mi.us/map/> Co-op by co-op stats were as follows:

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| DPL=15 | NLC=1 | TLN=305 |
| LLC=25 | SLC=65 | WLC=25 |
| MIDMLL=6 | SUPERLC=4 | WPLC=12 |
| MMLC=32 | SWMLC=6 | |

Traveling exhibit

With the financial assistance of the Michigan Humanities Council, the Clarke Historical Library has developed a traveling exhibit discussing Native American treaties and treaty rights in Michigan. The exhibit uses six pull-up exhibit panels, along with printed matter. It discusses what a treaty is and how treaties have been applied to three subjects: land, education, and hunting and fishing. See:

https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/PublicPrograms/Current_Exhibit/Pages/NativeAmericanTreaties.aspx

The Clarke has several other exhibits available for loan without charge, except for the cost of transportation. For a complete list visit:

https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/PublicPrograms/Current_Exhibit/Pages/Travelling.aspx

E-rate

USAC has announced the Form 471 window dates. The window opened on February 3, 2016 and will close on **May 26th, 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>.

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://mml.org>. The direct link for this month is <http://mml.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.

TechSoup for Libraries

Resource for discounts on equipment, software, and more: <http://www.techsoupforlibraries.org/>. Digitize Your Collections - Learn about how your library can get started using the Digital Public Library of America's free [digitization curriculum](#) for public libraries. Mobilize Your Library with Hotspots - Whether you're looking to start a home broadband lending program at your library, need Wi-Fi connectivity for your bookmobile, or want to start an offsite computer class, [Mobile Beacon hotspots](#) can help make it happen.

Upcoming Elections

The State Primary election (non-presidential) is August 2, 2016, last day to register is July 5, 2016. The State General Election is November 8, 2016, last day to register is 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 how to register to vote: http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-176447--,00.html.

Resource Links

- The New York Public Magazine launched an incredibly useful photographic resource. [The Photographers' Identities Catalog \(PIC\)](#) is an online collection of biographical data of around 110,000 photographers, studios, dealers and others involved in photography production.
- [Project Outcome](#) is dedicated to helping public libraries understand and share the true impact of essential library services and programs with simple survey instruments and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes.
- [Publiclibrariesonline.org](#) is the companion website to the bi-monthly print publication "[Public Libraries](#)," the official magazine of the [Public Library Association](#).
- Every Child Ready to Read - webinar on Early Learning environments with Sue McCleaf Nespeca at <http://libraryofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/p1ai39rvbxw/>. It is also linked at www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices in the Every Child Ready to Read section.
- Child Abuse Prevention - Here is a really nice toolkit and event guide, that might be helpful: https://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/news/efriday/april_toolkit.pdf
- Kids Count in Michigan Data Book: <http://www.mlpp.org/kids-count/michigan-2/mi-data-book-2016>
- [A Library Board's Practical Guide to Strategic Planning](#).
- 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://mml.org>.