

News of Interest – Mid-Michigan Library League

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Wayne State University Scholarships available

Stephen Bajjali, Associate Dean and Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Wayne State University has now written to all of the cooperative directors to offer the "workforce development scholarship" to member library paraprofessionals interested in obtaining their master's degree in library and information science (MLIS). The Wayne State Graduate School is inviting the SLIS to partner with employers to build pipeline programs that give employees the skills and credentials needed for employment and advancement. They established a workforce development scholarship initiative with the Suburban Library Cooperative and DALNET in the Detroit area and now hope to expand this opportunity statewide. If successful in getting this scholarship initiative funded, they would offer an opportunity for a tuition scholarship (dollar amount to be determined) to any member library employees who want to pursue their master's degrees. Stay tuned!

So, You Want to Be a District Library! by Kim Koscielniak and Kathy Webb

In the 60 years since district libraries first appeared on the Michigan landscape, the law and procedure for establishing them has been evolving. In 1955, the State Library had little involvement in the legal creation of new districts, but under the current law, Public Act 24 of 1989, the Library of Michigan (LM) is required to review and approve both new and amended agreements. The LM consults with local communities and libraries on the process of district library establishment and may conduct a preliminary review of an agreement before it is sent to the State Librarian for final approval.

LM provides data to planning committees and library attorneys as they work to determine which areas are already served by other libraries or districts and which may be potential partners in a new district. LM does this by reviewing documents filed by other libraries, and checking its records for population and service area information.

Two benefits of a district library organization are its independence from other local government entities in terms of board and budget and its status as a taxing authority under the Michigan Constitution (which permits the district library to place its own millage proposal on the ballot). Many prospective districts are interested in learning how this new status will affect a library's relationships with both its current patron base and local government unit. LM staff is available to discuss this as and provide background research into an issue that a library can then share with stakeholders in the new district.

For more information about forming a district library, call the LM Law Library at 517-373-0630.

Trustee's Corner

Don't forget that there are lots of resources for library trustees available. See the Library of Michigan website: <http://michigan.gov/librarytrustee>, ALA United for Libraries: <http://www.ala.org/united/>, and the FOML Trustee Alliance: <http://fomltrustealliance.org/>

Michigan Activity Pass

For those who would like to add MARC records for the MAP program to their ILS, TLN has created a file. Need MAP swag? Print the brochure, bookmarks and posters at <http://tln.lib.mi.us/map/> The MAP logo is also available there, to include on your library's homepage with the <http://michiganactivitypass.info/> url embedded in it. Know of additional potential cultural partners for MAP in your community? We want to talk to them! Send them to me (Jim Flury). Or "recruit" them yourselves.

TLN Negotiated Discounts

Items such as flash drives, earbuds, headphones, external hard drives, or Microsoft Licenses (Server, Office, and Operating System), Cisco Meraki products, etc., are available through CDWG at a negotiated discount. For instructions and to see the list of available items, go to <http://mml.org/discounts.html>

Orders can be placed anytime during the year - at your convenience. All public libraries in Michigan are welcome to place orders through the CDWG portal.

New and Advanced Directors Workshops

[New Director Workshop - September 17, 2015](#) - This is an annual one day event that provides a wide range of information for the new and experienced director. Attendance at these workshops is necessary for director certification as part of the qualification criteria for state aid to public libraries.

[Advanced Director Workshop - September 18, 2015](#) - This is a one-day event that will provide in-depth information on specific topics for new and experienced directors. Attendance at the workshops is necessary for director certification as part of the qualification criteria for state aid to public libraries. Current standards for state aid for public libraries require Classes 4 - 6 directors to complete the Advanced Directors Workshop within 2 years of initial appointment.

Youth Librarian Resources

- Don't forget that there are lots of early childhood resources posted by the Library of Michigan at: http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18668_26038_27975---,00.html

Basic ESL

Basic ESL focuses on teaching English language learners how to speak, read and write English at a level that goes beyond travel phrases and games. Basic ESL provides students an effective, directive path to learning English fast and succeeding in their schools and community. Basic ESL is comprised of 3 Level Courses, 15 Topics, 45 Lessons all of which are **Free for Public Libraries**. Visit www.basicesl.com/libraries, click Register Now and provide basic contact information for your library. Basic ESL will send your library an access button to add to your library's website. Immediately, library patrons can click the access button and begin using the Basic ESL courses.

Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)

MDE-LIO provides educational materials, supports, and services to families, local school districts, and intermediate school districts to support students who are blind/visually impaired (BVI) and students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH). See some great resources at <https://mdelio.org/parents-corner>

Broadband Conference

Save the date October 20, 2015 for the Michigan Broadband Conference! This is a full day of sessions and networking to gain knowledge and contacts to increase digital literacy, broadband adoption and create successful communities throughout Michigan. If you have ideas for a keynote or breakout sessions, please visit the proposal form site and submit here <http://outreach.connectednation.org/acton/form/14333/0005:d-0001/0/index.htm?sid=NZDLwogii> Visit the Connect Michigan at <http://www.connectmi.org/> for more information.

Rural Libraries Conference

The Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference will be held at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, May 4-6, 2016. The conference has a goal to reach the informational needs of small and rural library staff members from every area of Michigan. The three day conference will feature vendors, awards, keynote speakers and an array of sessions all geared to rural and small libraries. The [Library of Michigan Foundation](#) generously supports the Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference through administration of Loleta Fyan funds. Library of Michigan staff will begin planning for the 2016 event with a call for volunteers this summer. The call for proposals and for award nominations will follow later in the year.

ACRL Rural and Small Libraries 2015 Conference

Early bird registration has opened for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries annual conference. ARSL 2015 will be held in beautiful Little Rock, Arkansas Oct. 1-3rd, with pre-conferences and tours taking place Sept. 30th. Our conference hotel is the [Riverwalk Marriott](#). Registration costs for ARSL 2015 begin at \$263.50 (member rate), slightly more for non-members. This fee includes 3 days of learning, access to the welcome reception, breakfast (Thurs/Fri.), lunch (Thurs/Fri.), and a Saturday brunch. This year's conference also includes access to all speaker events, including Friday's featured author, PC Cast. <http://www.regonline.com/2015arslannualconference> to register; more information on [conference webpage](#)

TechSoup

Tablets have become incredibly useful tech tools for both library staff and patrons. Many libraries check out tablets to patrons, and some have found creative ways to incorporate tablets into roving reference and check-out services. Request **any combination** of [10 CDI tablets](#) and get one [Lenovo IdeaTab A2109](#) tablet for **FREE**. Enter coupon code **TABLET-10-1** at check-out. (*Expires 5/31/15*). TechSoup is helping libraries get the tablets and technology they need to support their communities. [Check out our tablets now.](#)

Refurbished laptops, desktops and more: <http://forums.techsoup.org/cs/community/b/tsblog/archive/2015/05/05/refurbished-macbooks-desktops-and-more-now-available.aspx>

Michigan Library Association

- See a list of upcoming workshops at: <http://www.milibraries.org/events/>
- **MLA Mentor Program Now Available:** MLA offers a new Mentor Program, designed to support career development for library science students, early-career librarians, mid-career staff looking to advance within their field or library staff looking to transition into another position. The MLA Mentor Program provides a method of introducing and encouraging librarians and other library professionals to work together and network within the community. Mentors are current members of the association who have agreed to help other members learn about the profession in general and guide mentees with their future goals. [More information](#)
- **MLA 2015 Annual Conference - October 28-30**
Registration for the MLA 2015 Annual Conference is now open! Visit the website to get a first look at what this year's conference has to offer. More details will be added as they become available, so stay tuned. Not to rush you, but fall will be here before we know it! [Location/Hotels](#), [Schedule](#), [Featured Speakers](#), [Programs](#), [Posters](#), [Ignite/Fizzle](#), [Registration Rates](#), [Register Now](#)
- **MLA Awards Nominations Accepted Through June 15**

As a library professional, you work hard and provide invaluable service. While recognition isn't a driving factor in the work you do, it is nice to be appreciated for your efforts. MLA has a variety of ways to recognize and celebrate librarians who go above and beyond to serve their patrons, their community and the library profession. If you or someone you know deserves such recognition, please consider submitting a nomination for one of the following awards: [MLA Librarian of the Year](#), [MLA Up and Comer Award](#), [Heart of a Champion Award](#)

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has a number of resources available for free that libraries can use to provide financial literacy programs and services to their communities. WebJunction has a short article providing links to the CFPB resources that include helpful information such as; webinars, website resources, marketing materials, guidebooks and program ideas. Take a look yourself and read more about CFPB and the library resources available here, <http://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/financial-education-tools-for-libraries-from-CFPB.html>

WebJunction

Subscribe to WebJunction's free enewsletter: [Crossroads](#).

- **Beyond Book Sales: Practical Ideas for Raising Funds for Your Library** - Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 2 pm Eastern/11 am Pacific. <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/beyond-book-sales.html> to register

MCLS Workshops

- The MeLCat Visiting Patron Service - June 8, 10-11a
- Assigning Library of Congress Call Numbers: Advanced - June 9-11, 1:30-3:30p
- Practical Practitioner Linked Data and BIBFRAME - **Last day to register for this self-paced workshop is June 12**; course runs from June 17 to July 29
- Original Cataloging of Digital Resources using RDA - June 16-18, 1:30-3:30p
- Missing in Action: RIDES Lost and Found Procedures - June 18, 1:20-2:30p
- Original Cataloging of Archives using RDA - June 23-25, 1:30-3:30p
- MeLCat Refreshers for DCB Libraries - June 24, 10-4p in Lansing
- MeL Early Literacy Resources - June 24, 9:30-10a

For descriptions and to register, please go to: <https://www.mcls.org/training-events/training-events-list/>

PLA/ALA Workshops

- Understanding and Serving People Experiencing Homelessness: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Library Service, A Two-Part Webinar Series - Wednesday, June 3, 2015 and Wednesday, June 10, 2015
<http://www.ala.org/pla/onlinelearning/webinars/homelessness> to register
- Getting Started with Google Analytics, a 90-minute workshop facilitated by Rita Gavelis - Thursday, July 2, 2015, 2:30 PM Eastern/1:30 PM Central/12:30 PM Mountain/11:30 AM Pacific
<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=11459&zbrandid=4634&zidType=CH&zid=29214731&zsubscriberId=1026632166&zbdom=http://ala-publishing.informz.net> to register

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning in Small Libraries - An Infopeople 4-week online course, May 26 – June 22, 2015. Does your library have a strategic plan? Having a current strategic plan is vital to all libraries as a way to help move staff, programs, and services in a cohesive, determined direction. Are you feeling unsure about where to start, who to involve, and how you're going to find the time to take on one more project? This course, specifically designed for small libraries, will equip you with a variety of skills and techniques to help simplify the process. You will be guided through the creation of a step-by-step framework for a basic strategic plan that can be readily implemented, revisited, and revised according to library needs. Fee: \$75 for those in the California library community and Infopeople Partners, **\$150 for all others**.

For a complete course description and to register go to <https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=483>