

News of Interest – Mid-Michigan Library League

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Your Cooperative

The Mid-Michigan Library League will change slightly in the new fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016. We will have 39 members, down from 45, and we will have voted on a new form of representation to the MMLL Board so that all areas are covered and in the feedback loop with their representative to the Board. Look for a ballot to come to each library director for a vote on the proposed representation map and detail.

Congratulations, Darcy Library of Beulah!

Darcy Library of Beulah Wins June B. Mendel Award for Excellence in Rural Library Service



Carolyn Sparks, Roger Mendel, Heather Doran,
Ashley Olstad and Randy Riley

Library Service Expansion & Mini-Grant Program

The second round of grants will be awarded this week. This program has been successful and we will ask to continue it next fiscal year to provide more opportunities for members to get a project funded that they may not ordinarily have been able to do. We will post the winning grants on the website as soon as all applicants have been informed of the outcome.

Personal Property Tax Repeal

Libraries are now entitled to 100% Reimbursement of millages lost to the Personal Property Tax (PPT) repeal. The state of Michigan is reimbursing municipalities and if the city, township or other municipality is your taxing authority, they are required to automatically reimburse the library. District libraries will be reimbursed directly. Libraries are encouraged to contact their County Equalization Office who files the 4028 for each library. If there is confusion at that level, the library should encourage CE to call the Michigan Dept. of Treasury for the correct information about distribution to libraries. It is important to note that the lowest millage rate levied between 2012 and 2015 will be the amount reimbursed to the library.

Maker Kits and 3D Printers

We have nine maker kits ready to be reserved for programming. Find the maker page on the MMLL website (<http://mml.org/maker%20space%20resources.html>) and click on the “Librarika” link. (Librarika is a free web-based ILS we are using for the maker kits.) 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/> and register to attend! You can attend part and not all of the three days.

ARSL Annual Conference

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) has three scholarships available for their upcoming annual conference October 27-29 in Fargo ND. Please follow this [link](#) to complete the application. Applications are due by 5:00 pm CST on June 30, 2016 and winners will be announced on or before August 15. If you have any questions, please contact scholarship chairperson Shirley Vonderhaar at scholarship@arsl.info.

State Librarian’s Excellence Award 2016

The State Librarian’s Excellence Award recognizes a Michigan Library that best exemplifies excellence in customer service. Roger Mendel will sponsor the \$2,000 cash prize for the winning library. The Library of Michigan Foundation will provide Citation of Excellence Awards of \$1,000 to the two runners-up. All three award-winners will receive trophies for public display. Criteria is described on the nomination form. The deadline for nominations is **August 19, 2016**. Winners will be announced at the State Librarian’s Luncheon on Friday, October 28, 2016, during the 2016 Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in Lansing. [SLEA Application 2016.pdf](#)

Michigan Libraries for Life

Since 2010, libraries across Michigan have participated in a simple and effective campaign to educate patrons about donation and transplantation, and to give them an opportunity to join the [Michigan Organ Donor Registry](#). The campaign is called [Michigan Libraries for Life](#). This statewide campaign, which includes public, academic, special and hospital libraries of all sizes, has inspired nearly 2,900 people to sign up as donors! This year’s drive will start on **Monday, October 3rd and run through Sunday, October 9th**. If your organization would like to participate in this year’s program, please complete this registration form: <http://bit.ly/ML4L2016>. For more information, email MichLib4Life@umich.edu or call (734) 936-1394.

Best Buy Grants

Is your library located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store? The Best Buy Foundation will donate Community Grants to local and regional nonprofit organizations that provide teens with places and opportunities to develop 21st century technology skills that will inspire future education and career choices. Community Grants are designed to support local efforts and are reviewed for consideration by Best Buy teams across the nation. The average grant amount is \$5,000 and will not exceed \$10,000. The link for the application and more information is <https://corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page/>

National Summer Learning Day

The [National Summer Learning Association \(NSLA\)](#) will celebrate [National Summer Learning Day](#) on Thursday, **July 14**, to raise awareness of the importance of summer learning and recognize the work of the many organizations that [#keepkidslearning](#). Libraries are encouraged to connect to a vast network of education

leaders by taking [NSLA's pledge to keep kids learning this summer](#) and adding their summer learning programs and events to [NSLA's interactive map](#). Add your events by June 1 when NSLA launches the map more broadly! Click [here](#) for a list of new and useful summer learning resources from the Urban Libraries Council (ULC), NSLA and YALSA, and thanks for all that you do to keep young people engaged and learning over the summer!

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.

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 webinar series will continue throughout the rest of this year. The next two webinars are **Story Time – Part One** and **Story Time – Part Two**, based on Every Child Ready to Read principles. The webinars are on Thursday, July 14th and Monday, August 22nd. Both are at 2:00 pm. You can sign up for the free webinars at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/lom/cw/CourseByAlpha.asp>.

Ploud

The Library of Michigan will resume training for Ploud, the next generation of the Plinkit public library website program serving 1/4 of all library systems in the state with website templates. Cost per library is \$16/month and LSTA dollars cover the remaining \$20 per month. Ploud is currently accepting new customers. You can view what Michigan libraries are doing with their Ploud sites at michlibrary.org.

MCLS Twitter Chats

- Jun 16, *Emerging trends: Topics in LIS schools* with Mahasin Ameen, who is pursuing her MLS degree at IUPUI and Samantha Minnis, who graduated this spring from Kent State with her MLIS. They will bring us up to date on what the current curriculum looks like for library and information science students.
- July 21, *Libraries Read 1 Book (The Shallows/Nicholas Carr)*
- Aug 18, *Sustaining yourself*
- Sep 15, *Measuring impact*
- Oct 20, *Patron bashing*
- Nov 17, *Team building*
- Dec 15, *Library of things—open discussion*

Follow @MCLSorg on Twitter and use #MCLSchat to join the conversation. New to Twitter chats? Read the [Twitter chat instructions](#).

Michigan Activity Pass

The website for MAP is new and improved! See <http://michiganactivitypass.info/>. Please make sure your library patrons are aware of this wonderful opportunity to get free and reduced entrance into parks, museums, and other wonderful Michigan venues. Co-op by co-op stats were as follows:

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| DPL=5 | NLC=2 | TLN=287 |
| LLC=25 | SLC=63 | WLC=36 |
| MIDMLL=4 | SUPERLC=5 | WPLC=11 |
| MMLC=63 | SWMLC=17 | |

Infographics

Infographics, word clouds and data tools convey interesting messages, complex data sets, productivity statistics, compelling stories, and engaging images, all in visual and sometimes interactive formats. Libraries and educational organizations need to “tell your story” and have a 30 second “elevator speech” at the ready, and infographics may just be what lets your message rise above others who compete for the same funding and support. Newly added to the [MeL Books & Literacy Gateway](#) under the [Libraries & Information Science](#) classification is a group of resources to help with creating visual messages. [Infographic & Data Tools](#) currently includes six tools to start with.

Business Decision

MeL Database [BusinessDecision](#) helps you work with entrepreneurs and anyone interested in business development and growth. The 12-page guide to using the resource and the MeL Marketing flyer have been revised and are available to download and print. Find links to these items in the description of BusinessDecision by clicking on “[More](#)” (User Tools) in the alphabetic database list and find CIVIC Technologies in the MeL [Promotion & Training](#) section on the MeL homepage. CIVIC Technologies offers free training webinars for Michigan libraries.

Michigan Internet Options for the Economically Disadvantaged

This list was shared by the staff at the Library of Michigan, updated 5-12-2016

- **Comcast’s Internet Essentials Program** provides affordable Internet for \$9.95 a month plus tax, with no term contract, no credit check, no installation fee, In-home Wifi. <http://www.internetessentials.com>. Eligibility requirements:
 - Have at least one child who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program
 - Do not have outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than a year old. Families with outstanding debt more than a year old may still be eligible.
 - Live in an area where Comcast Internet Service is available but have not subscribed to it within the last 90 days. Availability map: <http://www.cabletv.com/xfinity/availability-map>
- **CenturyLink Internet Basics** provides affordable Internet for \$9.95 a month plus taxes and fees, with a 12-month contract. Speeds up to 1.5Mbps. <http://www.centurylink.com/home/internetbasics/?rid=internetbasics>. Eligibility requirements:
 - Either meet the income-based eligibility requirements: household income at or below 135 percent of [federal poverty guidelines](#) OR if you, or someone in your household participates in one of the following federal or state assistance programs: National School Lunch Program’s Free Lunch Program, Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribal TANF

- Do not have outstanding debt to CenturyLink
- Live in an area where CenturyLink Internet Service is available but have not subscribed within the last 90 days. Access an available map here: <http://www.centurylinkdeals.com/availability.html>.
- **AT&T Access** provides low-cost internet to qualifying households in Michigan for \$5-\$10 a month depending on options in your area. [https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/index.html#/
Eligibility requirements:](https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/index.html#/)
 - At least one household member who participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Without outstanding debt for AT&T Internet service within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under this program.

Visit www.everyoneon.org to learn what Internet options are available for low income families in your area. More information is available at <http://www.usac.org/ls/eligibility/default.aspx>.

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>.

Funding Program for Small Rural and Tribal Libraries

Now through August 1st, small rural and tribal library staff can apply to be a part of a cohort of learners and do-ers who will create college and career readiness (CCR) services for the middle schoolers in their community. Successful applicants will receive a wide variety of support, including access to mentors, a stipend to purchase CCR materials, and funds to travel to Atlanta, GA, Jan. 19 - 20, 2017 for orientation, as well as to another conference of their choice. Cohort members will work online throughout 2017 to develop, implement and evaluate a CCR service with a partner in their community. <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/application-and-faq>

Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL)

Did you know that BTBL has a summer reading program? Please be sure to refer any patrons, ages 0 to 18, to join the BTBL Summer Reading Program if they're interested! For registration or questions, please contact Youth Librarian, Stephanie Wambaugh, in one of the following ways: Mail: BSBP Braille and Talking Book Library, 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, PO Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909, Phone: 1-800-992-9012, Email: wambaugh@michigan.gov

MLA Fall Conference

Annual Conference MLA 2016: October 26-28 at the Lansing Center [Register Now](#). This year marks MLA's 125th Anniversary and the celebration reception is Wednesday October 26. Keynote speakers:

- Wednesday - Shannon McClintock Miller, blogger of The Library Voice
 - Shannon McClintock Miller is an international speaker and consultant who speaks about education, librarianship, technology, social media, and making a difference in education and the lives of others, especially children.
- Thursday - Detroit SOUP featuring Executive Director Amy Kaherl
 - Detroit SOUP is a microgranting dinner that celebrates creative projects in the city and has helped Detroiters giving back to Detroiters over \$125,000 towards art, social justice, social entrepreneurs, education, technology and urban agriculture
- Friday - Ben Bizzle, CEO of Library Market

- Ben Bizzle is a 2013 Library Journal Marketing Mover & Shaker and John Cotton Dana Award winner. He authored the 2015 ALA Editions book, *Start a Revolution: Stop Acting Like a Library*, offering strategies for innovative web development, marketing, and outreach for libraries.

[More Information on keynote speakers](#)

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.

WebJunction

Upcoming webinar: [Using Technology to Grow Strong Readers](#), June 16, 10:30 a.m. Pacific time (90 minutes)

Don't forget about WebJunction (<http://webjunction.org>) for a great go-to resource on a multitude of library-related topics and resources. You can watch webinars on demand, anywhere and anytime! Check out the [archived webinars](#).

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.

Resource Links

- [Multimedia search engines, finders, and generators](#)
- Summer Reading and the Common Core from the New York State Library: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/commoncore/13sr_cc.htm
- Summer Reading Loss - Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-reading-loss>
- Ready, set, #readathon2016 Saturday, May 21, is National [Readathon Day 2016](#) – an opportunity for readers of all ages to come together at their local libraries, schools and bookstores to celebrate reading and raise money for early literacy. [Read more.](#)
- Discover four ways your library can get more out of the [Microsoft donation program](#) at TechSoup.
- 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>.