

## Board report August 2017

The contract for Houghton Lake Public Library's membership has been signed by the appropriate officers. It is effective October 1, 2017.

The federal funding seems to be intact. It was finalized for the current year – through September. However, the FY18 budget is still up-in-the-air. The US House has reinstated funding for IMLS at last year's funding levels. It should be voted on by the end of the month, to go to Committee. Once there, seldom are changes made. Then on to the Senate which may or may not get to it by the August recess.

State Aid has been increased 12%. That means it will be .36 per capita. It also means an increase for the Cooperative of just over \$35,000.

ACA fees at Team one

We have discontinued electronic for Team One because it was starting to charge \$30 a month for the 12 deposits we make each month.

Interest rates at Independent

Visited Birch Run and Taymouth Township June 1 and Marlette, Carsonville Branch of the Sanilac District Library, Port Sanilac and Deckerville on June 22.

July 13, St Louis, Ithaca, Ashley and St Johns.

Conducted a Board training session in Deckerville 8/15/17.

OCLC available.

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Bibliographic records

Five Board members are leaving the Board September 30, 2017. Replacements have been found to take their place.

Mark Morrow from the Breton Group will be here at the September meeting to talk about fund raising.

I will be offering two workshops on Policies, creation, etc. in November at the libraries there: 11/8/17 in Marlette and 11/14/17 in Ithaca, 10 – 2.

Report from MLA

Increase in state aid to libraries for FY 2018 is \$1,191,700.13. Sen. Stamas and Sen Hansen, worked hard to keep this in the final budget.

This fall we will once again be fighting a legislative initiative (HB 4814, introduced by Thomas Albert 86<sup>th</sup> Dist., co-sponsor James Lower, 70<sup>th</sup> Dist. and Jim Lilly, 89<sup>th</sup> Dist.) that would force all millage proposals onto the November ballot. Stopping this is priority one for MLA.

We fully expect another assault on free speech similar to SB 571 which earlier this year would have prevented libraries and others from communicating with their patrons for 60 days prior to an election.

Additionally, we expect an attempt once again to sneak this in under the radar without full public review.

The tax capture clean up bills will be working through chambers. It will not be an easy battle.