

Board report April, 2017

February 6 I did a Board training session in Hemlock.

OverDrive continues to take a lot of time because of the expiring titles.

I have been working with TLN and Recorded Books to implement the Zinio purchases for the Cooperative. Zinio is up and running for the 30 participating libraries. The go live date is May 1.

As State Aid Reports arrive, I enter the information into the WPLC database and prepare the charts for each member.

We have received a letter from the Houghton Lake District Library requesting membership in White Pine Library Cooperative.

The Zepheira project is underway. The data was sent to be massaged to be compatible with Google searches. The conversion is complete and has been uploaded to the web.

NIS insurance via MLA is now available for libraries. I have been looking into it to see if it is a better deal than what we currently offer. Brian Mitchell will be here to discuss the options on May 17 at 10:00.

LSTA funding is in jeopardy, IMLS is only committing to 50% of funding for next year. (fy 2018) MeL is funded by LSTA. Current allotment is \$4.3 million. State funds make up the rest. MeLCat's cost is \$1.7 million – including LM funding. We should contact our federal legislators to tell them what a great service MeLCat is. Try to personalize your comments. Remember, libraries are not the only agencies being cut and therefore lobbying congress. We need to make our voices heard.

If LSTA is cut, MeLCat will be the last item to be cut, the MeL databases would be the first cut.

LM staff members have been told to visit at least 10 libraries per year – you will likely be contacted.

So far, even though the Legislature is cutting many of the items in the Governor's budget, no mention of a reduction for State Aid. Dept of Ed's budget passed both the Senate and House Committees.

SB 305 and 310 are technical bills to help clear up some questions on the tax captures bills passed last term. They set the effective date as January 1, 2017 rather than fiscal years. We should contact Senators and thank them for passing the tax capture bills and encourage them to pass 305 & 310.

Rep. Maturen (R-Brady Twp.) is re-introducing the "dark store" legislation. Senate Finance Committee Chair J Brandenburg (R-Harrison Twp.), who did not take up the legislation last year says he has no plans to do so this year either.

Delivery costs – local ILS vs non. Discussion on how to make it equitable for all libraries in the UP and LP. MCLS has requested \$40,000 from LM to do a study of RIDES – how it is working, effectiveness, etc.

Delivery: White Pine will pay for 2 deliveries per week. The amount will be deducted from the dues invoice sent in the fall rather than an invoice sent to each library.

2 days/week: \$2,250.00 4 days/week: \$3,461.00 3 days/week: \$2,410.00 5 days/week: \$4,264.00

The 2018 RLC is scheduled for April 30 – May 2, 2018 at the Grand Traverse Resort.

The statistics sheets on the side table are to share with your legislators.

The CDA is planning several webinars. They are: Board Bylaws and how to conduct meetings with Anne Seurnyck, 5/23; HR hiring tools with Brian Mortimer, 6/8 and ADA and reasonable accommodation, A Seurnyck, 6/13. Registration details will be published soon.

September 6, Library Security: A safer place, University Center, Gaylord and repeated September 7 at the Dearborn Public Library.

At the Board meeting today, the final sections of our Policy Manual will be discussed. Once that is done, the Manual will be complete. Then we will start on the Board Bylaws.

Marty, Crowell, mentioned to me that there seems to be quite an increase in MeLCat requests from other libraries. That may be due to the fact that MLCS has discontinued its moratorium on adding libraries into MeLCat and some 45 – 50 have been added in the last 3 or 4 months. There will be more added over the summer. Otherwise, members have been borrowing fewer items via MeLCat.

Here is a link to the Dept of Treasury to find the PPT reimbursements made so far:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/Other_Muni_PPT_Distribution_by_Payee_544979_7.pdf

Less print, video, audio, subscriptions expenditures. --More electronic

Per capita range from \$.45 to \$6.27 Average \$3.19
Houghton Lake average \$4.02

Fewer print materials available, but more AV and electronic.

Overall, more materials available for patrons.

Per capita range from 1.62 to 10.18 Average 5.5
Houghton Lake average 3.96

Visits, reference questions are down, ILL increasing somewhat, but seems to have leveled off. If virtual visits are included, there is a considerable increase in use.

Per capita visits from .59 to 16.49 Average 4.12
Houghton Lake average 6.09
Per capita reference questions from 0 to 2 Average 0.47
Houghton Lake average 0.13

Programming increased considerably, with more attendance.

Per capita range from .02 to 2.78 Average 0.29
Houghton Lake average 0.19

Circulation mostly down across the Cooperative (actually statewide). Yet there are more registered patrons.

Per capita range from 1.06 to 12.86 Average 4.78
Houghton Lake average 3.67

Internet use is down except for wireless use. Without including wireless use in the total, internet use is down in libraries.

We are doing better financially. A few libraries' income reduced, but most increased somewhat. Those with wind mills increased dramatically.

Per capita income ranges from \$8.71 to \$96.50 Average \$32.32
Houghton Lake average \$40.14
Per capita personnel expenditures range from \$0.55 to \$40.54 Average \$14.63
Houghton Lake average \$30.26

Fiscal 12/13 and 13/14 were the most lean years with funding increasing in fy14/15.

Operating expenditures have increased during the last 5 years.

Per capita range from \$5.80 to \$80.93 Average \$25.56
Houghton Lake average \$42.78