

Board report

March 2017

Prepared a letter in support of school libraries for the CDA to send to the State Board of Education.

Brownfield legislation, being referred to as TIF on steroids is being worked on in the Senate. Senator Horn, Frankenmuth is the lead on this legislation. It is being opened to all cities, towns, etc in the State with limited numbers each year. With the passage of the package of bills allowing libraries to opt out of tax capture entities, Brownfields were exempt from the legislation.

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.

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.

LSTA funding is in jeopardy, IMLS is only committing to 50% of funding for next year. (fy 2018)
MeL is funded by LSTA at \$4.9 million. Current allotment is \$4.3 million. State funds make up the rest.
State funding is at the \$1.7 million – including LM funding.
If LSTA is cut, MeLCat will be the last item to be cut, the MeL databases would be the first cut.

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.

The Zepheira project is underway. The data was sent to be massaged to be compatible with Goggle searches.

Delivery costs – local ILS vs non. Discussion on how to make it equitable for all libraries in the UP and LP.

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.