

Board report
December 2017

I have updated the "ask the candidate" questions and revised the library specific handouts for the candidates, and have placed libraries in their proper legislative districts. This should be an active year for us to get to meet the candidates since so many legislators are termed out and will not be running again.

As State Aid Reports come in, I am putting the statistics together and sending out the reports.

The White Pine audit was done November 13th. Jane is in the process of closing out our fiscal year which ended September 30.

The Annual Meeting is set for next year. The theme will be planning and getting ready for changes coming to libraryland.

SB 0278 passed. It creates an interstate library compact. This doesn't have much importance to libraries other than those along borders with other states. In other legislative action, most driver responsibility fees have been eliminated. This may have an impact on Penal Fines.

A trustee training session is planned for June 11, 2018 in Frankenmuth, at the Library. I will be sending invitations to each member board in the spring.

OverDrive, Advantage Plus has added over 525 titles to the general collection. Thank you to those libraries that are sharing their titles.

Reminder that the minimum wage goes to \$9.25 January 1, 2018.

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Rather than getting new desks, we have all decided that new chairs will suffice. So, 3 new chairs have been purchased for a cost of \$623 instead of the \$10,000 budgeted.

PPT reimbursements should have been sent either last November or February. They must go to the library even if there is a parent organization, ie village or township, etc.

NIS health insurance via MLA set to begin January 1, 2019.

At this point, only 1 library is participating in the McLaren insurance offered via White Pine. If no others join in by June 1, we will no longer be able to offer it. We need at least 2 people but only have 1. Let me know if you are interested.

RIDES study is taking place. Is complete and delivered to the Task Force to vet and make recommendations. There is no increase if cost for next year. Invoices will be going out soon – first you will have to renew with MCLS. Remember, you pay the bill and we deduct the cost from your annual membership invoice.

I did Board training sessions in Merrill and Reese.

I have added unique daily visitors from OverDrive and RBDigital to the count of visitors.

Update on IMLS funding. On March 23, the President signed the on-going budget that provides \$9 million more in funding than last year. Michigan's increase will be about \$104,000 – mainly will go to cover increase costs in current products.

The Detroit News had an article 2/15/18 about penal fines and why they are reduced, by 45% statewide. It states that the main reason is that there is a large manpower shortage. Fewer officers are patrolling and writing tickets.

I have been working on updating all the legislative "handouts" to prepare for meeting with the candidates for Michigan legislative seats in November. We will be planning the "meet the candidate" sessions for early fall. Many of the Representatives in the WPLC area are termed out. In the Senate, only Ken Horn can run again.

The updates are based on your State Aid Reports due 2/1/18 which were compiled with statistical analyses and sent to each library.

SB 0828, LIBRARIES, Other, Create administration of opioid antagonists by library employees act. (Jones, Rick (R), 02/15/18)

A bill to allow library employees or agents to carry and administer opioid antagonists in certain circumstances; to provide access to opioid antagonists by certain libraries and library employees or agents; and to limit the civil and criminal liability of certain libraries and library employees or agents for the possession, distribution, and use of opioid antagonists under certain circumstances.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

SB 0829, HEALTH, Other, Allow prescribers to prescribe and pharmacists to dispense to public libraries under certain circumstances. (O'Brien, Margaret (R), 02/15/18)

Amends 1978 PA 368, by amending section 17744b (MCL 333.17744b), as amended by 2016 PA 384.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

HB 5618, LIBRARIES, Funds, Limit state aid at per capita rates to population of in-state residents served. (Hornberger, Pamela (R), 02/21/18)

Amends 1977 PA 889 by amending sections 13 and 16 (MCL 397.563 and 397.566), section 16 as amended by 2001 PA 65.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TRADE

HB 5618, LIBRARIES, Funds, Limit state aid at per capita rates to population of in-state residents served. Passed in the House 3/14/18.

HB 4115, SALES TAX, Exemptions, Increase sales at retail for fund-raising activities by nonprofit organizations exempt amount. (Leutheuser, Eric (R), 01/31/17)

PASSED (76-33) – IE

FCC and net neutrality. The many lawsuits filed have been condensed into 1. At this point, the neutral rules are still on the books and will be until the suits are complete. This could take a year. The current net neutrality rules were upheld by a federal appeals court 6/14/16 and remain in place.

State Aid: Kathy Webb will begin to publish on the LM website which library state aid payments have been sent out, with the date. This is important for non-district libraries. She will send me a link to the site and I will send it out to everyone.

MLA: The Executive Summit will be June 1 at the E Lansing Public Library. It will stress strategic leadership and change management.

Here is an excellent place to go to find programming for all ages:

<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/best-blogs-programming-librarians>

For information on population demographics and statistics form the "Kids count in Michigan data book"

http://www.mlpp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-KCDB_41_Apr_5_Updated.pdf

and the "2018 Kids count in Michigan data book", Michigan League for public policy

<http://www.mlpp.org/kids-count/michigan-2/2018-kids-count-in-michigan-data-book>

Malisa Pyles, Board Chair has notified me that she will need to resign from the Board.

OverDrive

Thank you to the following libraries for making their Advantage collections available to the entire Fueyourmindedigitalcollection library. This has eased the "holds" backlog somewhat and helps with the budget.

Advantage member	Date they enabled Advantage Plus
Aitkin Memorial District Library	8/25/2017
Briggs Public Library	8/24/2017
Harbor Beach Area District Library	8/28/2017
Moore Public Library	8/28/2017
Theodore A. Cutler Memoiral Library	12/7/2017
Thompson Home Public	8/25/2017
West Branch District Library	8/30/2017

MEET THE CANDIDATE LOCATIONS

QUESTIONS