

Board report  
August 2018

I was able to attend the Rural Libraries Conference, along with 62 other White Pine Member trustees and staffs. WPLC paid the registration and hotel for 21 people, for a cost of \$7,898. The budget for this program was \$11,000.

Reimbursements for attendees at the RLC have been completed.

The OverDrive CPC titles have been circulating well. I added non-fiction, some children's early readers, some young adult titles as well as multi-cultural and Spanish titles.

June 11, 2018 Trustee training, in Frankenmuth, 37 people attended.

State budget is adding 155 more state troopers. That should increase Penal Fines. MSP numbers had gone down to 800 troopers from the goal of 1,600-1,700.

Some other library related legislation that has been introduced:

- State Budget
- **HB 5090** Rep. Scott VanSingel (R-Grant):  
Changes how fines from weigh stations are distributed. Failure to stop at a weigh station would be changed from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction and exempt certain vehicles.
- **SB 828 and 829** Sen. Jones (R-Grand Ledge) Sen. O'Brien (R-Portage):  
Legislation addressing Narcan and library liability.
- **HB 5909** Rep. Adam Zemke (D-Ann Arbor):  
Require every public school in Michigan to offer a library beginning in the 2018-19 school year that meets certain criteria.
- **HB 5911** Rep. Christine Greig (D-Northville):  
Require a principal or other appropriate administrator to designate an individual to supervise students in a school library when a certified media specialist is not present.
- **HB 5910** Darrin Camilleri (D-Brownstown Twp.):  
Require a school district board to employ at least one certified media specialist for each school library operated by that district beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Bill aims to legislate net neutrality:

Congress may soon vote on a new bill that would set net neutrality down as a matter of law rather than a set of rules to be changed every few years by the FCC. The [21st Century Internet Act](#), introduced in the House by Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo., right), would ban blocking, throttling, and paid preferential treatment, codifying the 2015 net neutrality rules as law and setting the FCC as the official watchdog. The bill, announced July 17, would modify the Communications Act of 1934 and add a new Title VIII full of stipulations specific to internet providers. Coffman had earlier [signaled his intention](#) to sign on to a request for House leadership to hold a vote on the Congressional Review Act to restore the net neutrality rules. The initiative currently has [177 out of 218](#) needed supporters....

Invitations to all the legislative candidates for WPLC have been sent (39 invitations). I will send a complete schedule to everyone once the MMLC has its candidates scheduled. We share legislative districts with 8 other cooperatives. I'm coordinating with other directors to schedule and find locations for the "meet the candidate" sessions. Please plan to attend a session for your districts. Invite your board members, friends groups and staff members to attend. Schedule is on the back table. I will send out e-mails as well.

Replacements for White Pine Board Members whose terms expired have been found. Jill Fox has agreed to complete the term which opened with the resignation of Malisa Pyles.

State-wide OverDrive access pilot. This may work toward access to all the OverDrive Advantage Plus holdings for libraries that choose to participate. All current rules would remain – local patrons still have priority.

Advantage + members have contributed 2,044 additional titles = 2,197 copies to the general collection. That has helped reduce the length of time those with holds have to wait.

Tor, division of Macmillan, announced July 19 that it will no longer sell new titles to libraries for 4 months.

RIDES study report completed. The Advisory Committee will be met in July to go over options and make recommendations to the Administration. Negotiations have begun for the next RIDES contract / Pro Med. There will be an increase in cost for FY2020. The full report is available at the MCLS website.

Liz Breed is the MeL Coordinator.

Recent legislation signed into law requiring Medicaid recipients to work 20 hours a week may result in libraries getting calls for volunteers. The work requirement now won't begin until 10/1/18. However, working at a non-profit can only account for 3 months of the 12-month period. The SCOTUS decision allowing states to collect sales tax on companies without in-state presence, and State marijuana and betting all should bring many more tax dollars into the State coffers.

State Aid increase of 9% = \$0.3968947 per capita. \$7.94 density payment

The CDA is looking into Penal Fines and their decline and will be asking for dollar figures again this year to try to determine why they have gone down so much in most counties. By the way, in most counties, if you request monthly payments, that can happen. Please send the amount of Penal Fine money you received between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Webinar “Removing the Barriers: A library accessibility workshop” will be held November 9, 2018 8:30am – 3:30pm at the Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids. Cost is \$50. Per attendee. There will not be any remote access available.

Content:

- Designing new buildings and renovating older ones
- Overcoming barriers to access in collections & programming
- Advocating for the disabled patrons
- Providing access to websites and online materials
- Complying with ADA legal requirements

I hosted the CDA for the August meeting last Friday. We met at the Montague Inn on Washington St.

Policies workshop/webinar November 24, 2018 from 12 noon to 1 with Ann Seurnyck. No cost.

Visited Bridgeport PL on June 27 and will be returning to do a Board training on the 28th.

Money Market account. Three have been 3 instances of deductions from our account based on a debit card. This account does not have a debit card. The issues have been cleared and the money restored to our account. We need to review each statement for anything surprising.

“Mini Rural Libraries” conference being planned for next spring. White Pine, if Board approves, will plan to assist members financially to attend or contribute funding. White Pine has volunteered to act as fiscal agent for the conference (is already the fiscal agent for the Cooperative Directors Association).

Health Insurance via MLA: The by-laws were approved by the MLA board in June. Then there were some federal legislative changes regarding how association plans are set-up, so that put us back about a month while we figured out with attorneys and the insurance carriers what it meant for the MLA program. Happy to say we sent out a request for proposal to insurance carriers in July, and the due date is August 20<sup>th</sup>. Once all quotes are in we will need a couple weeks to analyze.

We added 2 more libraries to the Movie license consortium that White Pine has.