

Director's Report December 11 ,2019

- 1. OverDrive Reciprocal Lending Program.** This is a slow process. It is completely OD driven as they are contacting the Coops they want to add next. So far it appears they are adding the Coops that have the same ILS. When I talked to Daiva, our OD rep, at MLA she said there is a lot that must take place behind the scenes to get this to work. By adding one Coop at a time hopefully they get the bugs worked out. Stay tuned.
- 2. OverDrive Video.** We now have the option of purchasing streaming video for our OD account. If you are an Advantage member, you can purchase for your collection, too. If this is something we want to do, I can purchase a few titles and see how they do. If it is something we want to continue adding to, then I will need direction on how much money to spend. They have over 40K titles of which a lot are documentary or instructional. They have bundles through places like PBS or Millcreek, but cost \$2K-\$8K/yr. for simultaneous use. Also, Mark Haley is here to share with us what RBDigital has to offer as well.
- 3. OverDrive.** Based on our ebook holding with OD that are Macmillan titles purchased after Nov 1, we have 1 title and there are 24 consortium holds and one library has purchased, and they have 14 holds. Are there titles, authors you would like to see that we aren't purchasing?
- 4. Macmillan.** Although ALA, MLA, COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) and many others circulated petitions in protest to the Macmillan 1 copy purchase, nothing has changed. Randy Riley and several other State Librarians meet with the Macmillan CEO, John Sargent, but so far nothing has come from it. I am viewing a webinar on December 17 called [#ebooksforall](#) put on by PLA so maybe there will be addition info.
- 5. Redistricting.** In 2018, Michigan voted to establish the 13-member Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to pick the lines that will define our future political districts. The state picks who will serve on the commission which will be comprised of four people who affiliate with the Republican Party, four who affiliate with the Democratic Party and five who don't affiliate with either. Applications are open until June 1, 2020 so you can apply if you'd like. The constitutional amendment also requires the Secretary of State to mail out applications to at least 10,000 people at random, but the state sent out 250,000. <https://Michigan.gov/sos> for more info.
- 6. Oakland Community College.** OCC has started a Library Services and Technology program which includes either certification or an associate degree. More information is available at <http://catalog.oaklandcc.edu/programs/library-technical-services/>. The program coordinator is Ellen Robinette and her number is 248-232-4132.
- 7. New Coop Director's Meeting.** Most of you probably know that there are 11 Coops in MI. As of January, there will be 6 with Director's with 2 years or less seniority. The LOM had us to Lansing in October for an overview of the LOM and who to turn to with questions. Very informative and helpful.

- 8. Brochure.** I have created a brochure for the Coop highlighting our services and has some stats compiled from your State Aid Reports. These would be great to share with your Boards/staff. They are also handy when I am at MLA or Rural Library when the Coop Directors host a booth. It is available on our website.
- 9. Website.** Also new to our website are the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Tutorials that Sheila has been working on. When complete there will be 8 short tutorials showing each step when ordering from Worldcat and how to request and update through our Peabody software. And on our front page, there is a link to subscribe to received updates. When Sheila makes changes or adds new items to the website, you can sign up to receive email notifications of the change. Please do!
- 10. Audit.** The audit was conducted on November 11 (during a raging snow storm!) and our auditor will be at the Board meeting at noon.
- 11. State Aid.** Thank you to those who have sent you reports to me. I have received 14 of them so far. Keep them coming! You probably saw on the listserv that for FY2020 you know there is no change in State Aid. The per capita breakdown is \$.39708. I also filed White Pine's State Aid Report on October 25.
- 12. New Trustee Manual and New Financial Management Guide.** These both have been redone and will be mailed to every library within the next few months. If you'd like to view it online go to <https://www.michigan.gov/librarymanuals>.
- 13. NRR No Reservations Recommendations.** Have you checked this out? It is a website for Library Directors to seek out vendors who are recommended by other directors. You can submit your own recommendations and you can access for your own use. It is arranged by categories and by Coop boundaries. <https://nrr.ninja>
- 14. Advocacy.** Debbie Mikula, MLA Executive Director will be at our February meeting. She will be talking about the Legislative Day in April. Along those lines, WebJunction has a great webinar called "[When Advocacy Becomes 2nd Nature](#)". It is not just about lobbying, but how to tell your story and why your library is so vital and important in our communities. I will also be sending out a link to a "[Legislative Day](#)" webinar put on by EveryLibrary Institute. Please take the time to view these and make notes and better yet...tell your story!