

## **Director's Report April 28, 2021**

**STATE AID** If you have not yet received your state aid know they are working on this and will send the payments out based on when your report was received.

**ARPA FUNDS (American Rescue Plan Act)** Michigan is slated to receive over \$4M from IMLS and Shannon White and Karren Reish have been preparing for the funds. Karren sent out a survey on Monday, April 26, 2021. Be sure to answer and get back to her asap.

**BALA FUNDS (Build America's Libraries Act)** This was not included in President Biden's \$3T proposal, and the feeling is that if the proposal is not changed to include long term improvement to library facilities, the BALA may go nowhere. There has not be federal funding dedicated to library facilities for over 2 decades.

**EASY BREEZY CHART OF ACCOUNTS** Hope you were able to attend the Michigan Library Cooperative Directors Association webinar about GASB 84 compliance, the importance of maintaining internal controls, cost center vs line-item budgeting, and using QuickBooks accounting software successfully. <https://woodlands.lib.mi.us/calendar/webinars/>

**LOM WORKSHOPS** Information about New and Advanced Director Workshops will be posted to Michlib-L and emailed to library directors this summer. Beginning Workshop won't be available this summer, but information about the release date will be sent to the listserv as well.

**LOM NICHE ACADEMY** As the LOM is creating content for libraries on the Niche Academy platform, I have been asked to be a peer reviewer for content. If there are topics that you would like to see covered, please let me know and I will pass this along to the LOM. Some topics are eRate and library policies. If you have not gone to the website to check out all the CE opportunities you really should.

**OVERDRIVE** eMagazines will be available in your Advantage account through April 30. You will have to access your own stats for April as I do not have access to your Advantage accounts. Beginning May 1, the simultaneous use eMagazine collection will be available to all White Pine libraries who are on OverDrive. I will be able to report eMagazine stats along with ebook and eaudio beginning with May stats. Also there is now a streaming media cost per circ option for you as well.

**BRAINFUSE** Three libraries signed up for Brainfuse.

**INFOBASE** I sent out information about Access Video through InfoBase on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and I understand that their rep has contacted some of you and has plans to contact all of you. The pricing he gave is the same regardless of how many libraries sign up. I believe there are five White Pine libraries that are signing up so far.

**VOX BOOKS & WONDERBOOKS** I sent out the book listing for Vox Books with the March 27<sup>th</sup> update and sent out some additional information in last week's update about Wonderbooks from Playaway. If you are interested in VOX books, a group purchase would be necessary for free shipping.

**AMAZON PRIME** If you are interested in joining the Amazon Prime for Business account, please let me know. This first year is free. Based on how many sign up, it may be as little as \$10/year for the next year. White Pine has 31 libraries signed up so far. There is a free training tomorrow. Jim Flury sent out the flier with the link.

**BOOKPAGE** How did everything go for April/May editions? Hope you saw the information about embedding BookPage on your website.

**SORA** If you are interested in partnering with your local school district to have them access your OverDrive youth collection, let me know and we can work with our OverDrive representative.

**MASTER CLASS ONLINE** I have contacted the Master Class Online organization to see if they offer group purchasing discounts and they told me that their platform is too new at this time, but it is something they may investigate later. Currently this cost is \$180.00 for an annual subscription for one person.

**MLA ADVOCACY DAY** Thank you to those that attended Advocacy Day meetings with your local legislators. The two I attended went well and I appreciated the time they spent with us.

**EMAIL** Sheila transferred our email to Gmail and migrated the White Pine listserv as well. You do not need to change anything on your end. If you want to post to the listserv, continue to use [wplc-discuss-1@wplc.org](mailto:wplc-discuss-1@wplc.org)

**CONNECTING MICHIGAN** I am still attending these Connected Michigan webinars, and awaiting more information from the federal government about broadband grant requirements. I did include a brief write up about the two meetings I attended in the weekly update two weeks ago.

**LIBRARY VISITS** I had hoped I would be driving around and visiting those of you that I missed pre-covid, but I am thinking since numbers are spiking, I will wait until May. I will reach out to you and make sure to set up an appointment.

**LIBRARY STATUS** Please try to keep this google doc up to date for your library. It is a helpful tool to everyone. <https://bit.ly/3mwUaoT>

**LOM DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS** These meetings every other week are a huge source of information for libraires. <https://tinyurl.com/MILibDirMeetingNotes>.