

Director's Report December 9, 2020

AUDIT The audit was completed on November 2 and the results will be presented at the Board meeting following this meeting. Due to cutting back we were able to add \$43k to the fund balance when we had originally thought it may be about \$13k.

PLAN OF SERVICE The Draft Plan of Service was sent out last Friday. I hope everyone had a chance to review. The services are based on the survey taken by members which was completed last spring. Next steps will be for the Advisory Council to make a motion to send to the Board for approval, then if the Board approves, off to the Library of Michigan.

BUDGET 2020-2021 At the last Board meeting it was decided to leave the current budget intact which reflects a 30% reduction to State Aid. The Board felt that it budget can always be amended moving forward, but it may be best to continue to remain conservative since we are not sure what the next two years may hold.

CLOUDLIBRARY AND HOOPLA Not many attended either presentation, but they are recorded if members want to view them when they have time. I think since so few attended there is not much interest as a Coop, so I would encourage members to pursue either platform on their own if they are interested.

<https://wplc.org/2020/11/white-pine-hoopla-presentation-nov-19-2020/>

<https://wplc.org/2020/11/white-pine-cloudlibrary-presentation-nov-19-2020/>

RBDIGITAL CONTENT TO OVERDRIVE All RBDigital eAudiobook content should be migrated at this time to OverDrive. I have noted this on the stats report that I send each month. Since the eaudiobooks are now in your Advantage account, I do not have access to those numbers. I only can report what the Fuel Your Mind group has.

Magazines and comics will begin to be migrated the end of January 2021 and they will be moved in sections like the eaudiobooks were. OverDrive is not allowing a renewal of the magazines through RBDigital. Instead, they have their own simultaneous use (SIM)collection of 3,180 titles at a cost of \$40,000. Comics will also be available in the same SIM use package with a collection of 2,482 for a cost of \$18,500. They will be available with article view in Libby and they will not count against a user's checkout limit. Comics will also transfer at the time magazines are transferred. These current collections expire as of May 1, 2021. More information can be found here <https://resources.overdrive.com/rbdigital-acquisition-faqs/>

LETTER TO OVERDRIVE The Cooperative Directors along with MCLS (Midwest Collaborative for Library Services) sent a letter to RBMedia expressing concerns about changes in RBMedia's content offerings and terms for libraries following OverDrive's acquisition of the RBDigital platform. It was felt that we had already spoken to OverDrive's Steve Potash with no real outcome, so having all Coops and MCLS penning a letter to RBMedia was the next step.

TUTOR.COM I have gotten pricing from tutor.com for the Cooperative as well as individual tiered pricing. The costs are based on 7 hours a day (2 pm-9 pm), 7 days a week for 361 days. For the Cooperative, the cost is \$24,942 and for individual libraries pricing is based on your legal service area:

<10,000 \$1700

10,000-24,999 \$2,550

25,000-49,999 \$4,250

Let me know if you are interested. If there is enough interest perhaps, we can get a better break on pricing.

CORE COLLECTION DATABASES I have contacted our representative with Ebsco's NovelList and am waiting to hear back about pricing for the fiction and non-fiction database collections.

STATE AID REPORTS I filed White Pine's State Aid Report once I received audited figures in mid-November. I have received some of your reports as well and just a reminder to send me a copy of your report when completed.

REMOTE WORK PLAN Make sure you have a Remote Work Plan in place. It can also be a part of your Reopening Plan.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE Make sure you are aware of these new rules for the Open Meetings Act for 2021 and 2022. I will keep you up to date as I hear about any extensions or changes.

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>

ANNUAL MEETING I planned 5 online Annual Meeting Programs and attendance was consistent with an average of 17 attending for a total of 86 over the course of the programs. I hope if you were able to attend, you were able to learn something new or share something with staff. We gave away \$250.00 in gift cards and books, audiobooks, and a few tote bags.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNp4Gdkv-AQ> Ask the Attorney with Anne Seuryneck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eENYX1nvWcY> The ABC's of Q&A with Jeff Milo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brRWRhpHiwI> Rural Libraries and Digital Inclusion with Dianne Connery

<https://wplc.org/2020/11/white-pine-virtual-author-amy-haimrel-nov-11-2020/> A Writer's Journey Does Not Follow a Straight Line with Amy Haimerl

<https://wplc.org/2020/11/white-pine-virtual-author-rachel-gladstone-nov-4-2020/> A Writer's Journey Does Not Follow a Straight Line with Rachel Gladstone

MLA CONFERENCE On October 29, 2020, White Pine streamed the MLA Red Carpet Awards event on our Facebook page. It was a fun way to view the awards and for the first MLA virtual conference, I think MLA did a great job.

LOM DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS If you have not been able to attend these zooms every other Friday afternoons, there is a great google document that has notes, information, and links to all sorts of topics and issues that this pandemic has brought our way.

<https://tinyurl.com/MILibDirMeetingNotes>.

WEEKLY UPDATES I continue to send out the weekly updates and, if there is interest, will schedule a Tuesday zoom just to catch up and share what is going on.