

# Director's Report October 21, 2020

**STATE AID** So grateful that the state aid amount is \$.4299! Although this will be great for 2020-2021, I plan on being cautious as to spending in anticipation of the following years where

**U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAN KILDEE** White Pine Coop, Mideastern Coop, and MLA organized a roundtable with the congressman. There were 5 libraries from White Pine that attended. It was a particularly good meeting as we talked about LSFA and how the Congressman thinks we can gain more bipartisan support. He is a library lover, and he was at the Genesee District Library zooming with us!

**AUDIT** The audit is scheduled for November 2. Once complete I will submit my State Aid report for the Cooperative.

**QUICKBOOKS** We had planned to switch to the online version of QBs, but after 5 hours (yes!) of talking to their support specialist as we tried to set up our account, the support specialist felt this was not a good fit for our company. One of the reasons was our retirement is a SEP and they did not have that type of option. We are trying something different with Jane still doing bookkeeping from home but will remote into the computer in the office and eventually I can print the actual checks here.

**CLOUDLIBRARY** I met with a sales rep from CloudLibrary on Tuesday and found it interesting. Their model is different from OverDrive and I think it will be worth it to have this rep come to an Advisory Council Meeting in the new year. RBMedia's platform was not only made available to OverDrive but to CloudLibrary as well. They are just using it in a different way. Overdrive will eventually have ebook and eaudio books as separate collections to be purchased for 1 year, where CL has the collection as a pay per use where you can set how much money you devote to that collection. You can also set how high you would like to go with the cost or the per use item. They have it broken out into monetary categories. So, if you just wanted pay per use items up to \$3.00/per titles that is an option. They also have the CloudLink where content that you have purchased (not pay per use) is available to your patrons. If there are items with no holds, they become available to all the CloudLibraries in Michigan. But they always belong to you. They also have comics as an add on. Magazines are being worked on and she assured me they were coming. We are going to talk more about pricing in the coming weeks.

**RBDIGITAL CONTENT TO OVERDRIVE** So far 6 libraries have migrated from RBDigital to OverDrive. On Thursday, 15 are moving. I have grabbed stats for these libraries and will incorporate them into the monthly stat information I send out.

**MEMBER HAVING COMMUNITY CENSORSHIP CHALLENGES** I have been working with OverDrive and a member library who has had issues with a group who feels certain erotic literature on OverDrive is offensive to children. I attended their Board meeting this month and will be there again in November.

**MCDA (MI Coop Dir Assoc)** The letter to Library Board Trustees providing information, showcasing educational opportunities, and highlighting all the resources at LOM will be mailed to each Board Chair after the election. We are still waiting for one flyer to be mailed to us that the LOM was having created.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The first two Virtual Annual Meeting programs were attended by about 22 members each time. I also have two authors scheduled for November. I wished more would have signed up, I also understand zoom fatigue and how it just is not the same. But I did want to provide some programming for our “Annual Meeting”, even if it is virtual!

**MLA CONFERENCE** Next week, October 28 & 29 is the MLA Conference. Hope you are registered! Since it is their first virtual conference it should be interesting. On Thursday night they are going to be doing their Michigan Library Awards Red Carpet event. White Pine will have it live streamed on our FB page.

**LOM DIRECTOR’S MEETINGS** If you haven’t 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>.

**LIBRARY VISITS** I have put library visits on hold for obvious reasons. I plan on resuming when I can and when the libraries are ok with me visiting.

**WEEKLY UPDATES** I feel I share a lot of information in my Weekly Update so I may have missed sharing some information here.