

## **Director's Report June 2022**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us at Bridgeport Public Library here in Bridgeport and for Amber hosting!

### **Rides Delivery\***

If you recall, MCLS has been working on a new pricing structure for Rides Delivery. As you may or may not know, the UP is charged about 35% more for delivery than the LP. There is a new pricing structure on MCLS's website, and based on my calculations, it appears delivery will cost us about \$8,000.00 less next year!

### **MI Library is Now!**

If you recall the grant funds go through the end of September and there will be a follow-up survey the grant committees will be sending so the final LSTA paperwork can be completed. Also, this MI Library is Now campaign will continue after the ARPA grant is over. There is now a statewide database available with library contact information and is a good platform for future projects/programs.

### **eMaterial Collection Development Policy and Challenged eMaterials Policies**

Since White Pine curates the Fuel Your Mind OverDrive Collection, last July, the Board adopted an eMaterial Collection Development Policy and a Challenged eMaterials Policy. These are on our website under [Resources-WPLC Documents](#). Alison and I will be looking at these again since we are looking at all White Pine policies.

### **Member Visits**

I am back on the road and have been to a few of your libraries up north. Alison and I visited Sanilac County two weeks ago and had a great time seeing you and your libraries. I also was on the road Monday visiting 13 members and dropping off the yard signs. I even got to attend a Science

Alive program at Ovid! Do have a few more signs to deliver so I will be heading back up north soon!

### **State Budget**

So far the Governor and the House have left State Aid for next year's budget flat, but the Senate has suggested a \$500K increase.

### **Michigan Cooperative Directors Association (MCDA)**

I was appointed the Treasurer for the MCDA at our May meeting. On our financials, you will see a line item for MCDA for this pass-thru account.

I am also working with Linda Adams, Northland Library Cooperative, on a Cooperative Services spreadsheet. This will show in one place, the services each cooperative provides. It will also mention the size of the coop and staff.

### **LSTA Grant Reviewer**

I was asked to be a peer grant reviewer for the LSTA's Improving Access to Information Grants (Literacy/Digital Inclusion and Local History/Special Collections). I am currently reviewing 6 grants.

### **Rescheduled TechSparks 2022**

Our next TechSparks will be this Friday, June 24 at 2 pm. The topic is How to Take Care of Yourself (and others) with Technology.

### **VOX Books Purchase**

All but 8 VOX books arrived at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City on May 31. We have paid the bill for the books which were delivered and invoices went out to libraries that ordered this time around. You should have also received the MARC records for those items. If not, please let me know and I will contact Library Ideas.

## **Comics Plus through Brodart**

TLN is looking at a potential statewide purchase for Comics Plus. I don't have the pricing structure yet, but if there is enough interest they were going to pursue a conversation with Brodart. [PW article on the topic](#).

## **Member Directory**

Just a quick reminder that if your information has changed-email, hours, etc., please let Alison know. I have added your 2020 population as well as your establishment type to your member information in the Directory.

[Member Directory](#)

## **\$300 Grant**

I have heard from 32 members about how they are using the \$300 grant and just about ½ are using the funds for SRP. Others are using it for books, tech, continuing education, and other. Some of the Other projects included a pirate-themed escape room, microfilm digitization, updating furniture, redoing a flower bed, and a summer farm program. Lots of great ideas!

## **White Pine Board Training**

Since the structure of the White Pine Board has changed to three-year terms where three Trustees rotate off each year, I thought it would be a good idea to provide training for those coming onto the Board. I will do this via Zoom since these members won't yet be Board Trustees. Topics I'll cover are our Bylaws, Plan of Service, Personnel Manual, and the Yearly Timeline of when things typically happen at the Cooperative.