

Director's Report October 6, 2021

Welcome! Thank you for joining me at Frankenmuth Wickson District Library and Happy Library Appreciation Month!

State Aid The 2020 populations are not available at the moment, but MI Treasury will be working on downloading to the LOM payment system when they have the information. The LOM has used the old populations to open up the State Aid reporting period. Before any payments will be made, after February 1, 2022, the new population figures should be available. I am currently working on the State Aid report for the Coop as well.

QuickBooks White Pine QuickBook account numbers have been updated to comply with the new standards. We are ahead of the deadline which is next year based on our FY.

Audit Our audit is scheduled for November 8.

H.O.P.E. Grant (Round 2-Michigan Humanities) The Coop was awarded a \$5,835.00 HOPE Grant which will cover about 30% of the cost for emagazines for OverDrive members in 2022. Seven White Pine member libraries also received HOPE grants totaling \$62,435.00. Congratulations!!!

Annual Meeting Update

- 1) Monday, October 4 at 10 am with Ann Phibbs, PhD, Founder and President of Strategic Diversity Initiatives. Eighteen attended and the link to her program and slides are on our webpage. <https://wplc.org/2021/10/beyond-diversity-oct-4-2021/>. Congratulations to Vicki Mazure from Harbor Beach-winner of a \$25.00 B&N gift card!
- 2) Monday, October 18 at 2 pm with author Dan Gutman. Don't forget to register and increase your chances of winner a \$25 gift card, too! <https://wplc.org/wplc-events/>
Link to Dan's website: <https://dangutman.com/>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Dan-Gutman/60020139122?ref=ts
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Library Visits

Visited Director's Jennifer Amormino in Unionville and Briynne McCrea at Bad Axe. Attended the Open House at Millington to see their renovations and welcome Sarah Rick as the Director. Also met with a director at a coffee shop to discuss some issues they didn't want to talk about in their library.

DEI

Coordinated and hosted a virtual program for all the Coop Directors about DEI with Alfredo Hernandez, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from the MI Department of Civil Rights.

Ancestry Library Edition

Hosted an informational webinar about Ancestry Library Edition with Rick Nelson, Sr. Product Manager, News and Genealogy with ProQuest. <https://wplc.org/2021/09/ancestry-library-edition-sep-21-2021/>

Too Small To Fail Conference Summit

I attended a conference hosted by Too Small to Fail and the Laundry Cares Network called “Reimagining Together: Learning in Everyday Spaces”. The summit was scheduled for three hours a day over 3 days. I thought the speakers were excellent and the information shared was very informative about how to look at community spaces in new ways.

ARPA FUNDS (American Rescue Plan Act) Still waiting to hear due to the legislature getting the budget done at the end of September.

BALA FUNDS (Build America’s Libraries Act) There is still no movement on these funds.

MLA

- MLA’s Annual Meeting, *Connecting to the Future*, is virtual this year and will be on Wednesday, October 13, and Thursday, October 14. I will be in the MLA Booth as well as the Michigan Cooperative Director’s Association booth for portions of Conference.
- I serve on the Nominating Committee for new Board members for MLA. I have reached out to a few White Pine members hoping they might consider running. There is not much representation from our area or smaller class size libraries. MLA is committed to encouraging members of the library community who have diverse backgrounds, represent all parts of Michigan, and hold positions in all types of libraries, to become involved with the organization by either running for the Board or serving on a workgroup or committee.
- The White Pine Facebook page will live stream the MLA Awards event on October 13 at 7 pm. Be sure to tune in!

OVERDRIVE

- Fees will be the same as last year as I was able to renew our contract with OD under the same terms we have last year. Billing to members will go out in November.
- A few member’s patrons have experienced an issue with the Libby app on older IOS devices. There was an internet encryption change on the web and it seems to be impacting older IOS devices. OD is working on its Help page to update customers about the situation. In the meantime, if you log into your OD Marketplace account and click on support, go to the bottom of the page, and click on technical support. You can then submit a tech ticket on your patron’s behalf. This way they can look at the individual device and exact issues your patrons are having.

Office Manager

The job description is on our website and has been posted to our Facebook page, the Facebook jobs page, an ad will be in the Tuscola County Advertiser as well as on our list serve and Mich-lib. More information at www.wplc.org/officemanager