

## **Director's Report April 2023**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us here at Beaverton Branch of the Gladwin County District Library and thank you John, Amy, and Izzy for hosting!

### **Library Trustee Webinars**

**The Library of Michigan is offering a two-part training course for Trustees.**

**Part 1: Trustee Training 101: The Basics – May 9, 2023, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**

**(ET)** – This session will cover the basic information newly appointed or elected library trustees should know to begin their tenure governing a public library. What to know, who to ask, and how to avoid pitfalls

**Part 2: Trustee Training 102: Advanced Trustees – May 16, 2023, 1:00 pm-**

**3:00 pm (ET)** -As the governing body of a public library, library trustees often must manage situations involving personnel, public finance, politics, and other issues that could have significant consequences if dealt with incorrectly.

### **Board Training**

I was welcomed by Sara and Brett at Briggs District Library in St. Johns to provide Board training in Early April, and I am set to head to Bridgeport and attend Amber's Board meeting for training as well in May.

### **Mango Languages**

I sent information about Mango Languages last month in one of my Weekly updates. I only heard from 1 member that they might be interested in a webinar with the rep. If anyone else is interested, please let me know.

### **OverDrive**

Woodland Library Cooperative will be joining RLA within the next month or so.

**Deep Dive and Notify Me** were added to Libby and as I place orders, I have

noticed some titles have the Notify Me tag highlighted with a number, so I know that patrons are interested in that item. Here is a link to the [video](#) on their site.

<https://link.overdrive.com/getting-started-reciprocal-lending>. Visit the [Resource Center](#) page for additional information about deep search and Notify Me, including FAQs, promotional materials, and training resources.

## **OverDrive and Your Library Contact Information**

One of our representatives from OverDrive has been doing an audit of contact information available to patrons if they need to reach out to their library. None of Our libraries had their contact information on the site. If you would like to update, follow the directions in the Marketplace Help article on [changing or updating the library contact information](#).

## **Book Challenges Workshop Coming Soon**

There is a group in MI working with MLA's MI Right To Read to create a "Book Challenges Workshop" to help libraries prepare to deal with the ongoing attacks on libraries and attempts to censor collections. The group is hoping to begin offering virtual workshops to every Michigan Cooperative member. The planning is still in the preliminary stage.

## **MeL Databases**

Scholastic resources are now back after a brief absence. You can find them in the Ebsco database.

## **Rides Delivery**

Since I get questions about this each year, I wanted to remind you about RIDES delivery. Pre-renewal pricing information will be emailed to direct delivery libraries in April. Remember, you need to pay for your delivery (2-5 days), then in October/November when White Pine bills for membership, we deduct the cost of 3-day delivery. If you have questions, please email me.

## **MAP Overhaul**

Mid-May rollout is expected for the new website and updated logo. A White Pine member asked how this is paid for. Each Cooperative contributes financially and TLN hosts and manages the program. If you know of any place near where you live that you think would be a good addition to the MAP site, let Jim Flury at TLN know or you can also reach out to them and give them Jim's contact info.

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## **Programming Google Doc**

[Google Doc Programming Listing](#)

Please add performers and contact information. There are about 15 performers listed in the doc so far.

## **Library Policies**

I recently have had a few members contact me about **library policies**. Creating, reviewing, and updating policies are so important as you know, especially in this book challenge climate. This is by no means a complete listing.

**WPLC:** [Resources tab](#)

**LOM:** [Niche Academy Library Policies](#) If this link does not work, go to the [Continuing Ed](#) page, and click on Niche Staff Skills and then search library policies. [Administrative Resources](#)

**MLA:** [Policies Webinar](#) This webinar is wonky at the beginning. It appears to start about the 1-minute mark.

**ALA:** [Library Policies Guidelines](#)

**Kent District Library:** [KDL Policies](#)

**MI Right to Read:** [MLA's Intellectual Freedom Tool Kit](#)

## **Housekeeping Reminders...**

**Member Directory** Just a quick reminder that if your information has changed-email, hours, etc., please let Alison know. [Member Directory](#)

**New Business**