

Director's Report June 2023

Welcome! Thank you for joining us here at Columbiaville Township Library in Unionville! Thank you to Amanda and her staff for hosting this time around!

Senator Kevin Daley and State Representative Matthew Bierlein

BUDGET

I attended an office hour in Vassar with Daley and Bierlein on Monday. I was asking about the state budget, and both said that Republicans have had no input in the \$81 billion budget. I saw yesterday that the Budget Conference Committee was scheduled for last night at 6:30. They are hoping to have some information by the end of the week.

OMA

A new proposed OMA was talked about but there are a lot of moving parts. They understand the distance barrier but also feel the need that Boards need to meet in person so the public can address them that way and not virtually. They talked about making rules that differentiate appointed boards vs. elected, but I mentioned that libraries have both appointed and elected boards. There is a committee assigned but they have a long way to go. Stay tuned.

SOLAR FIELDS/FARMS

There is a big push for solar power, but it could severely impact farms if DTE or Consumers offers a big payday to a farmer, and they opt for that rather than keep the farm. A difference between solar and wind turbines is that there would be no yearly depreciation. Instead, the taxing authority and the utility would come up with an agreed-upon amount, which is what the taxing authority would get each year for a certain number of years.

MIHI Funding

MI is set to receive \$1.5 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. This will expand access to over 200,000 resident unserved and underserved across the state. Funding from this program is from the \$65 billion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Each state and territory received a minimum of \$100 million and the remaining allocation is based on the

number of locations currently unserved by high-speed internet. MI received the 4th highest allocation.

Book Challenges Workshop Coming Soon

A group in MI is 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 offering these virtual workshops to every Michigan Cooperative and currently, the date for our Cooperative's webinar is July 11 at 2 pm. However, if you can't make that one, there will be three other days including July 10, August 15, and August 22. All will be at 2 pm.

Emergency Operations Plan & Lockdown Procedure

A member asked me if I had an Emergency Operation (Crisis) Plan or a Lockdown Procedure in the case of an active shooter, for example. I did not so I contacted our Emergency Manager and 911 Director to see if they had something.

Emergency Operation Plan

They basically had information for schools, but the packet shared with me could be adapted for libraries which is what Millington Arbela District Library did. I will send out the documents if you want to adapt something for your library.

Lockdown Procedure

Basically, the procedure would follow the Emergency Operation Plan and maybe a tiered response: Secure Mode-a threat outside of the library. Shelter in Place-all doors locked due to a threat inside the building. Run Hide Fight (Active Shooter)-escape plan, where to hide, fight when life is in danger.

MAP Overhaul

Has everyone updated the links on their website to the new MAP logo and website? There have been a lot of shares on Facebook which has been great to see patrons engaged and noticing the site! 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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VOX Books

Thirteen libraries placed an order through the Cooperative saving nearly \$660.00 on books, and \$300.00 on shipping!

\$300 Grant

To date, 38 libraries have sent in their information about how they will spend their \$300. No surprise, 60% are using it for Summer Reading. (\$11,400)

Library Association Membership Reimbursement

So far 20 members have turned in the reimbursement for and receipts for library association membership. (\$10,611)

Don't leave money on the table! If you haven't sent back your \$300 grant letter, do it when you go back to your library. The only stipulation is you let me know how you are going to spend the funds. As for the library association membership reimbursement, if you haven't joined MLA, ALA, or ARSL, consider doing so! The amount reimbursed is based on your expense budget. We follow the same amount as if you were to pay for an MLA organizational membership. You need to fill out the [Reimbursement Form](#) and provide your receipt showing you have paid for your membership.

Hoopla

Currently, there are 9 members who have Hoopla or are in the process of getting it set up. White Pine is contributing \$300.00 to each library annually to help defray the cost of the pay-per-use model. If anyone is interested in this service, please let me know.

Plan of Service Survey

The Plan of Service Survey (our road map for the next year) will be sent to members in mid-July. Your input is necessary to help guide the Cooperative next fiscal year. Please take the time to fill out the very simple Google form!

OverDrive

Woodland Library Cooperative joined RLA so now there are eighteen content groups including White Pine that patrons have access to. **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.

Was also able to take advantage of the Friday Frenzy events so far this year and have received just over \$1400 in content credit!

Board Training

Provided Board Training to Amber's Trustees in Bridgeport in May and fielded some great questions from new Trustees.

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 important, 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](#)