

Director's Report October 2022

Welcome! Thank you for joining us here at Thomas Township Library and thank you to Tari for hosting!

Amazon Business Prime and Revolving Credit Line

TLN and Amazon.com have scheduled three webinars concerning the Amazon Business Prime for Michigan Libraries program. Please see below the registration link and webinar agenda from Alyssa Rogalski, Senior Local Government Customer Advisor at Amazon.com.

The webinars will take place on the following dates/times:

Thursday, October 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The material covered in each of the three webinars will be identical. Thus, you need to register for only one session. **Many libraries have been receiving letters concerning the ongoing phaseout of the Synchrony Bank Amazon Corporate Revolving Credit Line program. The webinar represents a good opportunity to ask questions about that topic.** And for libraries that have not yet enrolled in the Amazon Business Prime for Michigan Libraries program, the webinars will be a great time to learn about the many benefits of doing so. Please let Jim Flury know if you have questions. jflury@tln.org or call at 248-536-3100 ext 133.

Library Association Reimbursement Program

To date, twenty-three White Pine members have requested reimbursement for dues to Library Associations like MLA, ALA, and ARSL. Click this link for more information about this pilot program.

[Library Association Reimbursement](#)

MI Library is Now!

The ARPA Digital Content Survey results are in and they are so impressive! There were 773 responses many with comments and narratives. I have written the final report for LOM minus some stats that OverDrive and MLA were providing. Once I have additional stats I will share them with you. I don't have stats for the Technology Kits Survey.

Michigan Cooperative Directors Association

I am on the Continuing Education Committee and we are working on a webinar for early 2023 about Policy Equity. Stay tuned.

MLA

If you are interested in serving on the [MLA Board](#) the call for nominations runs through November 4. If not the Board, consider serving on a committee or being an ambassador. I think there are over 150 librarians who serve in different capacities with MLA. It is a great way to network, learn, and help our profession move forward.

<https://www.mibraries.org/get-involved>

MLA Conference

I hope to see many of you at the MLA Conference in Port Huron! If you are there on Wednesday, I highly suggest you attend the Awards Dinner. One of our very own will be honored!

TechSparks 2022

The last TechSparks was on AI and due to technical difficulties was canceled. However, Beth is recording it and will share the details of how to view it soon. The last Beth Z TechSparks will be in December.

Summer Reading Program Brainstorming Zoom

Sarah Rick and Amy Beckman from Millington suggested a WPLC zoom brainstorming session for next year's SRP. CSLP's Summer Symposium is occurring again on December 8th (virtual), and Cathy

Lancaster will be doing the virtual round tables again, probably by February to brainstorm ideas. Would you still like one just for WPLC folks?

Committees...

Last meeting I asked for volunteers to help with initiatives that were suggested by members in our annual Plan of Service Survey. Please let me know if you would be willing to help out with either of these committees.

- **Tech Committee**

I have one volunteer for this committee. Last week I sent an email to the listserv asking for your local tech company or if you do tech in-house. I am looking at the responses and thinking about what direction to go. Since we are spread out, I am not sure how coordinating tech services makes the most sense.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1D8TVt_u1dbvRKF7C-g3iSLqBuquoVhIPV0xBtoyjCys/edit?usp=sharing

- **Programming Committee**

I have two volunteers for this committee. I am thinking about another google doc where you can share your favorite performers' names. Once I have a good listing, I would like to reach out to these people and see if they would submit a 3-5 video about what they do and tie them together in a longer video the members would have access to. I would also try to negotiate a discount. Scheduling would be up to each library. Other thoughts?

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](#)

Alison's New Hours

The Board approved for Alison to work up to 30 hours a week so her new hours will be 9-4 M-F. Due to her workload taking on two other employees' jobs plus getting acclimated to White Pine in general, the additional hours will help her get other projects done that are not just the day-to-day job responsibilities.

White Pine Board

I would like to welcome Amy Beckman-Millington, Chrisitan Dunham-Vassar, and Nicole Markel-Sandusky, as your new Board members. The four of us met via zoom for orientation so I am sure they are ready to go! So, since there are three new members, that means we say goodbye to the Board members who have served for the past two or three years. If you recall we transitioned from a rotating 2-year term to a rotating 3-year term.

I would like to recognize Pam Williams-Frankenmuth Wickson District Library, Jamie Paille-Houghton Lake Public Library, and Charlie Mitchell-Brown City Public Library for their service to White Pine. These members helped guide our Cooperative during the Covid years and I appreciate all the help and support they have given me. Thank you for your service!