

Director's Report February 28, 2024

Welcome! Thank you for joining us here at Alma Public Library in beautiful downtown Alma and to Lorrie and her staff for hosting!

New Directors!

Welcome Larissa Schneidewind to Elk Township Library in Peck and we welcome Jen Kisbany back to Deckerville Public Library!

Traveling Librarians

I was able to attend the Traveling Librarians at Sandusky District Library in January. Thanks to Christian for setting it up and to Jessica and Nicole for hosting! It is always a great time to see what librarians are doing in their community. Check out White Pine's Facebook page for photos!

Navigating Material Challenges for Library Trustees - MLA Connect Advocacy Hour!

I presented with 5 other Cooperative Directors and Clare Membiela from the LOM. We had 14 Directors/Trustees from WP libraries attend. Please note recordings of all MLA Advocacy Hours are available to watch for free and on-demand at [MLA Connect On-Demand](#).

Seed Lending How To

Melissa Armstrong from Caro Area District Library presented a virtual program on February 14th about how to start a seed lending library. We had 14 attend. The recording and handouts are available on our website.

SRP Brainstorming

Held our second SRP Brainstorming session on January 26 with 10 in attendance.

BookPage

After library input, we settled on the number of copies for BookPage for each library. We went from 1,000 a month to 800. This will cost a little bit less but also save on the extra copies available that libraries have to recycle. To view your library quantity, [click here](#).

White Pine Policies

We have been working with Anne Seurnyck on White Pine's Administrative Policies and will present them with changes to the Board at our meeting.

Digitalization of White Pine Records

Our digitization plans got a big push thanks to Christian Dunham and his donation of a copier and toner to the Cooperative! Alison and I will work on getting a plan in place to move forward.

Promotional Piece for Advocacy Day

I was able to use the State Aid database and filter down information to create a "White Pine By the Numbers" handout that will be distributed to legislators for Advocacy Day. I will share it with members when completed.

UofM Cohort Post-Pandemic Public Library Program

I am in Cohort B and have found the first two sessions very informative. I would highly suggest you read HEAL (Healthy Eating & Active Living at the Library) from **Dr. Noah Lenstra's Let's Move Libraries project**. I found the information very inspiring and loved the success stories that were shared.

<https://letsmovelibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/HEAL-Book.pdf>

Positive Pay with Independent Bank

We have begun using Positive Pay through Independent Bank as another form of protection against fraud. We don't write many checks except in October/November, so our cost should not be very high.

- Monthly Package Fee: \$20/month
- Per Account: \$5/each
- Per Check Uploaded: \$0.10/each
- Per Paid Exception: \$0.10/each
- Per Returned Exception: \$10/each

ALA United Against Book Bans Book Resumes

I know this was shared on our listserv and Alison has added it to our Resources page on our website, but I thought even if you are not having challenges, what a great resource to consider for other books, too.

<https://bookresumes.uniteagainstbookbans.org/>

Michelle Bradley, Library Development Manager, LOM

I am meeting with Michelle on Friday to talk about our Cooperative.

[Google Doc Programming Listing](#)

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

Your Library Policies

Reviewing and updating policies is important. Check out these resources if you need guidance.

WPLC: [Resources tab](#)

LOM: [Niche Academy Library Policies](#) If this link does not work, go to the [Continuing Ed](#) page, 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 like email, hours, etc., please let Alison know. [Member Directory](#)