

## **Director's Report February 26, 2025**

What an amazing trip we had on Wednesday to the State Capitol and the Library of Michigan! We were lucky to have Valerie Marvin, our docent at the Capitol, who is truly the best of the best. She shared so many fascinating facts about the Capitol, as well as the history of the State Library and State Librarian Harriet A. Tenney (1869-1891). Not only did she help expand the library's collection, but she also opened it to the public, introducing traveling libraries with about 50 books—our first Interlibrary Loan system!

At the Library of Michigan, we were treated to a wonderful tour. State Librarian Randy Riley welcomed us before the tour and later joined us with the Library Development Team. The Library Development staff gave an excellent overview of their roles and answered questions from our group. It was an educational and fun day! Be sure to check out our Facebook page for photos from the day...It may take me a few days to get them on there...I took a ton! 😊

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I am including my Director's Report here since we didn't have an Advisory Council meeting yesterday, just a Board Meeting.

### **OverDrive Advantage Training**

On February 5, I hosted an OverDrive Advantage webinar for members. Nineteen members attended and many told me it was great to get this one-on-one support. As OverDrive is always updating and enhancing its interface, I may plan on doing this twice a year based on member input.

### **Patron Point**

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, I hosted a Patron Point webinar with our representative. Four WPLC members attended and I did share the recording with all members in case they are interested. Our rep mentioned that the cost is based on the number of patron emails (not population or card holders) the library has as this is a digital marketing product.

### **ASL Deafined**

I am working with Kevin Hogan of ASLDeafined to provide a better pricing model for smaller libraries. We are hoping to have something for members in March.

## **Book Repair Workshop by Demco's Book Doctor-Registration Opens March 3, 2025**

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 10 am-1 pm, White Pine will host a Book Repair Workshop at Bullard Sanford Memorial Library in Vassar. Attendees will learn book repair basics and more advanced repair techniques. There is a minimum of 40 to attend with a max of 50. All supplies will be provided and everyone in attendance will receive a new pair of scissors! Plus, this is FREE so get it on your calendars now, so you are ready to register when the time comes!

## **Reimbursable Services Support Program Grants**

So far, 8 WPLC members have submitted receipts for the Reimbursable Services Support Program Grants. Six have used all their allotment of \$900. Most requested funding for Programming/CE (\$5,558.93), next was legal services (\$900.00), and IT/Tech Support (\$750.00). [Submission Form](#).

### **Accessibility at WPLC**

Alison and I will be working on our website and related documents.

### **Notary Services**

I have renewed my Notary Commission, and Alison applied for the first time and is also a Notary.

### **Marketing Makeover**

Brown City District Library was selected as one of the 6 libraries to receive a free marketing makeover with Trenton Smiley from Midwest Tapes! The three of us met in early February and talked about what Brown City does now and how they will work together going forward. LCM is hosting this project.

### **April Meeting in Merrill**

Tiffany will be hosting our April 23, 2025 meeting at her library and we will get to see their new elevator and newly remodeled library! She also has been working with the Emergency Manager of Saginaw County and he will do a Stop the Bleed presentation/training. Those in attendance will receive a Stop the Bleed Kit to take back to their library. White Pine is paying for the kits for this program.

### **Member news:**

- **New Directors:** I met with Melissa McCarthy from Thomas Township Library in January. I am hoping to meet with Sharona Rosnick in March. I also attended the Traveling Librarians in Reese in January.
- **Briggs District Library, St. Johns Open House** Alison and I are planning on attending Sara's Open House on March 4 in the afternoon. Excited to see the transformation!
- **Bad Axe Area District Library** At the end of January, I stopped in to see how things were going for Briynne at Bad Axe. She is undertaking a big renovation project and she gave me a rundown of what exciting things will be coming!

### **Housekeeping Reminders...**

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

### **WebJunction Webinars**

**Healthy Places by Design: Advancing social connection and community wellbeing  
Neurodiversity and libraries**

These upcoming webinars are open for registration. If you can't attend a live session, all WebJunction webinars are recorded and available for free in the [Course Catalog](#).

**Embracing neurodiversity: Cultivating an inclusive workplace for neurodivergent staff.**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, ♦ 3:00 pm Eastern ♦ 60 minutes

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/embracing-neurodiversity.html>

**Supporting communities impacted by incarceration through library services**

Thursday, March 13, 2025, ♦ 3:00 pm Eastern ♦ 60 minutes

Registration: <https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/impacted-by-incarceration.html>

ALA Building Library Capacity Grants

Hoe To Get On A Youth Media Award Committee

Bella de Costa Greene: deCosta Greene was the first Director of the J.P. Morgan Library in NYC. There are a few books about her life especially the most recent, *The Personal Librarian* by Benedict and Murray.

Potential Federal Cuts to Libraries

Words Matter