

Board report

December 2016

The “Meet the Candidates” sessions (10) are complete.

Accounting for libraries workshop went very well.

Attended the MLA Annual Conference in Lansing in October.

Potential speakers: John Carlin, Ai Squared, for visually handicapped software sources

TEILandmarkaudio: rent audio materials – no replacement fees.

Mango is again offering reduced costs for consortium members. Is there any interest?

James Nelson from Michigan Humanities Council will speak at the April Ad Council meeting on the services and grants provided by MHC.

Space utilization.

With Fred Schutmaat

Annual Meeting for October 11, 2017 set with location, speakers, Jamie LaRue, ALA on Intellectual Freedom, Holly Hibner and Mary Kelly, Awful Library Books and author Matthew Faulkner, <http://www.mattfaulkner.com/>

There will be a new meeting place for the Annual Meeting – The Golden Glow Ballroom on M-52 (2950 S Graham Rd).

We have received our first State Aid payment.

OverDrive maintenance, large weeding program.

The University of Michigan is slated to go live on MeLCat in early 2017.

Attended the Future of Libraries, ALA in Dexter on November 21.

February 10, 2017 there will be a webinar on the Retention Act.

Attended the MDE’s ESSA informational at the Saginaw ISD December 1.

We have deleted the Fuelyourmind website. It was out of date and not being used.

Under-age drinking is now a civil fine rather than a criminal fine – so fines no longer go to libraries. On the other hand, HB4142 passed 69-37 which increases penal fines on overweight trucks.

HB 4677, PROPERTY TAX, (see below) Assessments, Allow splitting of qualified agricultural property to allow a portion to be taxed differently. Passed in the Senate 12/7/16, 37-0. Passed in the House 10/20/15, 105 – 0. SB852 which will allow Detroit Schools to install cameras on school buses which will photograph anyone not stopping for the bus. The fine collected (\$300 to \$1000) will go to the Schools. It passed in the Senate 34 to 3.

It has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, chaired by Rep. Ben Glardon, R-Owosso.

Conducted a Board training session in Millington 12/5.

Revised QSAC will begin in 2017.

Video on Library Services, Jonesboro Public Library, Jonesboro, Arkansas: URL: www.libraryjonesboro.org

Ben Bizzle.