

Board report  
August 2013

Affordable Care Act. I have spent time trying to learn what this will mean for libraries; and how it will affect the health insurance offered through White Pine. This change affects dental coverage too.


The Museum Adventure Pass is now the Michigan Adventure Pass. Looking for volunteer organizations to participate.

This amounts to approx. 18% increase In State Aid  
Estimated per capita will be \$.29454262 for both 16(2) Direct and 16(4) state aid.  
Library Cooperatives per capita \$.29454262 and Density of \$5.89.

Inter-active map of White Pine members on our web page.

MichiCard will be discontinued September 30, 2013.

Presented the Policies for libraries workshop in Flint for the Mideastern Library Cooperative.  
Presented a Grant writing workshop in our office in April.

 **HB 4887, PROPERTY TAX, Millage**, Limit millage elections to November general election  
(Lauwers, Dan (R), 06/20/13)

Amends 1893 PA 206 by amending section 24f (MCL 211.24f), as amended by 2000 PA 244  
REFERRED TO ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Will result in very long ballots – all millages plus tax-exemption requirements

Rep. Wayne **SCHMIDT** (R-Traverse City (Dist 104)), the chair of the House Transportation Committee, introduced **HB 4762** and **HB 4763**, which would allow locals to use red light cameras. 517-373-1766

Penal Fines: There have been 3 attempts to subvert penal fines since January 1.

I've begun to prepare documents to send to legislators outlining library services in their districts.

URL for assisting patrons with the Health Insurance marketplace  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

The issue is critical to the state's health care plans because many of them are developing insurance products to be offered on the exchange. When all the paperwork is done, 14 companies are expected to offer 170 different insurance products over the Michigan health care exchange.

Don **HAZAERT**, executive director of Michigan Consumers for Health Care, said resources for assistance would be thin.

"When the government is making \$1.87 available to assist enrolling people, resources are going to be very stretched," he said. He also added that estimates are that it will take up to one hour to walk consumers who need assistance through the online health care exchange enrollment process.

With an estimated 1.2 million uninsured Michigan residents who will be mandated to buy insurance under the Affordable Care Act, that could represent a lot of time. As you know, libraries have been listed as a source of information for the public.

A proposal by State Superintendent Mike Flanagan to consolidate administrative services for the state's school districts into more than 50 intermediate school districts has drawn tentative reactions from groups representing both teachers and administrators."

The Cooperative DA is looking at rewriting its 3-year plan and beginning to work on updating QSAC for Cooperatives. If you have comments, let me know.

Legislation has been introduced to protect district libraries if and when municipalities merge.

Personal Property Tax and your .3 mil requirement. Be sure to figure this out. Starting with fiscal year 14, with less income because of PPT, libraries may not meet the .3 mil requirement. I have been working on this but don't have all the information needed yet.

I've been looking at other state libraries to determine if they are offering services that could be used in White Pine and created a new statistic for us – per capita statistics.

This could be an interesting project for libraries. There is no initial cost.

**In Historic Victory for Community Radio, FCC Puts 1,000 Low Power FM Frequencies Up For Grabs**  
<http://www.prometheusradio.org/>

The airwaves are opening! In October 2013, local nonprofits and schools nationwide can apply to start their own community radio stations.

Found Board members to replace those whose terms expire in September – 4 were needed.

August 23 workshop for MeL, with LM and Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative

Rural Libraries Conference, April 30 – May 2, 2014 will be at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Risk management, part I, 9/10/13.

Risk management, part II, 11/8/13

Both will be held at the Delta District Library.

September 11, 2013:

Virtual Vendors at the 9/11 meeting.

10:15 Recorded Books, Brad Gray will present Zinio & OneClickdigital

11:00 Imprint Plus, Sheldon Wilson will present Reusable Name Badges & Signage System

11:20 DearReader.com, Linda Kotopka will present DearReader advisory and Wish List

The Annual Meeting, October 9, 2013 is set.

Horizon Conference Center

Personnel law and changes, Brian Mortimer, Head of Human Resources, Kent District Library

Demographics and its affect on the economy, Ken Darga, State Demographer

How to remain sane in an insane world, Jim Van Bochove