

# Board report

*March 2013*

I attended MLA in Detroit and then took a week off.

White Pine received its 1<sup>st</sup> State Aid payment early November. Remember to send me a copy of your Report when it is complete. I keep up with entering the data into my database for comparison with other, similar libraries.

Visited Port Austin's new construction. It is a beautiful addition.

Several more libraries have signed up for insurance through the cooperative. I am waiting for a report (due in Jan or Feb) from Fosters, Collins and Smith concerning what the Affordable Care Act will mean to libraries.

Ordering for OverDrive and reviewing lists of award winners in e-book format available for libraries. Penguin and Random House are merging into 1 company to be called Penguin Random House. The merger will be complete Mid January 2013. No word on what that may mean for e-books.

I am still following the Personal Property Tax in the Legislature. I spent a lot of time following PPT and its ramifications.

This Legislative session, "clean-up" bills will be needed to take care of issues that are arising. Once the industrial PPT is eliminated, the commercial / utility PPT will be looked at.

Legislative visits:

- October 9, Cass City, two candidates and about 19-20 attendees Terry Brown elected
- October 11, St Johns, one candidate and 2 other (than me) librarians Tom Leonard elected
- October 12, Sandusky, one candidate and 5 other librarians
- October 16, Saginaw, no candidate responded, canceled meeting
- October 22, Mt Pleasant, one candidate and 17 attendees Kevin Cotter elected
- October 23, Clare, one candidate and 2 other librarians
- October 25, Corunna, one candidate and 2 other librarians

Owner Rights' Initiative has been to defend the first sale doctrine – which allows libraries to circulate materials. ALA is working with ORI and other associations to support the first sale doctrine.

Cooperative Director's meeting October 19. I prepared a 5-year report for the treasurer (me) so other members know how often they are billed for membership.

Our audit is complete; I reviewed and made changes to the administrative letter.

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

There will be a "mini" Broadband Conference May 1 in Lansing. Connect Michigan will be presenting part of this. It has prepared maps per county of broadband coverage. Here is the URL:

[http://www.connectmi.org/ecommunity\\_strategies/find\\_your\\_county/michigan/alcona](http://www.connectmi.org/ecommunity_strategies/find_your_county/michigan/alcona)

MeL is revising its search process (discovery layer) for its databases. It will be just like Google. One entry will search all databases as well as MeLCat and display finds. This should be active 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 13.

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

Workshop:

Wednesday January 23, 2013.

Learn to use American FactFinder 2 to access a wide variety of population, economic, geographic, and housing information from the 2012 Census, American Community Survey, Population Estimates Program and Economic Census, in WPLC office

Tuesday March 19, 2013

Webinar on gun possession, with recommended policy for interacting with people who open carry in the library.

Friday March 22

Board: Roles & Responsibilities presentation at the Sherman Twp Library.

Wednesday March 27, 2013

Policies Workshop, in WPLC office

May 29, 2013

Grant writing workshop, in WPLC office

I will present and have been working on the curriculum and handouts.

The Annual Meeting, October 9, 2013 is set.

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

Expect to hear more about the FCC's Digital Literacy Training initiative over the coming year. Libraries will be an important component of the initiative.

Statistics compilations have been completed and distributed.

MeLCat ILL statistics will be sent out quarterly.

Renaissance Zone reimbursements have been revived – put into the LM budget. The MPSERS funding has also been put into the LM budget.

The Night of Notables will be held April 27 at the LM. Michael Moore will be main speaker; although all authors have been invited and most will attend.

The additional funding for MeL has been put into the budget again (\$1.75 million). The revised MeL format will be on a flexible platform (meaning it will accommodate smaller devices such as smart phones).

"Corporate Records Service" company used to be Mandatory Poster Agency and the Labor Law Poster Service Michigan won a \$7,500 payment for enforcement costs and \$10,000 as a civil penalty.

News articles and state agencies from Maine, Texas, Massachusetts, Illinois and Florida indicate that all of these states have been targeted by somebody operating as "Corporate Records Service" between fall 2012 and the beginning of 2013.