

Board report
September 2013

Affordable Care Act. I am still trying to learn what this will mean for libraries; and how it will affect the health insurance offered through White Pine.

One confusing item is the 30 hours a week designation as full time. For part time employees, add total number of hours and divide by 50. That will give you full-time equivalents. That determines whether or not you need to offer health insurance.

Be sure to give the necessary forms to staff members by Oct. 1, 2013.

Last month I reported on legislation to introduce cameras at traffic lights. The Rep. that introduced the bill has now withdrawn his support of it. It will probably no go anywhere now.

I Visited Reese Unity District Library.

Trying to put together information to send to legislators.

I have been working on the end of year statistics and getting ready to prepare the annual reports.

We had discussions at the Coop. Directors' meeting in August concerning delivery. Some to keep in mind:

Drivers are not to change delivery days

Drivers should scan boxes and the barcode in the building

Drivers should take anything that fits in the box – can't refuse to take items.

The Library of Michigan plans to start the newsletter up this fall. It will be electronic.

The October 24 Broadband Conference in E. Lansing (Kellogg Center) is free to library staff – use code on the registration page.

Cooperatives are working on a state-wide discount for Zinnio, for magazines and Hoopla and Midwest Tape for downloadable video.

We are also looking at a statewide program for serial subscription service. Is anyone interested?

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 Zinnio & 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