

Board report

August 2014

Cooperative Directors' Association: assisted in re-writing By Laws and in creating a logo.

The Annual meeting October 1, 2014 is set. We will meet at the Horizon Center.

James Murdock will speak on customer relations

Teresa Irish will present A Thousand Letters

Randy Riley, State Librarian will attend

I have been updating all House and Senate library listings and am preparing district profiles for the meeting the candidates sessions we will be holding.

State Aide will be the same as the current year. The proposed increased did not make it through the legislative process.

Sgt Duane Zook will be speaking on library security September 3 at 11:00

The Ad Council meeting will be 10 – 11. Board meeting from 12:00 – 12:30. Then at 1:00 there will be a performers' showcase until 2.

-Chad Patterson, Acting Up Theater Company

-Kevin Devine, Rollicking Live Music

-Gordon Russ, Magic for All

-Joel Tacey, Michigan's Family Funnyman

At 2:00 Cameron Charbonet, Biblionix, will present a short demonstration of the Apollo Circulation System for public libraries (<https://www.biblionix.com/>); and Jim Forrester will present CoLibri Systems book cover system. Staples. . . .

Renewed health insurance coverage for members who choose to have it.

Renewed Movie Licenses for members that want coverage.

Attended the Rural Libraries Conference on Mackinac Island. There were 19 or 20 WPLC members represented there.

I updated the MeLCat statistics for a statewide project for CDA.

In May, PA 164 was updated. It appears to give more power / strength to boards created under this statute.

The August Cooperative Directors' meeting is in Leland.

Servers replaced with an on-line hosting company, Hostek.com. Therefore, we didn't have to buy new servers. For libraries that White Pine hosts web pages, Weebly.com will be used. There is no charge for those libraries. There are no changes to procedures for libraries unless –other than changing FTP settings - they want to be more involved. Sheila has been in contact with those libraries.

Continue to assist, by way of statistics and comparisons, the Gratiot County efforts for a county-wide millage.

I have been corresponding with incoming president of MLA concerning committee structure of the organization and the need to be more responsive to library community needs.

Our old, unused, 800 number has been disconnected.

Jane has reduced her hours.

You may have noticed that we paid for 2 deliveries this current year. That is why the budget amount of “expense” and income is so different.

We have a full contingent for the next Board year. Four persons went off the Board and 4 were added.

New MeL. Do we want training sessions on how to use it

There will be a “Book repair” workshop at WPLC on Thursday September 18 from 10 – 1.

The Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative’s Performers’ Showcase will be September 25.

November 6, 2014, the Cooperative Directors Association, the Library of Michigan and the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) will provide a program instructing and preparing librarians on interacting with the media.

It has never been more important for librarians to deliver a clear, consistent message to educate their constituents on the value of libraries, and in moments of crisis to effectively present themselves as community leaders. Robert Kolt, of [Kolt Communications](#), will facilitate a coaching session and interactive workshop.

Head of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University and Michigan Radio’s senior political analyst [Jack Lessenberry](#) will address the group regarding “What the reporter really wants – Print and Radio”.

This event will be at the Jackson District Libraries’ Meijer branch in Jackson Michigan. More information will be available soon.

Sonya Norris is now the E-rate contact person at Library of Michigan.

LM is using a new company to compile the annual report. The information remains the same; the presentation will change a little.

Here is the wording for the Ballot proposal 14-1. It will eliminate the PPT and create the mechanism to reimburse local agencies. As you can see, libraries are not mentioned. Also it does not say 100% replacement or even “up to”. This is a concern. When I asked MLA if libraries are included, the response was yes.

**APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT
TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A
LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO
MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL
BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS**

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.