

White Pine Library Cooperative
Director's Report
October 9, 2013

End of year statistics, etc. are being completed.

The Affordable Health Care Act and Michigan law introductions have taken up considerable amount of time.

Karen retired effective October 4, 2013 after 38.5 years of service to White Pine Library Cooperative.

We have been shuffling job duties and re-writing job descriptions, and revised the budget to reflect less staffing hours.

I will attend MLA Annual Conference in Lansing.

SB 546

PA 164 Local Library Act

The Michigan Association of County Clerks is attempting to move SB 546 introduced by Sen. Robertson which revises the Local Library Act to make it consistent with the Michigan Election Code and the District Library Establishment Act. MLA members and legislative committee reviewed the language and requested a number of amendments which were inserted into the bill. We will monitor the bill as it moves through the process.

HB 4887

MLA report on this legislation

One of our biggest concerns is legislation limiting when a millage could be placed on the ballot. HB 4887 introduced by Rep. Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway) limits all millages to the November election. MLA and GCSI have had preliminary discussions with groups such as the Clerks Association who are also opposed to this legislation. The bill has been referred to the committee on Elections and Ethics, chaired by Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons (R-Alto). MLA and GCSI spoke with Committee Chair Lyons who indicated that she has no plans to schedule the bill for hearing anytime soon. During those conversations we were made aware of a bill Rep. Lyons is considering introducing that would limit all new millages to either the August or November ballot. We will remain in close contact with the chair as this process moves forward.

OCLC ILL requests

For White Pine members, there were 597 requests made, 480 items were received and 688 items loaned. For non-members (from other cooperatives) there were 738 requests made, 604 items were received and 29 items were loaned.

These figures will change dramatically next year due to the fact that the major requestors will be joining MeLCat within the next few months.

I completed the State Aid Report Monday 10/7/13