

Board report

September 2015

Tour of Library of Michigan was very informative for the attendees.

You all got the e-mail about scholarships to attend conferences, from LM.

We have changed our phone system at the Cooperative. The FAX line has been discontinued, actually it died, and the 800 number has been eliminated.

Jane and I have worked to finalize / reconcile the FY14/15 budget. She is getting ready for the audit late October.

The OCLC ILL has picked up. The money we get from doing the ILL for other cooperatives is paying the OCLC ILL bill each month.

Registrations are coming in for the Annual meeting in October. If you haven't registered, please go to our web page and sign up. Remember, there is no charge to attend, but if you register and do not show up, you will be invoiced for the meals at \$20.

OverDrive recommendation lists. Are they helpful? J Opperehan Library is joining next month. There are now 40 libraries participating.

Library of Michigan CE scholarships. Information was sent out last month.

The Hantz Group, educational programs for staff and public.

I've been working to find speakers for a literacy program and putting together some workshops for next year – literacy, supervision of employees, accounting for libraries (in November or early December) and Rebecca Lemons, Director, Huntingdon Public Library, IN has agreed to do a presentation for White Pine. I had originally said at our April 27, 2016 meeting, but that is so close to the Rural Libraries Conference. I asked her to switch to the October 12, 2016 meeting – our next Annual Meeting.

Managing Employee Performance; or, How to Boss Your Friends Around

This presentation will focus on managing employees in a small or medium library where relationships are often very close. The objective will be to give people a good strategy for dealing with the tough conversations that they may have to have with people who are friends, or maybe even family. The session will feature tips and tricks for managing performance and will allow attendees to share their own experiences and role play to practice some of the real world situations that they might encounter.