

Board report  
February 11, 2015

I have been working on the Annual meeting for October 2015. The general theme is how libraries can best serve low income populations.

MidMichigan Library League has hired Sheryl Mase as Interim Director, for a 6-month period while the Cooperative is figuring out its future.

Adding Superiorland ILL to our process is going well.

OCLC: \$1754 first quarter income.

Breckenridge will be joining the OverDrive consortium April 1. That will lower the annual fee for everyone to \$307.69 plus the \$100 WPLC fee for a total of \$407.69, plus the per capita fee for new material.

I have spent a lot of time on OverDrive this last month. Changes were made in reports and now it is easier to determine which titles are expiring or will soon. A couple publishers changed their policies, limiting ownership to either circulations or monthly. Since we had many titles from Harlequin, all of which became 26 circulation titles, it took me almost 2 days to review, re-order or slate for deletion. I did delete many titles, not Harlequin; they circulate very well.

The Plan of Service was approved about a week after the last Board meeting, after a reminder was sent out to the membership.

Every three years we have to renew our insurances; the process is complete – other than billing.

Five libraries have not sent me a State Aid Report. I have sent each one a reminder.

Governor Snyder is preparing an executive order to reduce current year spending by 456 million dollars to make up for the shortfall, mainly caused by tax credits issued earlier. Much of it will come from the School Aid Fund, which is not seeing the same shortfall, and is actually larger than expected.