

# Board report April, 2016

Michigan Library Association Report – Gail Madziar:

Budget – libraries being held harmless, \$0.3247 per capita so far. Small increase for Library of Michigan. \$92,000

PA 269 (SB 571) – on hiatus due to injunction and is now permanent.

The Tax capture bills are in the House but probably won't be taken up until after the summer break.

MEDC/DDAs are very strong voice against them.

Dark Stores: We may see legislation by the end of the year. The Tax Committee is discussing this bill today (Wednesday).

Marcus Abood: Gov. set to re-appoint him to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. He is the person that initiated the dark store system. Though he has experience with residential property assessment, he does not have an experience with commercial properties. I did send a note to the Gov indicating Abood did not have the proper experience to be on the Tribunal. Appointment was scheduled for Tuesday. However, the Senate is going to look at the appointment again.

Efforts to us 70% of fines for over-weight trucks for roads.

October 12: Annual meeting planning is complete: Rebecca Lemmons: How to supervise your best friend; and author Johnathan Rand.

Board training in Vassar, several other libraries sent board members as well.

Attended the Traveling librarians' meeting in Fairgrove

Presentation on the Cloud Library, Bibliotheca, and comparison with OverDrive

Attended Hoopla demonstration

OverDrive group meeting with OverDrive to see upcoming options. June 7 at 10:00am

Compiled statistics for OverDrive and State Aid reports.

Cooperative Directors had a visioning session in Gaylord on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Awardees for the Rural Libraries' Conference:

15 grants

Amber Hughey,  
Millington Arbela District Library  
Barbara Auito,  
Sanilac District Library  
Barbara Butch,  
Sleeper Public Library, Ubly,  
Christian Dunham,  
Bullard Sanford Memorial Library,  
Vassar  
Debra Van Page,  
Howe Memorial Library, Breckenridge  
Glenna Ford,  
J E Opperman Memorial Library,  
Kingston  
Jeanette Leathorn,  
Ogemaw District Library  
Marty Rheaume,  
Aitkin Memorial Library, Crosswell

Mary Jaworski,  
Port Austin Township Library  
Sherry Helmuth,  
Pigeon District Library  
Vicki Mazure,  
Harbor Beach District Library  
Billie Jo Bluemer,  
Rachholz Memorial Library  
Jeanette Morrish,  
Thomas E Fleschner Memorial Library  
Nick Loomis,  
Harrison District Library  
Marie Burkolder,  
Iosco-Arenac District Library  
Cynthia Hix,  
Bridgeport Public Library  
Ruth Steele,  
Rawson Memorial Library

Attended the MCLS “discussion” group at Hoyt on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Started working on the FY17 budget. Suggestions:

3-d printers

Comics Plus - Zinio, Pay for platform for 3 years

OverDrive periodicals, Pay for platform for 3 years

May statistics will be late since I will be on vacation until June 2.

Movie Licenses. The renewal sheet was sent last week. Please do respond quickly.

ML has free promotional materials that you can use. I will send the ID number with your licenses.

Withdrawal of the DeWitt District Library. This is, by definition, a “substantial modification” which will require the Cooperative to send out notification to all member boards to approve the revised Plan of Service. We will discuss the PoS today and again in August when we should finalize it. I have been working on revisions to the Plan and will send it out after the Board meeting for everyone to review.

CDA, MLA, MCLS, LM: Fall Reading Program with Maryanne Wolf – agenda is almost set; looking for presenters – 2 speakers and 3 breakout sessions

Harwood – Will be doing a second Harwood cohort in early October with similar format to the one happening this spring.

Delivery:

For the lower-peninsula the picture is clear. We have a new three-year agreement with ProMed. The first year we agreed to a 4.5 percent increase and 3 percent for year two and 3 percent for year three. That was much better than where we started, which was about a 12 percent increase in year one. ProMed also agreed to reinstate 2-day a week delivery, although libraries that get 2 day a week service will see a higher per stop price than libraries that get 3-day or 5-day service.

The per stop prices starting in July will be \$16.50 for 2-day and 13.00 for 3-day and 5-day.

Annual prices are as follows:

2-day: \$1,683.00 per year -- (102 deliveries)      \$16.50 per stop

3-day: \$1,989.00 per year -- (154 deliveries)      \$13.00 per stop

5-day: \$3,315.00 per year                              “ “ “ “ “

The impact of the price increase will be uneven. The subsidy that we had from the Library of Michigan for the past few years has now lapsed, as we originally agreed. The effect of that means that some libraries will see a price increase while some libraries will see a decrease in price. The increases and decreases may be significant.

Libraries shipping over 1000 items per year will be required to have 3-deliveries per week.

Continuing Education Specialist – Shannon introduced Evette Atkin, new Continuing Ed Specialist at LM.

Youth Consultant – **Cathy Lancaster** will be the new Youth Services Coordinator. Cathy is moving back to central Michigan from the Traverse City area where she has been the Coordinator of Youth Services at Traverse Area District Library since 2013. Prior to her work up north Cathy worked for ten years as a

Children's Librarian at Flint Public Library. Cathy has an exceptional background in collaborative projects and early literacy and is a graduate of WSU.

Law Library Specialist– **Clare Membiela** will be the new Library Law Consultant. Clare is joining us after 13 years at WMU Cooley where she is the Associate Director for Library and Instructional Support. Prior to moving to Lansing she was the Head of Reference Services at the University of Miami Law Library. Clare has a JD from the University of Miami and MLS from Southern Connecticut State University.

Remember Summer reading program will be in March starting 2017. Consumer's Energy provides \$32,000 to support the program.

The Every child to Read workshops have been recorded and available free on LM website.

LM has funding of up to \$1500 to attend any library related workshop, including MLA, PLA, ALA, etc. The MeL Business Portal will be unveiled this summer.

State Aid – Kathy Webb reported that not having the libraries do signature letters eased the process; all data has been vetted and payments are being sent out. Libraries need to make sure their mailing information is correct in the CP Express website [www.cpexpress.state.mi.us](http://www.cpexpress.state.mi.us)