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A NOTE FROM THE LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE DIRECTOR

BY CAROL DAWE

Hello everyone. We are thinking of all of you, and hoping you are safe, secluded and still sane. We will get through this together. Thank you all for your efforts to serve your patrons during this crisis!

A NOTE ON THE NEWSLETTER BY KELLY ANN SCHROEDER

Hello! You will see that I did not include much in the way of events. In this uncertain time, I felt I might not be able to promote entirely accurate info, so I left it out this edition. I did try to highlight some things of interest in the regular articles. Don't forget, there are some potentially useful links on our website under Miscellany. There are so many resources available right now. I didn't have room to add them all, so please check out our Social Media pages for more.

MICHLIB-L SUBSCRIBE AND STAY INFORMED

"Michlib-L is an email-based discussion list by, for and about Michigan libraries. Michlib-L was one of the first statewide library discussion lists on the Internet. [For] Library staff, administrators, board members, library school students, Friends of Libraries, and others with a vested interest in Michigan libraries. The list is not for vendors. Click [here](#) to subscribe."

Best viewed online for hyperlinks - www.ilcoop.org/newsletter.shtml

ILS CORNER

BY SHERYL VANDERWAGEN

With the recent Michigan Governor’s executive order to close public libraries, the Lakeland staff has been busy working to make this as painless as possible for member libraries and their patrons. All due dates from 3/14/2020 have been altered to 4/20/20. We will extend this again if required.

With the suspension of LLC delivery services, all paging was turned off to minimize the number of items on your paging lists when you re-open. We will be assisting member libraries with reports to locate items that patrons requested during this closure. The system days closed table has been updated with system-wide closed dates from 3/17/2020 through 4/13/2020.

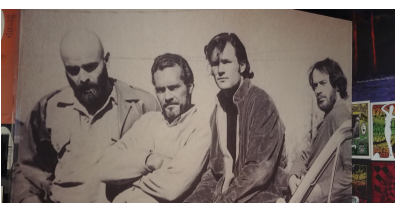
All system notices related to overdue items have been suspended, including Shoutbomb notification. When libraries re-open, they will be asked to refrain from running billing notices for at least one week. Unique Management has temporarily suspended contacting patrons whose accounts are in collections and no new accounts will be sent until sometime in May, if the executive order is not extended.

The Innovative helpdesk has extended all holdshelf pickup dates by 50 days from their original pickup date.

For the Lakeland OverDrive and RBdigital groups, we have temporarily removed the blocks relating to expired cards and money owed. In addition, I have batch updated patron record expiration dates for several libraries into next March. If you have questions or need anything else, please let me know.



Picture of Allison Boyer taken by Michelle Moore outside of Nashville's Parthenon



What children's book author can be found in this picture taken at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum ?

A 2020 PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE

BY ALLISON BOYER

Every two years, the Public Library Association (a division of ALA) holds a conference. This year it was in Nashville and I had the opportunity to attend thanks to a stipend from the Library of Michigan’s Continuing Education Program. If you get a chance to go, GO! It is people from public libraries of all sizes from around the world, and a great way to exchange new ideas. The main conference was 4 days and included great speakers such as Stacey Abrams discussing the 2020 Census (if your community is hard to count, check out www.faircount.org for resources) and Haben Girma talking about accessibility. I attended wonderful breakout sessions and would love to share two of them.

The first is “A Third Grade Reading Project in Rural Missouri.” The Lone Jack Branch (Mid-Continent Public Library) in rural Missouri found that 50% of their 40-60 third grade students were testing at or below grade level. After communicating with their school district and receiving grant funding, library staff started to read to the 3rd grade students every week. With each visit, the students got to keep a copy of that week’s book. By the end of the school year, each student had 24 more books at home than when the year started. This is the second year of this program. Unfortunately, they are still waiting on last year’s testing results. The library did survey the teachers and parents of every student and found that it has increased the students’ excitement and interest in reading!

The second is “A Deep Dive into Diverse Books.” This session was much more than I was expecting. It wasn’t a presentation of a list of diverse books you should own, but rather librarians from the University of Central Florida discussing how they are helping people find books that are “Windows, Mirrors, and Sliding Glass Doors.” With 5 grants, 1 fellowship, 25 student assistants, and a database, a website was born: Diverse Families Bookshelf diversefamilies.org. Youth books are categorized by direct or indirect mentions of disabilities, family relationships, LGBTQ+, or race and culture. They are also broken into a wide variety of subcategories and target ages. The website is browsable, searchable, and constantly growing. It is for libraries, teachers, students, and anyone looking for “windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors.”

If you would like to hear more about either of these sessions, please email me at aboyer@loutitlibrary.org. Lastly, if you ever want to attend a state or national conference and need funding help, apply to the Library of Michigan’s Continuing Education Program for a stipend.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?



Coopersville Area District Library: The dress was created by our talented staff and is composed of 75 short bios of women who have made history. Among them is Maya Angelou, Carol Burnett, Temple Grandin, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Molly Breckinridge, Sandra Day O'Conner, Martha Graham, and many more. It generated interest for our Women's History Book Display. All books on display were available for check out. Also, Kayla has been searching the internet for great learning and entertainment resources that can be done from a safe, social distance. One of her favorites so far is Google Earth Voyager, which includes curated collections of interesting and historic places. Some are accompanied by education videos and most of them are exploitable in street view. She especially likes the "Fairy Tales from Around the World" collection, which ties in perfectly with this year's summer reading theme. Another favorite is skypeascientist.com. Usually, it's just for classrooms and other groups, but they've opened it up for families right now! They'll connect you with a real-live scientist to set up a Skype date for questions and answers, as well as livestreaming.



Henika District Library: We have quarterly themed trivia nights that are hosted at various restaurants in town. February was Disney Trivia and everyone had a *magical* time! The Circulation Supervisor and Adult Services Librarian, Rachel, always emcees and encourages people to dress up and have fun no matter what the outcome of the game itself. We have a raffle for awesome themed prizes as well, so anyone who attends has the chance to win something. Shout out and thanks to 4 One 2 Distillery across the street from us in Wayland, MI for hosting in February!

Howard Miller Public Library: We have started a few new things at Howard Miller. Tween Themed Book Club we recently started a themed book club for 4-6th graders. The point of a themed book club is that we do not assign a book for them to read. Instead, they can pick a book that fits the theme in any way they can justify. Our first theme was "Friendship". It was the first time we have tried anything like this and three students showed up. They didn't even need me! They loved talking about the books they chose and some of their favorite series.

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LAKELAND CALENDAR

lcoop.evanced.info/signup

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON OUR CALENDAR, FACEBOOK PAGE, AND EMAIL FOR ANY UPDATES.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
PASSAGE OF YOUR MILLAGE!

MONTCALM COUNTY LIBRARIES

Lakeland Library Cooperative Member Libraries

March 10, the voters of Montcalm County passed a 10 year millage for the seven Montcalm County Public Libraries! The amount approved is 0.9 mills. We had been operating for the last 30 years on 0.5. We are all extremely relieved and grateful (at least I believe I can speak for all of us when I make that statement). This is super great news for Montcalm County Public Libraries! Thank you, Beth O'Grady

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DORR TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

A Lakeland Library Cooperative Member Library

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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Howard Miller Public Library Continued: We created a list of theme ideas, as well as the next month's theme: Animal's Perspective! I am excited to see how the club will grow over the next year. [Drop-In S.T.E.A.M. Tables](#) On Thursdays in March, we set out multiple S.T.E.A.M. activities for families to explore. The most popular table from our President's Day drop-in S.T.E.A.M. was an engineering/architecture table! [Passive Adult Programming - Origami](#) A staff member set up passive programming for adults in March. We had laid out pre-cut paper and patterns on a table for people. There were also finished product examples for people to look through.

We have 4 virtual programs happening right now! We started this at the beginning of March and it was originally virtual and in-person but obviously that is not working anymore... We are doing a [Book Bracket a la March Madness](#). At the beginning of March we asked patrons to nominate tween and children's books for our tournament. We received 47 books! We then had our patrons narrow down the field to our Sweet 16. The voting for that ended this week and the Elite 8 started. We are using Survey Monkey to record the votes. Each day we are providing a "[Daily Inspiration](#)" on our library blog and social media. The daily inspiration is actually other resources being provided by organizations across the country. My favorite part about this virtual programming is how so many of the resources are engaging for both adults and children. On Mondays, we will be posting [Miss Jess' Building Block Challenge!](#) This is a virtual version of a program that we run in the summer and winter. Our youth services librarian will present a challenge for families to make with their Lego blocks or whatever blocks they have. We hope to have a lot of online participation. On weekdays, we are posting video of our talented [Mrs. Russell reading chapters from Peter Pan!](#) We specifically chose a book that is in the public domain for this special story time. Mrs. Russell is so engaged when she does story time and is even starting the book dressed up as a character!



Ionia Community Library: Until things return to normal, Mike will continue to provide weekly storytimes on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30. We hope each and every one of you have the ability to watch and give your children some routine and laughs during this time period.

Muskegon Area District Library: We're excited to announce the opening of Muskegon Storyville. Muskegon Storyville Villages are located in three of our existing branches; Montague, Muskegon Heights, and Norton Shores. These uniquely designed areas are early literacy, child-sized villages where children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers can let their imaginations run wild. Each contains books, toys, and activities that prepare children for Kindergarten by focusing on Every Child Ready to Read's five practices of playing, reading, singing, talking, and writing. Muskegon Storyville had a soft opening on January 13. Since that date we have had over 2800 visitors to our villages. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Children are enjoying the time with their adults and adults are enjoying a wonderful new space to interact with their children. Our grand opening will be held in the near future.



Muskegon Storyville at the Montague Branch has an aquatic theme due to its nearness to both White Lake and Lake Michigan. It's also home to the World's Largest Weathervane. While visiting, play at Schneider Beach in the yellow submarine or spy something around the library through the periscope. Walk in the lake to climb the fish and the turtles. Learn about your favorite seasons in the weather zone and check out the weather vane. Explore light, gravity, and motion on the interactive tables. Best of all, enjoy a book anywhere in the village!



Enjoy reading on the front porch in the Muskegon Heights Neighborhood. This village reflects the rich farming history of the area and the farm-to-table philosophy. Enjoy fruits and vegetables like never before. Crawl inside a carrot to read. Enjoy making a meal or playing with the refrigerator magnets in the kitchen. Crawl through the doggy door to get into the garden. In the garden you can plant vegetables or pick apples off of a tree.

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OTHER EVENTS

www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON INDIVIDUAL CALENDARS, FACEBOOK, EMAIL, AND MCIHLIB-L FOR WEBINARS AND PROGRAMMING UPDATES.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTED PLACES TO SEARCH FOR FREE TRAINING.

ALSC OPEN RESOURCES

EVERYLIBRARY INSTITUTE

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN WEBINAR ARCHIVES

LIBRARY2.0

MCLS

PRODUCTIVE FUNDRAISING

WEBJUNCTION

YELL! (YALSA E-LEARNING LIBRARY)

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Muskegon Area District Library Continued:



Nature is the theme found throughout Muskegon Storyville at the Norton Shores Branch. From Hines Baby Garden to the Friendly Camp Store, this is represented through the murals, flowers, aquatic and land wildlife, and the beautiful beach. P.J. Hoffmaster State Park is a source of pride for this community. The large mural that spans the back of the village is a photo of the beach at Hoffmaster. Crawl or walk into the Hines Baby Garden for some safe, fun play and reading. Infants will love crawling through the caterpillar or over lady bugs, and pulling themselves up on colorful flowers. Early learners will be amazed with the nature-like insects and outdoor scenery. Steer the boat, 'MAX', in Olthoff Bay. Fish for words or read in the lighthouse. Play in the Camp Store. You can shop, weigh items, or learn about money while being the cashier. You can even run your own ice cream shop! Before you go, don't forget to grab a book and read on the porch.

Saugatuck-Douglas District Library: We held a puzzle contest at Saugatuck-Douglas Library last month. Teams of 4 adults, who signed up either as teams of friends or as individuals, raced to complete 500-piece puzzles. The winning team took less than one hour, and the slowest team finished 20 minutes later. Everyone had a great time.

MLA 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

VOTE BEFORE APRIL 19, 2020



You'll see some familiar faces! "We are pleased to announce the candidates for the MLA 2020 Board of Directors Election. MLA will hold elections for the Board of Directors April 6 - April 19.

One of the benefits of membership is the right to vote for the leaders that will help chart MLA's course into the future. MLA members will vote for the next President-elect and three member-at-large board members, who will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023."

SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY COHORT

BY LAVONNE MARSHALL



The Coopersville Area District Library hosted the 2019-2020 Small and Rural Library Leadership Academy on February 26 and 27. This amazing group consists of 25 library leaders from Michigan's Class I - III libraries who meet every three months for a series of professional growth events held around the state. Lakeland Library Cooperative is well represented with four members participating.

The Academy is unique in that it is the first of its kind offered through a partnership with Library of Michigan and the University of Michigan School of Information. The group's outstanding leader, Kristin Fontichiaro, is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Information. Kristin has done an excellent job of bringing in professional partners to help educate and inform Academy Members.

Topics of discussion in Coopersville focused on "Getting Stakeholder Buy-In," with special guests Matt Olson, Superintendent, Benzie Area Schools; and Kathleen McBroom, retired district administrator, Dearborn Public Schools, and adjunct faculty, School of Information Sciences, Wayne State. Also present was Shannon White, Library Development Manager at Library of Michigan. Her expertise is always welcome. The group also learned about the Oakland Community College's Library Technician associate's degree program with Ellen Robinette, program coordinator and shared valuable information about various renovation projects taking place at libraries all over Michigan. Coopersville Director, LaVonne Marshall, had a chance to show the building expansion and renovation she helped to complete for her community in 2017.

This is the third meeting of the cohort. So many great ideas have been shared and plenty of fun is on hand at each unique location. In February, we had lunch at the one and only "Turks Tavern" and were treated to a tour of the Coopersville Farm Museum.

MLA: COVID-19 INFO AND RESOURCES FOR MICHIGAN LIBRARIES

Here is **a message** from Michigan Library Association regarding the closure of libraries due to COVID-19, along with some tips on what your library may offer.

LM: COVID-19 UPDATES ON LIBRARY SERVICES

The Library of Michigan also has some information and links for the public, as well as libraries. **Visit their page** for more info.

ALA: PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS INFO FOR LIBRARIES

The American Library Association has compiled **information and links** that may be useful for you. Please take a look.

2020 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK FIND YOUR PLACE AT THE LIBRARY: APRIL 19-25, 2020



Libraries may be closed for now, but we are available online to continue to serve patrons in whatever way we can. "This year during National Library Week, let's celebrate by showing our appreciation for the many innovative ways libraries, librarians and library workers are continuing to serve their communities during a time of crisis."

CANVA MEETS ZOOM GET CREATIVE!

Canva is a (mostly) free resource you can use to create images, social media posts, newsletters and more. One of the newest additions is the ability to create a virtual background in Zoom. Check out this **link** for a tutorial. Sign up for Canva today!