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# LAKELAND NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FOR 2021

BY CAROL DAWE



As I complete my 3rd year at Lakeland Library Cooperative, I want to take a minute to both reflect and look forward. It is difficult to review the past year with any objectivity or perspective. We were all in the trenches doing what we needed to do day by day, moment by moment. It was exhausting, frightening and unrelenting. It was also the most gratifying year of my professional life because we all worked together: directors, library staff, my LLC colleagues, LM, MLA, MCLS and many others. We made it through and continue to address this "new normal" and the pandemic every day, together.

We helped. We served. We advised. We encouraged. We acted and reacted. We listened. We cried. We laughed. We vented and we bit our tongues. We bought PPE. We created policies we never thought we would need to create but did need them desperately. We waived fines and extended overdue dates. We delivered. We sorted. We sanitized. We cataloged and downloaded digital materials. We reinvented our procedures, programs, and service levels.

We "Zoomed" and "Zoomed" and "Zoomed" some more. We worked from home from our living rooms, kitchens, home offices, patios and cars. We thought outside the box and yet we remained true to our mission: to engage and inform.

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## A MESSAGE FOR 2021

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What will 2021 bring? If the first few weeks are any indication, the roller coaster ride is not stopping soon but we can look back and be proud of all we have accomplished together. We know we can continue if we stay focused, flexible, and fervent to our mission.

As we embark on the rollout of a new public catalog and ultimately provide access to materials at all 42 libraries across 3 entities, we can be both confident and assured that our users, our communities, our citizens, our members, and our patrons are at the forefront of all we do and will remain so in 2021 and the years that follow.

I am honored and grateful to be a part of this strong and determined community that is Lakeland Library Cooperative.

## A COUPLE FREE APPS I USE

### BY KELLY ANN SCHROEDER



I have used these apps/tools for well over a decade (maybe closer to two). They are quite simple and easy to use. Pixie is just a color finding tool that you can use to find colors from images. I use this to match text colors to logos or images for an overall cohesive look. IrfanView is a great tool for resizing and cropping images. It does more, but this is what I use it for the most.

## MICHIGAN LIBRARY DIRECTORY

### LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN



Not only does Lakeland have a member library directory, but the Library of Michigan maintains one [here](#). You can find information on your government representatives, MeLCat participation, library info and more. Just search for your library name, choose to see all results, and then select the system one from the list for the most up-to-date info. If you have a multi-branch system, select your branch.

## LIBRARY DIRECTORS

### TRANSITIONS



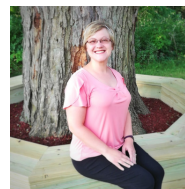
#### Dorr Township Library & Hopkins District Library - Katie Brinker

I wanted to reach out to introduce myself! My family and I live in Schoolcraft currently, and I have spent the last few years working in various capacities at the local library, primarily as their Program Coordinator and Grant Administrator. I'm so happy to be stepping into this role. I look forward to working with all of you at Lakeland!



#### Fruitport District Library - Lisa Harmon

"Lisa comes to us from southern Ohio where she was a Branch Manager with the Fairfield County District Library system and has worked for the Dayton Metropolitan Library and the Columbus Metropolitan Library in various public service roles. Lisa graduated from Kent State University with her M.L.I.S. in 2008 and has been working in libraries ever since... Although Lisa is new to our community, she is not new to our state as she is a born and raised Michigander from the 'other side' of the state. In true librarian fashion, Lisa is a mother to two cats, as well as two sons, and is looking forward to making Western Michigan her new family home."



#### White Cloud Community Library - Amy Stockwell

Hello! I am the new Director of the White Cloud Community Library. While this is my first experience in directorship, I have been in the library setting for 19 years. I have held a card at WCCL since the first grade and have worked here since high school. I was introduced to the library as a summer intern through the local ISD and then started working from the ground up; was hired as the book page after school everyday and then moved into the circulation department for a few years. After finishing my Bachelor's degree, I was hired as the processing librarian. My husband, Josh, and I have 2 boys in elementary school and are looking forward to seeing where our local library goes from here!

# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?



**Grand Rapids Public Library:** GRPL celebrates its 150th anniversary! The Grand Rapids Public Library is honoring its sesquicentennial in 2021. Since 1871, the Grand Rapids Public Library has provided the city with outstanding service, innovative programs, and expansive collections. The 150 will be a year-long celebration, culminating in a birthday celebration on December 21, 2021. - Kristen Corrado



**Herrick District Library:** On February 1st, the new Herrick North Branch Library will open to the public. Over the last year the branch has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation and expansion. Notable additions include a programming room, study rooms, lots and lots of comfortable seating, a fireplace, and an interactive play area. After a year spent wandering in the wilderness, the HN staff are happy to be back in their home... and not just because there is now a staff break room and restroom! - Rob Carpenter



**Ionia Community Library:** The library received a donation of the former Mercantile Bank to become the future home of the library. A millage will need to be undertaken to raise funds for renovating the building to support the materials and serve the public. Click the image to read more.

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# LAKELAND CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY 1  
PPE ORDERS DUE  
POLY BAG ORDERS DUE

FEBRUARY 11  
BOARD MEETING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
NEW DIRECTOR ORIENTATION

FEBRUARY 18  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 24  
CIRCULATION FORUM

MARCH 1  
DELIVERY DOTS ORDERS DUE  
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 11  
BOARD MEETING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 18  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 1  
BARCODE ORDERS DUE

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"People who are crazy enough  
to think they can change the  
world are the ones who do."  
- Rob Giltanen  
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# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

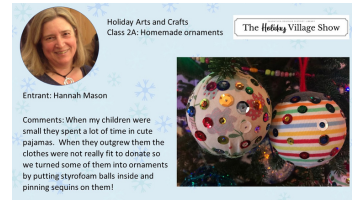
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**Loutit District Library:** After visiting a few area libraries last summer exploring options with 24/7 holds pickup lockers, we decided to purchase the same system our friends at the Gary Byker Library in Hudsonville have, a 20 locker system from LEID Products in Auburn Hills, MI. The lockers were installed in mid-October and by early November we were busy filling them. Having these lockers has been a godsend for both staff and patrons as the library returned to curbside only service later in November. There is hardly a day that every available locker is not in use. One of our board members recently had knee replacement surgery and she appreciates the convenience of lockers for pickup of her recuperation reading materials. – John Martin



**Muskegon Area District Library:** Muskegon Township Branch has moved! This new, modern, larger space is located in the Quarter-Apple Mall on Apple Avenue in Muskegon. Construction began last fall and was completed right after the new year. The branch opened for curbside pickup and computer reservations on Monday, January 11. The Muskegon Township Branch opened in the Orchard View Community Education Building in 2009. Since then the needs of the community have changed and a larger space was necessary. The new location offers patrons more computers, free 24/7 WIFI that extends into the parking lot, and several options for comfortable seating. With the new location being much more visible and located between two very popular eateries, MADL has a better opportunity to show community members all the library has to offer. We are very excited for the new location and look forward to the time when people can come in and see the new space. – Karen Blackledge



**Saugatuck-Douglas District Library:** In time for Christmas we compiled a virtual Holiday Village Show at Saugatuck-Douglas District Library. This was in the same format as a virtual Village Show we compiled at the end of the summer. It's kind of a Show-and-Tell for the community, so we can see our friends and neighbors without masks, sharing pictures and stories of their festive decorations, foods etc. The resulting show is now listed under Virtual Programs on our website. – Hannah Mason

**Spring Lake District Library:** I would like to share that we have started a “Build a Bundle” program during our closure. It enables patrons to request a bundle of materials that is catered to their tastes. All they have to do is fill out the Google Form indicating what they want and our reference staff puts a bundle together for them. It has been very successful! We’ve also had a lot of success with “take & makes” for kids, teens, and adults. For kids we have done sensory bottles, sun catchers made with tissue paper, little gnomes, and snowflakes with pipe cleaners and beads. For teens and adults we’ve done magnetic poetry kits, ghost in a mason jar for Halloween, book leaf garland for fall, rolled paper wreaths, and stemware charms. Librarian groups on Facebook are always helpful when we need fresh ideas! – Alison Taylor



"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do.

Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." – Ella Fitzgerald



# OTHER EVENTS

[www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml](http://www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml)

FEBRUARY 10

MCLS: MELCAT PROCESSING,  
POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

FEBRUARY 11

LM: LSTA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES  
GRANT APPLICATION WEBINAR

FEBRUARY 17

LM: MILLAGE LAW FOR LIBRARIES

FEBRUARY 24

MCLS: MELCAT: THE OTHER STUFF

FEBRUARY 25

MLA CONNECT COFFEE HOUR  
LM: LIBRARY LAW SPOTLIGHT

MARCH 2

LM: UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS  
UPDATE

MARCH 3

LM: GRANT WRITING 101

MARCH 9

MCLS: THE MELCAT OVERDUE  
PROCESS

MARCH 10

LM: RUSTEE TRAINING 101  
MLA SPRING INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH  
SERVICES 2021 CONFERENCE

MARCH 16

MLA CONNECT WEBINAR: LIBRARY  
PRIVACY ACT AMENDMENTS  
ALA: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY

MARCH 17

LM: TRUSTEE TRAINING 102

## SPRING INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH SERVICES 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

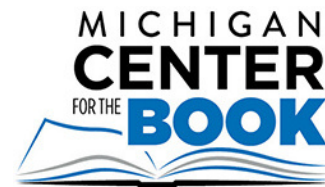
MARCH 11 - 12, 2021



The theme for this year conference is "Sparking Connection and Possibilities." It is virtual and will allow a greater number of participants, so don't miss out! The Early Bird deadline is February 19th.

## MICHIGAN CENTER FOR THE BOOK

2021 MINIGRANT APPLICATION



The Michigan Center for the Book is now taking applications for grants to support programs promoting "an awareness of books, reading, literacy, authors and Michigan's rich literary heritage." Click the image to see the list of criteria and apply by March 1st.

## OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELD ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL & SMALL LIBRARIES (ARSL)



Are you in leadership at a small and/or rural library? If you are looking to grow your skills and prepare yourself for your career in the library field, take a look at this 18-month long program. Applications are now being accepted through February 24th.



## 2021 YOUTH MEDIA AWARDS AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



In case you missed it, you can rewatch the awards – just click on the image to visit the page. You can also see the list of winners. "Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, ALA awards guide parents, educators, librarians and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by judging committees of librarians and other literature and media experts, the awards encourage original and creative work. For more information on the ALA youth media awards and notables, please visit [www.ala.org/yma](http://www.ala.org/yma)."

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK TOOLS SURVEY AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



Get started on National Library Week and fill out this survey. This helps as they prepare, plus you can win some swag! Click on the image to begin the survey.

## BIBLIOCON '21 FEBRUARY 24-25



"BiblioCon '21 will give you the opportunity to connect with public libraries and industry thought leaders to share concrete tools and tips on how to navigate a challenging landscape as we move into 2021. We'll share ideas on how librarians can best connect with patrons across the digital divide in an industry where we strive to deliver relevant and personal interactions in a predominantly virtual space."

## REMOTE REBOOT: TOOLS & IDEAS FOR LIBRARIANS SUPPORTING REMOTE OR HYBRID LEARNING SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL AND LIBRARY JOURNAL



For library staff who work with students or who are envisioning ways that the library can assist with digital learning – "who have been at the forefront of creative digital education, project-based learning, and makerspaces will share their ideas for successful remote and hybrid learning. You'll come away with creative solutions to implement now and adapt for the long run as education evolves with our digital future."

## PUBLIC PROGRAMMING IN THE PANDEMIC SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL AND LIBRARY JOURNAL



For library staff who are looking for ways to adapt programming as people remain online and digital beyond Zoom or storytimes. "You'll also hear about clever program ideas that peer librarians have already translated to the digital or socially distant environment, such as a parking lot gaming tournament or a musical alternative to a book club, and generate ideas of your own. We'll even address how to document your impact to show funders and voters how effective library service is regardless of whether the building is open."