

Superiorland Library Cooperative

Director's Report for September 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

- We have several new directors to welcome. Sarah Hopper is the new director at the Ontonagon Township Library. Mike Frampus is the new director at the Alanson Area Public Library. Stephanie Swenski is the new director at the West Iron District Library.
- In August, I hosted a virtual trustee training alongside several other Michigan cooperative directors for MLA. This session focused on preparing trustees for material challenges and is now available to stream from MLA.
- Superiorland hosted an in-person event on July 21 in Marquette, in collaboration with MLA, on intellectual freedom. Debbie Mikula of MLA and I reviewed Mi Right to Read resources, and Kent District Library Director Lance Werner and Carol Dawe of the Lakeland Library Cooperative discussed their experiences addressing material challenges.
- In August we had our tiling replaced in the entryway near the back door of our building. The slate formerly in place was cracked and separating from the floor.
- Last month, new signage was installed on the outside of our building, as the old sign letters were breaking and falling off the building.
- In July and August, I met in-person with directors from several member libraries to catch up, learn more about their spaces and services, or offer other support. This included the Calumet Public School Library, the Lake Linden-Hubbell School Public Library, the Portage Lake District Library, the Hancock School Public Library, the Negaunee Public Library, the Wakefield Public Library, the Ironwood Carnegie Public Library and the McMillan Township Public Library. I was also invited to dial into a Crawford County Library's board meeting to meet their trustees and talk about the intellectual freedom issues facing libraries.
- On September 27 I'll be speaking to the Friends of Michigan Libraries members during their virtual Connect with Friends event. During two different sessions at 10AM and 6PM, Debbie Mikula of MLA and I will discuss the Mi Right to Read coalition and how Friends groups can support their libraries through material challenges.

Great Lake Talking Books

- Tonia sent out the GLTB summer newsletter at the end of July. Information about GLTB services will also be featured in an upcoming Peter White Public Library newsletter.

Tech Support

- Gordon recently visited the Pickford library to help setup much of their IT equipment before their new building was reopened. Gordon has also been helping to setup VOIP services at the Wakefield and Pickford libraries.
- Gordon also recently visited the Ironwood and Bayliss libraries for tech and equipment support.

ILS & Database Support

- Shawn is leading our ILS Survey Crew and their work is wrapping up. Three vendors gave demos last month and the ILS Survey Crew is preparing to make a recommendation to the ALS group for moving forward.