

## Superiorland Library Cooperative

### Director's Report for March 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

- I was off for 8 days in February and enjoyed beautiful weather on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I am feeling refreshed and back to work!
- We have selected a vendor for Category 2 E-rate services and are working with our consultant to file forms that say as much. We have about a dozen Superiorland libraries participating in the program, all of which will see significant discounts on eligible equipment purchases.
- In January I attended the grand opening of the new Pickford Library building. It was great to meet some of the Superior District Library board members in person and to celebrate their hard work.
- As part of a Michigan Cooperative Director's Association project, I've been working on a summary of legal resources for Michigan libraries. There is a lot of information out there between our various partner organizations, and this brief memo helps point to their key resources.
- Superiorland is now assisting with group purchasing for VOX Books, a product from Library Ideas that includes a read-along attachment for physical children's books.
- We have been working on enrolling libraries in Hoopla and scheduling introductory training for those libraries and our Cooperative staff. Superiorland will be offering a 15% subsidy on all member library Hoopla expenses.
- As of last week, Superiorland's UEI number is officially active, meaning we are eligible to apply for grant dollars from the Library of Michigan and other organizations after changes were made to that process in 2022.
- This year library cooperatives are eligible for the Library of Michigan's Improving Access to Information grant program for the first time. I will work with the ABL group to determine if Superiorland should apply and if so, what our focus will be.
- I will be attending MLA's Advocacy Day in Lansing in April and will be meeting with legislators on issues pertaining to libraries alongside other Michigan library staff and advocates.
- The Michigan legislature is moving quickly to pass gun reforms that would bar open and concealed carry in public libraries. Legislation related to restricting access to certain content in libraries was also recently introduced, but has virtually no chance of becoming law.

#### Great Lake Talking Books

- Tonia recently published the GLTB winter newsletter.
- This year our staff is tasked with working on orientation packets for their positions, and Tonia has created a great draft that may serve as a template for other staff.

#### Tech Support

- Gordon and Josh have made a lot of visits to member libraries in recent weeks, including Dickinson, Munising, Crystall Falls, Forsyth, West Iron, Bessemer and Escanaba.

#### ILS & Database Support

- Jeremy is still meeting each week with Shawn on further training. He continues to work closely with Ellen as she takes on more of his prior responsibilities.

- Jeremy has been helping with the ILS authentication process for our member libraries enrolling in Hoopla. He is also authenticating our ILS with the new Michigan Activity Pass website and app.