

Superiorland Library Cooperative

Director's Report for September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

- In June I attended an in-person MLA board meeting, hosted in Mount Pleasant, which included a Civil Rights 101 training with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and non-profit board fiduciary training.
- Also in June, I met with members of the Friends of the Portage Lake District Library to discuss campaign efforts ahead of the library's August 6 millage renewal.
- In July I attended a meeting with Negaunee Public Library Director Jessica Holman and representatives from Negaunee Township to share information about local funding requirements for state aid.
- Also in July, I worked with staff at the Central Upper Peninsula Planning & Development on a MITTEN grant application. If awarded, some of our libraries would provide space for 1-on-1 digital skills training with a Regional Digital Coordinator.
- I worked closely with the Alpena library ahead of their August 6 millage renewal and continue to provide support as they deal with the County Commissioners attempts to remove library board members.
- After positive feedback from the membership, we have subscribed to the Text and Learn for Kindergarten program (TALK) for member libraries and our subscription begins on October 1.
- On August 21 we hosted a virtual event for member library directors with library consultant Beth Whaler. The event, *Where I End and You Begin: Boundaries for Library Staff* was well attended and received.
- In August, the Library Cooperatives of Michigan (LCM) hosted their monthly meeting in Muskegon (usually we are remote), along with a full day of training. Our time together focused on a new tool created by LCM's DEI Committee, called an Identity Wheel.
- I am working with the West Iron District Library, Peter White Public Library, and the St. Ignace Public Library to schedule MeL trainings with Laura Warren-Gross of MCLS in November. The training will coincide with staff development days at each library and all Superiorland and UPRLC libraries will be invited to attend.

Great Lake Talking Books

- During the interim we have relied on the Braille and Talking Book Library in Lansing to fulfill requests for services and equipment from our patrons.

Tech Support

- In August we learned that our Category 2 Erate application was fully funded. Gordon has ordered all necessary equipment, and he and Josh will be busy this fall with installs.
- In August, Gordon worked with the VOIP provider we use at Superiorland to enroll the Dickinson County Library in their services. We now have four libraries under our shared VOIP umbrella.

ILS & Database Support

- Jeremy has been working closely with myLIBRO on the roll out of our new mobile app for libraries.