

Superiorland Library Cooperative

Director's Report for December 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

The UPRLC Annual Conference was September 17-18 at the Bay College Iron Mountain campus. There were an estimated 80 attendees and 23 educational breakout sessions. A huge thank you to the UPRLC Conference Planning Committee and SLC staff for all their hard work putting the event together. I am also grateful to the Library of Michigan, Michigan Library Association, and MCLS staff who attended and participated in educational sessions and round tables. The post-conference survey results were positive with a 4.5 out of 5 rating overall. We have assembled a conference planning committee for 2026 and hope to host the next conference in Marquette at NMU in September.

I attended new director training at the Library of Michigan in Lansing on September 29-30. I joined the UPLINK Board and attended one regular virtual meeting and the annual meeting in person at NMU on October 24. I visited Richmond Township, Peter White, Forsyth, West Iron, Crystal Falls, Spies, and Menominee Libraries. I also attended the MLA Annual Conference in Lansing October 29-31. I attended 3 Library Cooperatives of Michigan meetings, 2 SLC Director's Meetings, a deLIBberation meeting, and the Advisory Board of Librarians meeting. Pam and I are working with Molina Healthcare to facilitate a grant for public libraries in Michigan.

Great Lakes Talking Books - Mia

Mia has been working on the recording of new books. She is also facilitating a hybrid monthly support group for people with visual impairments at the SLC office conference room/zoom.

Tech Support – Gordon & Josh

Performing regular on-site and virtual technology assistance for libraries. Working on purchasing discounted laptop and desktop computers via our vendor's end of year sale. New licenses for Microsoft 365 have been purchased and added for all libraries. They have been assisting with e-rate applications.

ILS, Database & Cataloging Support – Ellen & Jeremy

Ellen has made trips downstate and in the UP for in-person cataloging training, visiting 7 libraries. She revised the SmartPort instructions to include screen shots and more detailed instructions. Ellen has also been working towards ordering the most requested holds in Libby for our patrons.

Jeremy's project, the MyLibro patron app has been rolled out and is functioning great. PWPL has over 600 users now. SirsiDynix, our ILS vendor, was bought out by a Canadian tech company, Harris, and is currently focusing all their efforts on BlueCloud, their browser-based circulation desk interface. Jeremy is following the progress closely and testing new iterations as they are released.