

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative
Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020
1:00 pm via Zoom.us

Present

Allegan – Devin Erlandson
Berrien Springs – Kristina Knezic
Bridgman – Dennis Kreps
Cass District – Barbara Gordon
Coloma – Mary Harrison
Comstock – Rachael Wiegmann
Dowagiac – Matthew Weston
Eau Claire – Ann Greene
Galesburg – Helena Hayes
Lincoln Township – Jessica Ishmael
Martin – Alicia Kershaw
New Buffalo – Julie Grywnich

Niles – Tim Wiggins
Parchment – Teresa Stannard
Portage – Christine Klien and Lawrence Kapture
Richland – Karen McConnell
SMLC / Otsgeo – Andrea Estelle
St. Joseph – Stephanie Masin
Three Oaks – Cheryl Kersey
Three Rivers –
Van Buren District – Dan Hutchins and
Molly Wunderlich
Vicksburg – Eric Hansen
Watervliet – Sharon Crotser-Toy

Guests

Jim Fury, TLN and Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Meeting called to order by President Greene at 1:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda made by Masin with support from Harrison. Passed.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of October 10, 2019 Minutes

- Approval of the October 2019 minutes was tabled until the October 2020 Council meeting. The Council meeting in May was canceled due to the COVID shutdown.

5. Guest Presentation

Jim Flury from TLN spoke about the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) project, from its inception in 2007 to the present. As of the COVID shutdown, 475 venues were participating. There are currently 400 venues participating; about half of these are DNR sites. Jim asked all libraries to let him know of any potential venues in your area (jflury@tln.lib.mi.us). Go to the TLN home page to find MAP resources and promotional materials (<https://tln.lib.mi.us/map/>).

6. Financial Report:

Treasurer Kapture reported SMLC received \$56,165.09 more in State Aid than expected. He noted that 14 libraries still haven't applied for the \$2000 SMLC grant. The deadline for this grant and for the \$260 PPE grant is September 1.

7. Director's Report

- a. Idea from member library: SMLC group to create a brochure or other tool regarding fact-checking/identifying accurate information online? How can libraries help navigate an era filled with misinformation? If interested, contact Kay Boyer (librarykat.15@gmail.com)
- b. Congrats to Sodus, Buchanan, and South Haven libraries on successful millage campaigns!
- c. Group PPE purchases – invoices have been sent out to libraries to reimburse Otsego District Library for face shields, gloves, masks, and thermometers. A \$260 mini grant for PPE is available from SMLC – apply to Lawrence (LKapture@portagelibrary.info) by September 1.
- d. 30 of the 38 SMLC libraries received CARES grants! Congrats and great job SMLC.
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/libraryofmichigan/lm_2020_CARES_Act_grants_recipients_overview_8-7-2020_698774_7.pdf
- e. RIDES service resumed August 10. Reminder to let Sue Alt know if your library is back open and accepting deliveries.
- f. Overdrive purchase of RB Digital – MCDA Coop Directors met with Steve Potash, Overdrive CEO, regarding purchase of RB Digital, requesting that Overdrive develop an affordable simultaneous use product similar to RB Digital magazines.

Summary of meeting:

- *OD is now working on moving eBook and eAudio content to the OD platform. Libraries/consortia will be notified about 2 weeks before content is moved and told when finished. The will be accessed via Libby when moved. If an individual library has a subscription, the content will go to their Advantage accounts. There will be no interruption of service, but the app will change.*
- *Second step is to move Zinio magazine content. They intend to negotiate with the magazine distributors. They are not ready to move content at this time and so it stays on the RBD app.*
- *Last step is streaming audio and they are working on it.*
- *RBD app will stay active as long as need be*
- *RB is still working as a publisher. They only sold their RB Digital business*
- *OD plans to honor current RBD subscriptions, but no renewals are available at this time for the simultaneous use content or Press Reader*
- *OD is working on replacement product for the sim use subscriptions and he thinks they may have something to offer before most of our contracts come due next spring.*
- *He reminded us the OD does have some sim use titles and libraries can cherry pick the ones they want. They are working on offering "power bundles" of sim use titles in their collection.*
- *He encourages us to renew anything we have now. Sim-use and Press Reader cannot be renewed, but magazines can. Talk to your sales rep now about renewals. Overdrive will honor renewals for the product this year at same price. Contact RB Digital to renew.*
- *For updates FAQ's from OD: resources.overdrive.com.*

- g. Reminder, there is a Tutor.com group discount available for SMLC members: Group Purchase pricing, in 2018, per Dan Hutchins (discount at VBDL was about 8%)

Population Range	
<10k	\$1,700
10k-25k	\$2,550
25k-50k	\$4,250
50k-80k	\$7,990
80k-100k	\$10,200
100k-250k	\$12,325

- h. The Michigan Cooperative Directors Association (MCDA) is drafting a letter to board trustees on the roles of trustees and directors. Will share when finalized.
- i. Another thing MCDA has been discussing is how to help more libraries become district libraries. Andrea wants to create some resource pages on our SMLC website regarding this/millage campaigns eventually. In the meantime, LofM has some great resources:
https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88855_89735_89755---,00.html
- j. Andrea will have a better idea of how much state aid to expect next week.
- k. Participants were asked how what services they are currently providing. There is a broad range – some libraries offer curbside only, some a combination of curbside and appointments, some a combination of curbside and open entry with reduced hours.

8. President's Report

There was no report from the President.

9. Old Business

The weekly Director chats on Zoom seem to be winding down. The chats will now be held monthly, on the last Thursday of the month.

10. New Business

Input from member libraries regarding possibly foregoing movie licensing in 2020-2021.

- The group agreed not to purchase movie licenses next year.

11. Member sharing

See 7.k. above.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by President Greene at 2:06 pm.

Minutes taken by Teresa Stannard, Parchment Community Library