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SMLC Schedule 2025

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC	SPECIAL GUESTS/SPEAKERS
January 21	1:00	Zoom	Everylibrary: Library Advocacy and all about Everylibrary for Michigan Libraries	John Chrastka
February 13	1:00	Zoom	Cyber Security Discussion	Par Plan – Pat Nelson
February 27	1:00	Zoom	Reader's Advisory Training with KDL – Trish Reid	KDL – Trish Reid
March 27	1:00	Otsego District Library	Director's Chat	Weeding and Right-Sizing Your Collection Led by Pam Armstrong/Andrea Estelle
March 27	2:00	Otsego District Library	Board Meeting – Annual Audit	Josh Gabrielse, Seigfried Crandall
April 24	Noon Lunch 1:00	Bridgman Public Library	Advisory Council	Clare Membiela – Library Policies or Library Boards / General Update
April 24	2:00	Bridgman Public Library	Board Meeting	
May 8	1:00	Zoom	Special Training Session: Reaching Hispanic Communities – Panel Discussion	Teresa Kline, Fennville District Library
May 22	1-3	PawPaw District Library	Director and Trustee Training	Michigan Parliamentarian: Robert's Rules Training
June/July	NO MEETINGS			
August 12	1:00	Zoom	SMLC New Directors Group Resumes	Introductions, What does group want to discuss in year ahead?
August 28	Noon Lunch 1:00	Lincoln Twp Library	Advisory Council	Topic is Facilities Management, speaker TBA
August 28	2:00	Lincoln Twp Library	Board Meeting	

September 9	1-2	Zoom	Succession Planning Series: Managing Staff Departures/Building Future Leaders	Liz Breed
September 12	1:00		New Director's Group Resumes	
September 16	1-2	Zoom	Succession Planning Series: Cross-training Existing Staff for the Future	Garrett Hungerford
September 23	1-2	Zoom	Succession Planning Series : Outlining/Building Your Plan	TBA
September 25	1:00	Otsego District Library	Director Chat - Ask an Attorney	Anne Seurynck, Foster Swift
October 14	1:00	Zoom	SMLC New Directors	TBA
October 16	1:00	Zoom	Accidental Facilities Manager	Andrea Bono-Bunker, Library Building Consultant, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and Heather Backman, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' construction team
October 23	Noon Lunch 1:00	Cass District Library: Edwardsburg Branch	Annual Meeting: Advisory Council	TBA
October 23	2:00	Cass District Library: Edwardsburg Branch	Board Meeting	
November 20	9-Noon	Lincoln Twp Library	Front Lines Staff Workshop This workshop is designed to give front lines staff a professional training opportunity	Making Decisions, Soft Skills, Enforcing Policy, Confidence Booster
November 20	1:00	Lincoln Twp Library	Director Chat	Professional Development – Where are you finding trainings? Who are you using for Staff Development? Discuss Staff Training Days. Idea sharing
December 9	1:00	Zoom	SMLC New Directors	TBA

Continuing Education Committee may propose more ideas throughout the year. If you have training sessions you would like to see SMLC offer at some point, or ideas for speakers, please email Andrea at aestelle@otsegoibrary.org