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SMLC Schedule 2025

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | TOPIC | SPECIAL GUESTS/SPEAKERS |
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| 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 | |

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| 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 Seurnck, 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@otsegolibrary.org