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Library of Michigan adds Library Development Division

By Carey L. Draeger
Public Information Officer

State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau announced on August 21, 2000, that the Library of Michigan has created a Library Development Division. "Creating a division of library development is a visible commitment by the Library of Michigan to libraries and the citizens they serve," Brandau said. "The development division will focus on programs and services from the Library of Michigan to libraries around the state, and will include continuing education, statewide resources such as the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) and AccessMichigan, consultation on library law and issues affecting libraries, and public information, including publications and the Library of Michigan website." Future additions to the library development division being considered include consultants for children's services, Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) programs and Universal Service Funds (USF) issues.

"The Library Development Division will help the Library of Michigan better serve library staffs around the state," said Multitype Library Specialist Bryon Sitler, who helped set up the development division. "This in turn will help staff better serve their customers."

The Library Development Division will sponsor two continuing education events this year: the Advanced Training Workshop scheduled for the week of October 29 and The Library's Contribution to Your Community workshop on December 4. "These workshops are just some of the exciting offerings the Development Division will bring Michigan libraries," Brandau said.

The Library Development Division will be headed by Deputy State Librarian Jo Budler, who began her new duties on August 21. Library Development Division staff include Ellen Richardson, library law specialist; Bryon Sitler, multitype library specialist; Becky Cawley, statewide database resources administrator; Carey Draeger, public information officer; Marnie Elden, graphic designer; and Cindy Krueger, webmaster.

The other divisions at the Library of Michigan are Network and Information Systems (NIS), Technical Services, Business Services, Public Services and Human Resources.

Library Development



Notes from the State Librarian



I am so pleased to be able to announce the formation of the Library Development Division at the Library of Michigan. We hope that the coordination of services to libraries and the people you serve will be enhanced by this change. It's a real opportunity for us to say "libraries are important" and to reinforce our commitment to library service in Michigan.

As I write this, Dianne Odrobina and I recently returned from a 1200-mile, four-day tour of libraries in the Upper Peninsula. We visited the Bayliss Public Library and Hiawathaland Cooperative in Sault Ste. Marie; the Munising School Public Library; the nearly completed Peter White Public Library and the Superiorland Cooperative in Marquette; the Portage Lake District Library, the J. Robert Van Pelt Library at Michigan Technological University, and the Portage Health Care Systems Library in Houghton; the Calumet Public School Library; the Public Enrichment Program Book Center in Kingsford; the Mid-Peninsula Cooperative and the Dickinson County Library in Iron Mountain; the Escanaba Public Library; the St. Ignace Public Library and the Mackinac Island Public Library. It was a wonderful trip in which we viewed beautiful countryside and met great library staff and trustees! I owe a great debt to Portage Lake District Library Director Jim Curtis for suggesting the trip, and to Superiorland Library Cooperative Director Suzanne Dees, who coordinated the itinerary.

My travels have helped me gain a better sense of our libraries' needs in Michigan. I have heard at least three recurring themes: 1) libraries need an equitable, dependable source of funding; 2) staff want training that is available, affordable and conveniently located; and 3) customer service is a priority as staff and trustees constantly seek new ways to expand their service. I am pleased that these issues are being considered and discussed both at the Library of Michigan and through the Preferred Futures action teams. Working together, we will make progress on these and other issues.

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Budget Increases to AccessMichigan, Other Library Programs

The first year of the new millennium was a year of change for Michigan libraries. As Ellen Richardson's column notes (page 9), several pieces of legislation that affect libraries were signed into law. Among them was Public Act 276, which was passed and published on July 10. This act detailed appropriations for the Library of Michigan Fiscal Year 2000-01, which will end on September 30, 2001.

This year's budget marks the second year that eligible public libraries, library cooperative members and cooperative libraries were fully funded at \$.50 per capita for their served populations. The amount budgeted for state aid to libraries remained at \$14,350,700, but still represents the largest appropriation within the Library of Michigan's annual budget.

The amount funded for FY 2001 for AccessMichigan is \$1,079,900, an increase of \$429,900.

Other budget items worth noting include funding to libraries that provide materials for the blind and physically handicapped. These 12 libraries will see an increase of \$50,000 for a total amount of \$604,300. Renaissance Zone Reimbursement amounts increased from \$428,800 to \$501,000.

The new fiscal year begins on October 1, 2000.



Loleta Fyan Scholarship Award Winners for July 2000

By Carey L. Draeger
Public Information Officer

Ten applicants were awarded scholarships of up to \$300 each from the Loleta Fyan Scholarship Award. The scholarships are part of a program that is sponsored by the Library of Michigan (LM) Foundation. They are available to all full- and part-time, paid library staff at libraries serving populations under 26,000.

“The response from the library community has been tremendous,” said Sarah D. Watkins, executive director of the foundation. “Thirty individuals benefit from these scholarships every year. The scholarships provide wonderful opportunities for librarians and other staff people to continue their education.” The scholarships are awarded 3 times a year—in August, December and April—and are used to cover course fees and materials only. The funds may be used at community colleges, Internet training centers, private training centers, the Michigan Library Consortium or other reputable educational organizations. Previous recipients have used their scholarship funds to enroll in genealogy, computer hardware or library collection development and materials-selection classes, or to attend library conferences.

The Loleta Fyan Scholarship is one of many programs established with a 1990 bequest from the estate of former Librarian Loleta Fyan to help Michigan’s public librarians and library staff develop their skills.

To obtain an application or for more information about the Loleta Fyan Scholarship Fund, contact Joyce Ruttan at 517-333-2977 or the LM Foundation website at <http://library-michigan.org/foundation/foundation.html>.

The winners for August 2000 are:

Hope Schaller Barker
Bridgman Public Library
Topics in Educational Technology

Claudia Cullen
Crooked Tree District Library
Instruction on Athena Automated
Circulation System

Karin L. Pomeroy
Fowlerville District Library
Human Resource Management

Remi Anderson
Hazel Park Memorial Library
Introduction to Windows

Darcy Bailey
Hazel Park Memorial Library
Introduction to Windows

Karri Van-Y
Houghton Lake Public Library
English I Comp w/ Computer and
Writing Lab

Amy R. Knepp
Oscoda County Library
Public Library Administration

Carolyn Chrzan
Presque Isle District Library
Collection Development

Cathy Harmon
Saline District Library
Storytelling

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Nominations Sought for 2001 Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference

By Bryon Sitler, *Multitype Specialist*
Library Development

The Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference Award Committee is currently asking for nominations for the following awards:

Children’s/Young Adult Award recognizes a librarian from a small or rural library who has made significant contributions to, and an impact on library service to children and/or young adults.

The Collection Development Award recognizes the contributions included in library collections and technical services who have shown significant impacts to a small or rural library.

Library Services Award recognizes a librarian from a small or rural library for development of program(s) or services to local populations.

Michigan Services Award recognizes a librarian that encourages or enhances the use of Michigan or genealogy services in a small or rural library.

Personnel/Administration Award recognizes a librarian from a small or rural library that has demonstrated exceptional

Library of Michigan Foundation

Premieres New Genealogy Video Tool at Gala Reception

By *Melissa Soule, Intern*
Rossman Martin & Associates

Local genealogists will have an easier time tracing their family roots, thanks to a new video and a \$1 million donation by the Abrams Foundation. The video debuted at a special reception and viewing held at the Library of Michigan on July 13, 2000.

The Abrams Foundation, headed by Barbara Brown, has contributed more than \$1 million over the past decade to enable the Library to add vital records, census figures, city directories, indexes and published family histories from around the country to its open stacks. As a result of the donations, Library staff estimates that the Library is about 15 years ahead of schedule in purchasing acquisitions, making it one of the top five libraries in the country.

The genealogy video lists advantages and the ways in which the collection will benefit genealogists. "This library works hard to ensure that all its resources are available. This video acts as a tool to make everything seem more convenient," said Genealogist Joanne Harvey. "It walks you through the collection to highlight some of our most notable resources."

"We are trying to guarantee our collection is as diverse as the population we serve," said Special Collections Supervisor Randy Riley. "We have records related to Native Americans, African Americans and other minority groups."

Whether an expert or an amateur, everyone may now begin to search for their past right here in mid-Michigan. In fact, Library of Michigan Foundation Executive Director Sarah Watkins reports that nearly half of the Library's visitors are from other states. Not only will genealogists find records from the Great Lakes region, but also from the northeast, the mid-Atlantic states and the Deep South.

"Genealogy gives a sense of permanence and continuity of people's lives," said Abrams Foundation President Barbara J. Brown. "They realize there were people before them, people who have contributed to who they are today."

Copies of the new video will be provided to all of Michigan's public libraries. Others interested in receiving a copy of the video should contact the Library of Michigan Foundation at 517-373-1297 or email swatkins@libofmich.lib.mi.us.

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al management strategies that secure resources for the library.

Technology Award honors a librarian from a small or rural library for an innovative achievement in planning and implementing a creative program or service(s) using technology.

Trustee/Friend Award is given to a trustee or friend of the library for distinguished service to rural library development on the local, state, regional or national level.

Librarian of the Conference recognizes a librarian who has been an outstanding leader in the profession. The recipient has invested time and energy to make a positive change in small or rural library(ies) and must be currently employed in a Michigan library.

The committee members are Dawn Pringle (Chair), Denise Bearre, Judi Chelekis, Ann Holt, Shirley Roos, and Bryon Sitler. For complete information on how to nominate someone for one of the awards or to obtain a nomination form, contact any of the committee members, or the Library of Michigan website at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us>.



Above, Barbara Brown (right) poses with her granddaughter, Tiffany Patzer (center, a director of the LM Foundation Board) and daughter Kyle Abbott.

Below, Special Collections Supervisor Randy Riley presents Barbara Brown with a beautiful bouquet of roses during the reception that honored her continuing generosity to the Library of Michigan.

ATLAS to Issue Consultant Proposal

By Becky Cawley

Statewide Database Resources Administrator
Library Development



The Action Team for Library Advancement Statewide (ATLAS) has developed a proposal for a consultant(s) to help plan the next information access plan for Michigan. ATLAS is one of the committees created as a result of the Preferred Future conference, which was held in September 1999.

For the past year ATLAS has worked on designing a statewide information delivery service that will link all Michigan residents to the information they need when they need it, where they need it, and in the format they want. System components will include electronic delivery of full-text and digitized resources, as well as physical delivery of those items not yet available electronically. There will be an easy-to-use search tool that will point to valuable resources found in Michigan libraries, including AccessMichigan databases on the Web and in other collections. It will also provide the means to access and use these resources.

The committee's goal is to develop a system that is patron centered, allows for local options, and builds on existing services. The ultimate goal is for a "portal" that provides one-step access for patrons to locate and retrieve resources from library catalogs, state-funded commercial databases and/or the Internet (MEL).

Consultants will be hired by the Library of Michigan in early fall 2000 to work closely with the ATLAS committee. Recommendations will be due by late summer 2001. The consultation process will include considerable interaction with the library community, so expect to hear more about this in the coming months.

McKee Appointed MLA Interim Director

By Polly Ross

Michigan Library Association



In May 2000 the Michigan Library Association (MLA) Board of Directors announced the appointment of Martha Seaman McKee as interim director. McKee has worked in libraries most of her life, most recently as interim director of the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. She also served as interim director of the White Pine Library Cooperative in Saginaw, and the Oakland Library Cooperative in Grand Rapids.

"MLA is vital to the health of libraries in our state," said McKee. "Marianne Hartzell did a great job as director, and we all wish her well in her new career. In the meantime, I'm pleased to serve as interim director as a distinguished group of Michigan librarians work hard to find her successor."

McKee was the joint director of the Capital Library Cooperative and the Ingham County Library. She came to the Lansing area in 1997 from Birmingham, where she served as the deputy director at the Baldwin Public Library from 1986 to 1996. The Michigan native received her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and her master of library science from the University of Michigan. In 1990 she completed her master of business administration at Michigan State University's Advanced Management Center in Troy.

McKee has worked in a variety of library environments, including the academic libraries of Michigan State University and Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Next she served as the assistant head of technical services at Cedar Rapids Public Library and as the head of support services at the Grand Rapids Public Library. Since her return to Michigan in 1979, McKee has consulted with several libraries on technical services procedures.

McKee is a member of the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, and the Michigan Library Association. She served as chair of Michigan Library Association's Marketing and Public Relations Round Table and as a member of the Personnel and Nominating committees of the Michigan Library Consortium. She served as the special events chair for the Michigan Library Association's annual fall conference in 1996.



Evaluation Report Results of Summary

By *Rebecca Cawley*,

Statewide Database Resource Administrator
Library Development

In 1999 the Library of Michigan contracted with W.J. Schroer to conduct a library level evaluation of the AccessMichigan project. During late 1999 and early 2000 W. J. Schroer conducted two focus groups and a sizeable telephone survey. Participants were library staff who had responsibility for implementation and use of the AccessMichigan databases.

Study results were presented to the AccessMichigan Evaluation Task Force in July 2000. The complete report is available at <http://www.accessmichigan.lib.mi.us/evalnews.htm>. Schroer used focus groups held in Lansing and in Gaylord to identify issues and to design the telephone survey. The survey included a random selection from all libraries as follows:

Public Libraries	109
Academic Libraries	76
Special Libraries	78
School Libraries	124
Total	387

The high rate of response and the broad coverage produced "results [that] are projectable at a confidence level of 95 percent (plus or minus 6 percent)." In other words the results represent the likely responses of the majority of the Michigan library community. It should be noted that this was a survey of library staff, not library users. Questions regarding responses of library users to the AccessMichigan databases were based on the observations of library staff.

Survey results:

- Overall, participants were very satisfied with the AccessMichigan project and the range of databases offered.
- Most of the library staff access computers and... A minor... experience... trouble... their... access... help... consultation... provided their... patrons... access to... The most... patrons preferred... order as

- All except Special Libraries reported they preferred full-text databases over index databases. They said that if AccessMichigan needed to cut back its offerings, the cut should occur to index databases.
- Most respondents felt they had received adequate basic training, but wanted more advanced training.
- Any training tools AccessMichigan could provide to train the public would be warmly received.
- Over two-thirds of respondents supported using LSTA dollars to fund AccessMichigan and other statewide projects.
- Respondents reported some confusion about databases offered beyond the core provided by AccessMichigan. Confusion included database content options, and optic about choosing among providers such as MLC, cooperatives, and REMCs.
- Many respondents supported the concept of coordinated efforts to provide statewide pricing for databases beyond the core set offered by AccessMichigan.
- Many respondents cited MEL as an important resource, particularly for public libraries. They especially appreciated its accuracy and the fact that it was "made and selected by librarians."
- Almost two-thirds of respondents said they would promote AccessMichigan to their patrons if they received materials to assist them with this effort.

Summary observations and recommendations

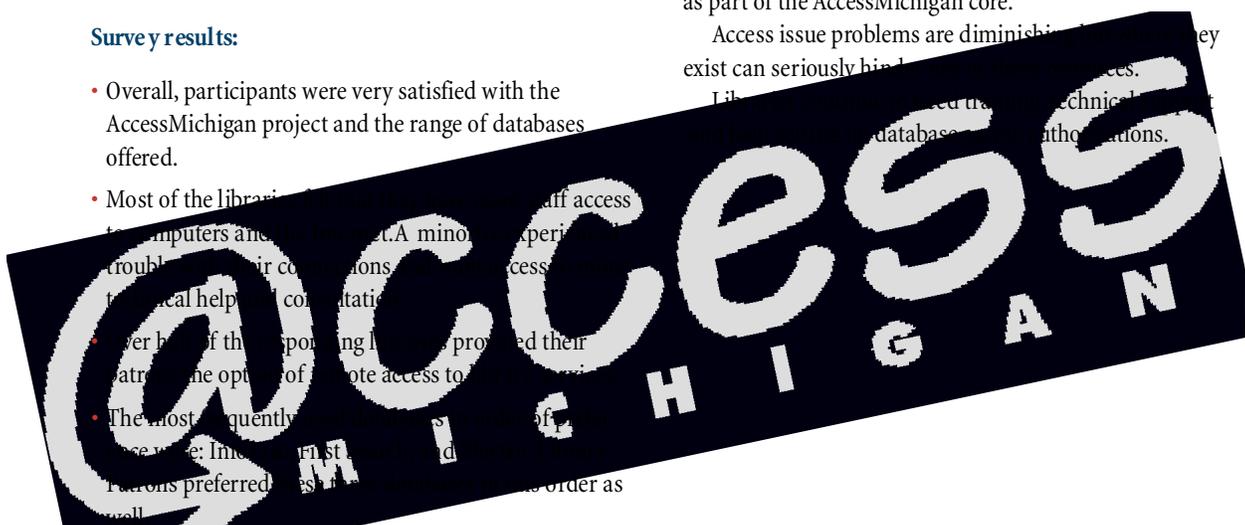
Libraries strongly support the concept of a core set of resources available in every library and are willing to forego some LSTA competitive grants to help provide funding for this resource.

AccessMichigan and MEL have "brand name identity" in the library community but need to be promoted to library users.

Libraries would like to have access to a coordinated source for state-wide pricing of databases beyond the AccessMichigan core.

Full text databases should be the primary sources offered as part of the AccessMichigan core.

Access issue problems are diminishing, but they exist and can seriously hinder... technical... database... authorizations.



Foundation's First Annual Luncheon and Conference — October 6, 2000

On Friday, October 6, the Library of Michigan Foundation, in collaboration with Michigan Literacy Inc., will host its first annual luncheon as part of a daylong conference at the W. K. Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The conference and luncheon will celebrate Libraries, Literacy and Learning. Our focus for the conference is Building Communities and will feature two keynote speakers, offer .5 continuing education units, and present many valuable and exciting concurrent workshops. Everyone is welcome, but those of you who are teachers, librarians, parents, work with or volunteer for non-profit organizations, tutors, or students will find the offerings especially enticing.

The cost for the entire day is only \$55.00. If you find that you can only come for lunch, the cost is \$15.00. Our first keynote speaker, at the top of the day, is John Corcoran, author of the Teacher Who Couldn't Read. John will share the personal true story of how he, after graduating from college and becoming a high school instructor, finally overcame his illiteracy.

Dorothy Reynolds, consultant to philanthropy, will provide the luncheon address. Dottie, whose business in promoting philanthropy keeps her traveling the globe to such places as Russia and South Africa, will share her vast experience in community building and the value of philanthropy. You will find her presentation motivating, enlightening and practical.

Workshops will be presented on Funding, Program Evaluation and Assessment, Family Literacy, Adult Learners, The Library Connection in Learning to Read—and more. If you need additional information on Building Communities: Libraries, Literacy and Learning, contact the Library of Michigan Foundation at (517) 373-1297 or Michigan Literacy Inc. at (517) 349-7511. If you would like to register by phone, please call the Library of Michigan Foundation Events Line at 888-469-8605.

A. Michael Deller, director of The Library Network, and Christie Brandau, state librarian of Michigan, toured the second floor reception area of the TLN building in Southgate, Michigan, on June 15, 2000. Deller invited Brandau to come and meet the staff of this southeastern Michigan library cooperative.

In addition to touring the building, Brandau lunched with the staff in the board room. Later that afternoon, she visited several of the libraries located in Wayne County: Ecorse, Southgate, Detroit Public Library and Fenton.

“We wanted to give the new state librarian a better idea of the many services we offer our member libraries,” said Deller. “We also were happy that she was able to meet some of the staff here at TLN and at some of the other libraries.”



Guest Editorial:
Patron-Initiated Interlibrary Loan: An Experience

By Sheryl VanderWagen,
Director, Georgetown Township Library



For many years the Lakeland Library Cooperative relied on an email-based system that was completely staff mediated. Staff members searched the database for each request and then selected up to five libraries to list in a lender string. Each request was entered by hand into an email message, one message per title.

Member libraries were ready for a change, but expressed some trepidation. How would they control “frivolous” requests? What would happen if someone placed 20 requests and they all came in at once? Could the computer be trusted not to send all requests to the same library? How would we ensure even distribution of requests? System-wide holds? “Oh my, everyone’s books are going to be flying everywhere! We’re going to lose control!”

Much to our patrons’ delight, we lost control on June 8, 1998. No longer were patrons told, “We can only do 5 requests at a time. It’s library policy.” No longer were patrons forced to wait 3 months or more for a book that sat on another library’s shelf unread while the one copy in their home library was in constant use. No longer did they submit the same requests to multiple libraries and play the “which-copy-will-come-in-first” game. And they were delighted.

Library staff members were skeptical. “Our patrons can’t browse for new books anymore.” They found other ways to announce new titles. “Now our books don’t come home between loans—what if a local patron wants it?” We set up the system so that local copies filled local holds first to ensure a book always went home if someone needed it. “One of our patrons placed ten holds and they complained because they all came in at once.” GREAT—the system works (patrons make that mistake only once)!

The patrons sold the system to the library staff; they loved it. They loved not having to ask for assistance for every single request. They loved “browsing” the computer for their favorite authors. They loved being able to request items from home at their convenience, not just during library hours. They loved receiving their books in a matter of days. The librarian from one of our smallest libraries told how she watched in dismay as the library’s only copy of a very popular title went out the door to another library. But when she unpacked the daily delivery, she found six copies of that title for six of the library’s patrons.

What a great way to serve the public!

Load management was addressed at the local level. Each member library chose the order by which the system checked member libraries for holdings. These orders were based on geographic location or delivery route. Some members used the number of hours their library was open. No one used collection size.

We’re happy we lost control. It couldn’t have happened to a nicer group of patrons or their local libraries.

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Michigan Center for the Book News



by Nancy R. Robertson,
Library of Michigan Coordinator for Michigan Center for the Book

The Michigan Center for the Book is a program of the Library of Michigan. Formally chartered in 1986, its goal is to promote awareness of books as the conveyors of the written word and to help stimulate interest in reading and libraries, a facets of the book arts, the publishing world, and authorship.

The Michigan Center for the Book Board meets at least twice a year—once in the spring and once at the Michigan Library Association annual conference in the fall, during which the Michigan Author Award Luncheon is held. The Center is a co-sponsor of both the award and the luncheon. This year the luncheon and award will honor Janie Lynn Panagopoulos.

The Library of Michigan coordinator for the Center attend the National Center for the Book’s State Centers Idea Exchange Day at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. on May 15 of this year. Thirty-four of the forty-one state centers sent at least one representative. Each state center reported on its current activities and successes.

One of the programs highlighted was the Literary Landmark Program, which is overseen by the Friends of Libraries U.S.A. and supported by the National Center for the Book as a recommended program. The Michigan Center for the Book is currently involved in the preliminary steps in selecting an appropriate site for a Michigan Literary Landmark.

River of Words is another national program in which the Michigan Center for the Book encourages participation. This program’s goal is for children to reconnect with the natural history of the places where they live and to write poetry or create artwork expressing their connection with the natural surroundings of their state.

The Center also promotes participation in the third Voices Michigan contest, which will result in the creation and publication of the third volume of Voices of Michigan, an anthology of poetry and prose written by the contest winners.

For more information about the Michigan Center for the Book and the programs it supports, see our webpage:

Trustees Corner



by Ellen Richardson
Library Law Specialist
Library Development

Legislative Update

In recent months, the Michigan Legislature has considered a number of issues of importance to public libraries throughout the state. The pieces of legislation highlighted here were passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Engler. Trustees should familiarize themselves with the general provisions of these new Public Acts as they make policy decisions and pursue funding for library operations.

Public Act 248 of 1999 (HB 4177) became effective on March 10, 2000. The act has amended the General Property Tax Act to require more information on the ballots proposing a millage increase. A ballot proposing a millage increase now must include all of the following: the millage rate proposed to be authorized; the estimated amount of the revenue that would be collected in the first year that the millage was authorized and levied; the duration of the millage in years; a clear statement of the purpose of the millage; and a clear statement indicating whether the millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage or the authorization of a new, additional millage. Additional information is also required for bond proposals. Trustees will notice that former ballot language will no longer be sufficient to meet the new requirements. As always, legal counsel will be able to advise the trustees at the time ballot language is prepared.

Public Acts 93-98 of 2000 (HB 4927-4932) were signed by Governor Engler on May 15, 2000 with immediate effect. These acts amend various parts of the Vehicle Code to redirect fines for violations of various truck ordinances. The fines will be split with local municipalities where the violations are committed. Thirty percent (30%) of the fines will be deposited in the county library fund for distribution to public libraries along with other penal fines. Several years ago, some public libraries witnessed the loss of some penal fine revenues when local units of government were authorized to enact the Vehicle Code as local ordinances. These acts may cause an increase in penal fine distribution in selected counties around the state.

Public Act 99 of 2000 (SB 956) was signed by Governor Engler on May 19, 2000. The act amends the City, Village and Township Libraries Act, PA 164 of 1877. City council may, by ordinance, change the number of members on the library board to not less than 5 or more than 8. The term of office may be not less than 2 years or more than 5 years. Cities that experience a growth in population may wish to use this provision to effect better representation of the citizenry. It may be easier to find residents willing to serve on the library board if the term of office is less than 5 years. This act took effect on May 15, 2000.

Public Act 212 of 2000 (SB 936) effective October 1, 2000, was signed by Governor Engler on June 26, 2000. This amendment to the Library Privacy Act requires local library boards to adopt and enforce a policy that restricts minors from Internet access to obscene or sexually explicit matter harmful to minors. The new section of the act requires filtering software or some system or method designed to prevent a minor from viewing objectionable material be used. Libraries established by community college districts, colleges or universities are exempt from this new requirement, as are private libraries open to the public.

The Michigan Legislature's website (www.michiganlegislature.org) has the enrolled bills, the history of the act's passage through the legislative system, and informative analysis of the new laws. *Check it out!*



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| 13 | OCLC Searching Basic, MLC | 13 | HTML II: Frames, Forms, and Cascading Style Sheets, MLC |
| 14 | AccessMichigan: Basics, MLC for LM | 17 | Automated Authority Control, MLC
Serials Cataloging, MLC
The Abrams Genealogy Series: Vital Records Research, LM |
| 15 | AccessMichigan New Interfaces and New Databases, MLC for LM
Authorities, MLC | 23 | CatME for Windows, MLC |
| 18 | Getting the Most Out of Windows, MLC
Mahoney Children's Workshop, Saute Ste. Marie, LMF | 24 | Excel: Beginning, MLC |
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AccessMichigan: Basics, MLC for LM | 25-28 | MAME Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel, Lansing, MAME |
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For more information about the Library of Michigan (LM) or Library of Michigan Foundation (LMF) events, call 517-373-1300, or visit the web site at <http://www.libraryofmichigan.org>; for more information about the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) events, call 800-530-9019 ext.21 or visit the web site at <http://www.mlc.lib.mi.us/cal/index.htm>; for more information about the Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative (SW MI Library Coop) events, call 616-657-4698 or email susan@smlc.lib.mi.us; and for more information about the Michigan Library Association (MLA) events, call 517-694-6615 or visit the web site at <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us>. To view the AccessMichigan training calendar, please visit the web site at <http://www.accessmichigan.lib.mi.us/traincal.htm>.

The Library of Michigan sent several staff members to attend a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation training session in Seattle, Washington, in early July. Training consisted of an intensive two-day overview of the Gates project and an opportunity to meet many of the staff that support this project (no, they did not meet Bill Gates). Representing Michigan were (left to right): Suzanne Dees, Brandy Teall, Paul Groll, Dan Michitsch, Christie Pearson Brandau, Janet Laverty and Jim Seidl (not pictured, Becky Cawley).



Library of Michigan employees Kimberly Laird (ADS Team Leader) and Bernadette Bartlett attended a conference in Hartford, CT on May 11-12, 2000. The conference was for people integrally involved with state documents and drew attendees from east of the Mississippi, as well as from both Colorado and California. Topics covered included electronic document collections and archiving, laws governing distribution of state documents, and access problems. Bernadette Bartlett was a presenter at this conference on the Electronic Michigan Checklist. The topic of the conference was the Council of State Library Agencies in the Northeast (COSLINE) and the "title" was Convocation of the Principal State Documents Depository Program Coordinators Resident In Those States East of the Mississippi River.



In May the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland hosted its first Medieval Day. A medieval marketplace and village were recreated in the library and on the grounds. Thirty-seven costumed members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, an organization for medieval and Renaissance reenactors, were on hand to explain their displays and crafts and answer questions. During the day-long event, library patrons listened to period music, participated in dances or walked through the library to view booths that exhibited medieval costumes, soap making, calligraphy and weapons making. Outside the library, amid the pavilion colorful clan banners, a 20-minute mock battle took place among armored warriors (left). The event attracted well over 1,400 visitors, which was "a significant increase over our regular Saturday attendance," noted Library Director Sandra Wilson.

Around the State

Director Linda Sickles of the Orion Township Public Library announced that the library's newsletter was voted Best of Show in the under \$2,000 budget category by LAMA. "People can view our current summer issue by logging on to our web site at <http://www.orion.lib.mi.us>," Sickles said.

Newsletter Editor Penny Peterson attended the ALA conference in July in Chicago to accept the award. "It is a special honor, because we are competing with libraries throughout the United States and Canada," Peterson said. "Our printer, First Impressions of Howell, has an excellent staff to work with. Their graphic designer, Leah Kucharek and I have put our heads together many times over the years to produce quality projects, including the Services Brochure that won the Best of Show in that category several years ago. It's been a team effort and one of which the entire community can be proud!"



State Librarian

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