

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
January 15, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees was called to order by Vice-Chair Tara Fulton at 10:09 a.m., on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at the Library of Michigan.
- Attendance**
- Members Present:** Pam Christensen (*via conference phone*), Jennifer Crowley, Tara Fulton, Donna Hellman (alternate for Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr.), Carla Hills, Kathy Irwin, Stacy Nowicki, Randy Riley.
- Members Absent:** Senator Steve Bieda, Mike Flanagan, Judy Hauser, Senator Dave Robertson, Representative Andy Schor.
- Staff Present:** Deb Biggs Thomas, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary), Don Todaro, Shannon White.
- Visitors:** Randy Dykhuis, Cliff Haka, Denise Hooks, Gail Madziar, Gwenn Marchesano, Carolyn Sparks.
- Agenda** JENNIFER CROWLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- November 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes** THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2014 MEETING WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED UPON MOTION BY CARLA HILLS.
- Board Reports**
- Board Members' Reports** Board members presented their reports.
- Legislator Updates** There were no legislative reports at this meeting.
- Partnership Reports**
- Cooperatives** Denise Hooks presented the Cooperative Directors report. A handout showing the cooperative areas on a map with their current contact information was distributed.
- MAME** Gwenn Marchesano reported for MAME.
- MCLS** Randy Dykhuis presented the MCLS report. MCLS and LM have partnered on an IMLS/Laura Bush grant to enhance conversations between libraries and their communities. Grant results should be released in March of 2015.
- MLA** MLA Director Gail Madziar discussed the MLA report.
- Mi-ALA** Cliff Haka represented Mi-ALA, the Michigan Academic Libraries Association, and presented their report.

**State Librarian's  
Report**

Library Data Coordinator Joe Hamlin received the Francis Keppel award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the timely completion of the annual report.

There was an article in the Free Press highlighting the list of 2015 Michigan Notable Books (MNB). The MNB author tour will cover 50 libraries throughout Michigan during the months of April, May and June. The goal is to have an author at a library so that anyone can attend at least one event within a 45 minute drive.

Randy will be presenting information about LM at the new legislator's orientation meeting on February 2.

The Public Library Financial Management Guide has been updated and can be found by scrolling down the LM's library trustee website:  
<http://michigan.gov/librarytrustee>.

LM is hoping to update the Trustees manual once a Law Library Specialist is hired. LM hopes to post that position soon, along with the Assistant Director of Statewide Services position.

Randy talked about some of the budget challenges the State and LM may be facing.

Work continues on choosing the next Michigan Reads! children's book.

Discussion took place regarding the Career Online High School. This program is designed so that those students that did not get a high school diploma can achieve their high school diploma. In order for LM to get involved, other libraries within the state would need to get involved as well by working with students hands-on.

**Board Discussion -  
Old Business**

LM Board members and partners discussed future topics of discussion. Cliff Haka mentioned the Digital Public Library of America project and that U-M is developing a cost proposal.

**Board Discussion -  
New Business**

Board members were asked to review the Aspen Institute Report titled *Rising to the Challenge, Re-Envisioning Public Libraries*

(<http://csreports.aspeninstitute.org/Dialogue-on-Public-Libraries/2014/report>)

prior to the Board meeting. Four basic principles were discussed in the report:

-aligning library service in support of community goals

-providing access to content in all formats

-ensuring the long-term sustainability of public libraries including long-term sustainability of digital information

-creating and fostering leadership throughout the state

Page 49 of the report lists steps for library leaders, policymakers, and the community to take to get started on re-envisioning their public library.

There is a need for libraries to articulate their goals and related costs, especially when it comes to technology and maintaining technology. This report supports some of the goals of the Harwood project.

Michigan eLibrary and Outreach Coordinator, Deb Biggs Thomas, spoke about the request for proposal process for the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases. These databases will be paid for with LSTA funds. These funds are decreasing, so we are looking at core subject areas that would be beneficial for all Michigan residents. The early literacy and business resources databases in MeL are funded through the State. A MeL RFP Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from K-12, academic, special, and public libraries and cooperatives, has been formed to review the content that should be purchased. A survey on the MeL databases will be distributed mid-January. Information and updates on this process can be found by going to the LM website at <http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan> and scroll down to 2015 Content Selection Process for the Michigan eLibrary. There is also a MeL content feedback form on the Content Selection Process webpage. A suggestion was made to have a FAQ.

Lori will schedule a meeting with Pam, Tara, Randy, Deb Biggs Thomas, and herself to come up with language for a resolution endorsing the MeL database process and the funding for the process.

**2015 Board  
Meeting Dates**

The following dates were set in 2015 for Library of Michigan Board meetings:  
September 24  
November 12  
Locations to be determined.

**Adjournment**

STACY NOWICKI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:42 A.M.

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Tara Fulton, Vice-Chair

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Randy Riley, State Librarian