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# LAKELAND NEWS

The official bi-monthly newsletter of  
Lakeland Library Cooperative



## DID YOU GUESS THE IMAGE? LAKELAND LIBRARY FEDERATION



### COOPERATIVE PLANS for 1978-79

For its first full year of operation, the Lakeland Library Cooperative plans to continue most of the basic services that were provided by the three former systems that joined together to form the Cooperative.

The Cooperative has developed an interlibrary loan network that will utilize the collections of the five largest libraries (nearly 1.5 million volumes) before asking the State Library, Western Michigan, and others for the request titles. The libraries are tied together via telecopiers.

The film collections of the five libraries with sizeable collections (about 1500 different film titles) will also be shared by the member libraries. In addition, Grand Rapids, Kent County, and Muskegon County are distribution centers for the Regional Film Library and their packet films (approximately 200 films) are available to the entire Cooperative.

Delivery service is provided to five libraries six days a week and to forty-nine library units three times a week. The Muskegon County Library decided to continue its own delivery system, but they are now receiving service twice a week.

Did you recognize the image we had in the last issue? It vaguely resembles our current logo. Before we were the Lakeland Library Cooperative, we were the Lakeland Library Federation. John Martin, Loutit District Library, sent us this beauty - kinda neat.

From John:

It's the volume 1, number 1, newsletter from the brand spanning new Lakeland Library Federation. One of our board members has been cleaning house and brought me what could be the world's largest complete(?) collection of LLF newsletters!

Best viewed online for hyperlinks - [www.llcoop.org/newsletter.shtml](http://www.llcoop.org/newsletter.shtml)

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## ILS CORNER

BY SHERYL VANDERWAGEN

- All shared ILS libraries should be checking for and running their Overdue Notices and Billing notices daily. We resumed sending new accounts to Unique Management the weekend of August 23. Several libraries asked me for a list of patrons who had checked out items from during or just before their closures so that they could contact those patrons to let them know it was time to return those items. By now, all items that were due on June 30, 2020 and then subsequently renewed automatically after that have been billed to patron records.
- Please continue to clear off your hold shelves and run the Clear Holdshelf process to pass on any items that may be waiting for the next patrons.
- As of September 8, all shared ILS libraries have returned to MelCat participation.
- In August, the Advisory Council voted to continue the temporary fines suspension through October 31, 2020, after which I will be updating the regular system loan rules to once again begin assessing fines on returned items.
- We are working with OverDrive on the RBdigital collections merger but we do not yet have a date for when the audiobook subscription merger will happen. We will notify the group when OverDrive has set that date.
- Work on the new app from Capira is progressing. If libraries in that group receive email from staff and developers at Capira, please respond as quickly as possible in regards to testing the app or submitting requested information.

## LAKELAND LIKES

LLC STAFF

I have recently listened to two historical fiction titles, *Lost Roses* and *Lilac Girls*, both by Martha Hall Kelly on OverDrive. I am currently reading *No Hard Feelings: The Secret Power of Embracing Emotions at Work* by Liz Fosslien and Mollie West Duffy. I am listening to *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff on OverDrive.

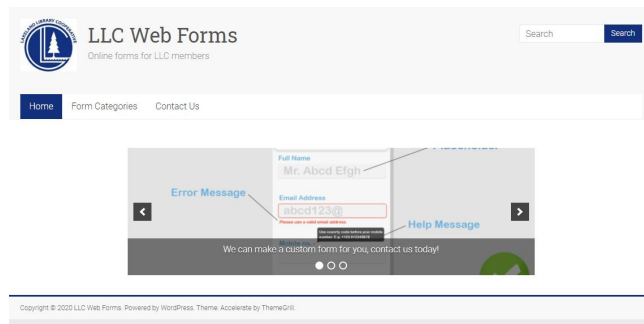
- Sheryl VanderWagen, ILS Manager

I am reading *Hello Fears* by Michelle Poler. She is a vivacious speaker; so much fun to watch present. I just love her open and authentic spirit. I am also about to read *Peace by Piece: 10 Lessons from a Jigsaw Puzzle!* by Laurel McHargue and Nadine Collier. Written by two friends who teach about "positive action in times of great uncertainty."

- Kelly Ann Schroeder, Administrative Assistant

## IT UPDATES

BY THOM RILEY



We have been working on a few web forms, including LLC Supplies and Continuing Education Idea Submission Form (Mary Cook recently emailed the link - they are looking for ideas for the coming year). We'll continue to add some more forms in the future. Please let us know if you need help with a web form!

## DELIVERY NOTES

DELIVERY BAG TAGS

Reminder: If a green bag is full of materials all going to the same library, you can put that library's code on the tag. This will help save LLC staff time while sorting and delivering, as well as help them handle materials less. Thank you!

## LIBRARY DIRECTORS

WELCOME



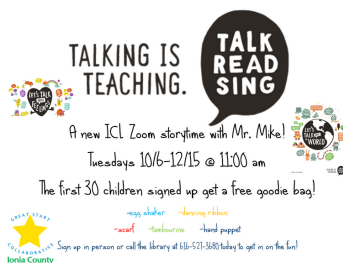
**Hesperia Community Library** - Samantha Reid-Goldberg joined the library as director in June 2020. She is a true Yooper, born and raised in Sault Sainte Marie. Samantha attended Lake Superior State University, majoring in History, and then received her MLIS from Wayne State University. Samantha hopes that being from a small town herself will give her insight into exactly how to best serve her patrons. She is also excited to have relocated to the southwestern part of Michigan and about living close enough to Target to walk. Samantha has stereotypical librarian hobbies that include reading, pets, coffee and anything remotely related to that combination.

# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

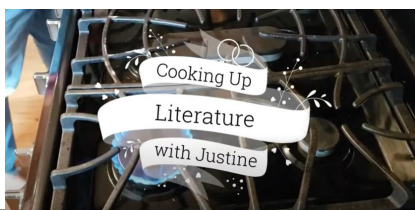
## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?



**Grand Rapids Public Library:** The City of Grand Rapids has added drop boxes for absentee ballots across the city to make it easier for residents to exercise their right to vote in the Nov. 3 election. The drop boxes are at seven locations, including outside four Grand Rapids Public Library (GRPL) branches.



**Ionia Community Library:** ICL is embarking on Zoom Storytimes and has partnered with the Ionia County Great Start Initiative to put a new twist on the delivery of the programming. Great Start provided the seed money for Ionia County libraries to put together 30 bags of goodies for the kiddos to use during the programs from their video feed where the kids can dance with scarves, shake the egg shaker, etc.



**Leighton Township Library:** During our library shutdown Justine, one of our youth services staff members, started a fun mini-series on YouTube. "Cooking Up Literature" was designed to bring some books to life in the best way Justine knew how... cooking! Each video highlighted 2 or 3 foods or drinks referenced in different books. The crowd favorite was the Geronimo Stilton video. Feel free to check out our YouTube Channel!

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# LAKELAND CALENDAR

[lcoop.evanced.info/signup](http://lcoop.evanced.info/signup)

OCTOBER 1  
BARCODE QUARTERLY ORDERS DUE

OCTOBER 5  
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 8  
BOARD MEETING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 15  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 2  
PPE QUARTERLY ORDERS DUE - NEW

NOVEMBER 12  
BOARD MEETING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 26  
THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 1  
DELIVERY DOTS QUARTERLY ORDERS DUE

DECEMBER 2  
CIRC FORUM MEETING

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA





# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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**Muskegon Area District Library:** MADL received an \$8500 2020 CARES Act Grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The money will help fund unanticipated costs for increased sanitation efforts for all system-wide operations. Preparing the library to open and keep it safe for staff and patrons was unexpected and necessary. \$3500 of the award is being used to offset the cost for PPE and cleaning supplies for our Administrative building and our 10 branches. The remaining \$5000 helped us provide internet access to one of our under-served communities. Outdoor Wi-Fi extenders were purchased and installed at our Muskegon Heights Branch. This extends the library's free Wi-Fi to the immediate surrounding area. Users now have more accessible free Wi-Fi.



**Saugatuck-Douglas District Library:** After feeling like we've run a very long marathon, the staff at Saugatuck-Douglas District Library is happy to report that we are officially IN our brand new building. Were there delays? Oh baby. There were so many. Are we thrilled with our new digs? We are thrilled, dazzled, and very grateful to our communities for this unbelievable space, the first real library building in the history of our towns. We have space for programming, a staff work area, a covered patio, quiet areas, and of course, more materials and seating. We are currently doing curbside service as we wait for final touches and installments, but we hope to open our doors to the public soon. Our director will then become reacquainted with her family. Come visit the shiny new SDDL when you are in our area!

*Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.*

*- Robert Collier, American self-help author*



**Spring Lake District Library:** For September Library Card Sign-Up Month, Spring Lake District Library and Loutit Library collaborated for the second year in a row to offer specials and discounts at local businesses. Anyone who shows their Spring Lake or Loutit card at a participating business gets a deal, like 10% off or BOGO, as chosen by the business. It's been a great partnership between the two libraries, but also with more than 30 local restaurants and businesses. Shop local!



**Tamarack District Library:** It happened once upon a time. Pam had an idea. It came to her like a dream. Actually, it came to her on Facebook. She saw Keanu Reeves with a cool library card. She wondered how interesting it would be to see library cards from all different libraries in the United States and beyond. So she posted on Programming Librarian Interest Group and asked if libraries would help us out. If they would be so kind as to share a library card from their library so we could create a library card Christmas Tree. From that point on, the excitement started, the idea grew and we have cards coming from all over Michigan, hopefully from all 50 States, Canada, Ireland and Australia. We are so excited in this project! We also are loving the support from all the other libraries. The other libraries are as excited as us to see the final project! We will be posting pictures. Our idea is to make it interactive and get the kids involved. We want them to know that libraries exist not just in their little town, but all over the country and even the world. We are going to have a map pinpointing where each library card is from. The cards have starting arriving and the TDL team is planning the decorating of the tree. As of right now, we have 60 library cards, but we will take more from any library willing to mail us one. So, needless to say, this is a team effort. Everyone on staff is an integral part in the creation of this project and the final result. The Library of Michigan has contacted us and will even be interviewing us about this project.

# OTHER EVENTS

[www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml](http://www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml)

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3  
BANNED BOOKS WEEK

OCTOBER  
MICHIGAN LIBRARY APPRECIATION  
MONTH  
TEENTOBER

OCTOBER 1-3  
ALSC NATIONAL INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 18-24  
NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES  
WEEK

OCTOBER 27  
FALL INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH SERVICES

OCTOBER 28-29  
MLA 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 3  
ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 5  
LIBRARYCON LIVE

NOVEMBER 6-8  
YALSA 2020 SYMPOSIUM

NOVEMBER 8-14  
INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK

## MICHIGAN LIBRARY APPRECIATION MONTH OCTOBER 2020



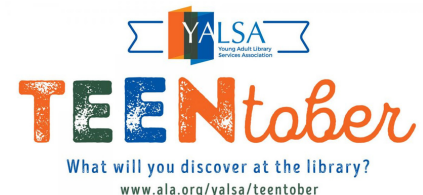
Michigan Library Association has prepared a proclamation, a sample press release, images and more for you to use to help promote libraries this month. The resolutions passed in both the Michigan Senate and Michigan House.

## MLA 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 28 & 29



The annual conference will be virtual this year. What a great opportunity for more of your staff to participate. Please also note: "Spring Institute for Youth Services, originally scheduled for March 19-20, is now the Fall Institute for Youth Services Virtual Preconference and will be held on October 27, 2020."

## YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES ASSOCIATION SYMPOSIUM AND TEENTOBER



TeenTober will replace Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week. Check out tools, themes and resources by clicking on the image above.

The YALSA 2020 Symposium is going to be virtual and available to everyone. This will be held November 6-8. The theme is called Biggest Little Spaces: How Libraries Serve the Expanding Worlds of Teens.

# NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

OCTOBER 18-24



We are so grateful for our Friends of Libraries. Let's promote membership and celebrate the terrific work they do as they support the amazing work of our libraries and staff and outreach to our communities. Also check out Friends of Michigan Libraries at [foml.org](http://foml.org) for training and membership information.

## LIBRARYCON LIVE

NOVEMBER 5



Join this virtual Con for discussions and presentations on comics, graphic novels, fan-fic and more. This is open to everyone, so don't miss it. They are anticipating this will fill up, but sign up anyway. They will be sharing content later as well.

## CORE VIRTUAL FORUM

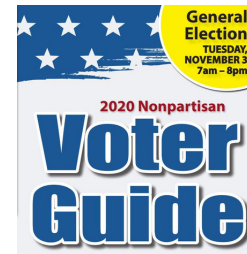
NOVEMBER 18 & 20



This is a 2-day virtual conference for library professionals in leadership and management, as well as a focus on technology and technical services. The new ALA Core Division brings this first conference with the theme of "Intention and Serendipity: Exploration of Ideas through Purposeful and Chance Connections." They will cover topics such as metadata, collections, preservations and more.

## 2020 VOTER GUIDE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



This guide has been sent to libraries, but in limited quantities. Take a look at and share this PDF of the full guide by clicking on the image. You can also find info at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

Also check out [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos) to find more voter information. You may also vote at your local clerks office or use a local drop box for your absentee ballot. Want to vote in person? You can find out where you are registered by visiting the voter information center at the link.

## MILLAGE CONGRATULATIONS

AUGUST 2020

