Get ready for our BiblioCore launch on June 1, 2021.

The Lakeland staff and many library staff members have been busy testing and tweaking the new BiblioCore catalog. We’re very excited to let everyone know that we are on track for the June 1 public launch. At that time, we ask all libraries to replace their links to Encore with the links for their new BiblioCore catalogs and to make the new public catalog the default catalog at workstations in your buildings. If you have not had a chance to look at your catalogs, you can find information here: http://www.llcoop.org/biblio.shtml
FAREWELL TO KELLY ANN SCHROEDER
YOU WILL BE MISSED

We are sad to say goodbye to Kelly Ann Schroeder, Administrative Assistant, after 8 years at Lakeland. She has been kind, helpful, and creative in all that she has contributed. We wish her the best in her next chapter! Thank you, Kelly, for all you have done here at Lakeland.

ILS CORNER
BY SHERYL VANDERWAGEN

To assist our sorters, please face all delivery transfer slips toward the back of the item. If you are not using the custom transit slips that print the two-letter codes, please remind staff to print legibly. When packing bags please pack items face side down. This will help our sorters to be more efficient with handling materials. Find a complete rundown of delivery procedures here: http://www.llcoop.org/policies/delivery_procedures_2016-10.pdf

ALL MeLCat items (pack and no pack) must have a RIDES shipping label attached. We have recently received a number of items for NO PACK libraries without those shipping labels. Print your RIDES labels from here: https://members.mcls.org/w/rides_labels/labels.php

The Return Anywhere program is still in effect. Lakeland shared ILS members may receive both GRPL and KDL items from patrons. Patrons may return shared ILS items to either GRPL or KDL. When shared ILS items are received at the Lakeland sorting center from GRPL or KDL, they are checked in from the patron records before being shipped home.

The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff.
– Timothy Healy

LIBRARY DIRECTORS
TRANSITIONS

Salem Township Library - Lisa Vande Bunte
Lisa graduated from Baker College with a BA in Elementary Education. She volunteered at the Salem Township Library before becoming a staff member. Along with being director, she also enjoys leading virtual Story Time each week. When she’s not at the library, you can find Lisa hiking in the great outdoors or reading the latest Charles Martin book.

Sparta Carnegie Township Library - Merri Jo Tuinstra
Merri Jo worked as a public school teacher for 30 years, and has been retired for 6. She was able to assist students gain a love for reading through interactions at the school library. She and her husband live in Sparta and have 3 grown children. She enjoys traveling, quilting and reading. She enjoys working with the staff at the Sparta Library and looks forward to a time when we can get back to full programming.

LLC WEBSITE HIGHLIGHT
GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

This page was updated a bit ago to link more directly to resources (when possible). You can find some district maps, which will be updated in the future. The Library of Michigan directory is a great resource for finding who your representatives are. Visit these links to introduce yourself to your representatives and advocate for libraries!
**Loutit District Library:** We hosted a virtual interview Tuesday, May 25 at 7 PM on Facebook Live with author Viola Shipman, aka Wade Rouse, as he talked about his newest novel, The Clover Girls. 10 copies of the book were given away to participants who asked questions throughout the talk! This event was hosted on Loutit’s main Facebook page in partnership with Spring Lake District Library, The Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and The Bookman.

**Spring Lake District Library:** We’d like to announce that Kathy DeBone (right) is retiring from her position as Circulation Supervisor after 27 years at the library. We’d also like to announce that Rachel Koehne (left) has joined us as our new Circulation Supervisor. Please help us welcome Rachel!

**Tamarack District Library** - We had been short staffed for a while and the board decided it was time to fill some vacant positions. We put the word out and hired three new staff members. Alisha Hawley is our new and only page. She has dedicated herself to learning Dewey and she’s catching on quickly. Raelyn McElhinny and Nancy Gitre are our new circulation services clerks. They are learning the circulation functions of our computer system with alacrity and panache. We are very happy to have them on board.

**QUOTING GENE RODDENBERRY**

"The library was the way of educating a child and teaching him [them] imagination and reading. And so we went to the local library on the streetcar about every Friday night. And we all took a full load of books and came home and I used to love to curl up with a book."
- Read by Levar Burton.

**LAKELAND CALENDAR**

![Image](llcoop.evanced.info/signup)

**JUNE 1**
BIBLIOCORE GOES LIVE!

**JUNE 10**
BOARD MEETING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**JUNE 17**
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**JULY 1**
BARCODE ORDERS DUE

**JULY 5**
INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED - LAKELAND CLOSED

**JULY 8**
BOARD MEETING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**JULY 15**
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**AUGUST 1**
LIBRARY POLY BAG ORDERS DUE

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**
AN UPDATE ON WORKSHOPS AND CERTIFICATION
TAKEN FROM SHANNON WHITE AT LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

New and Advanced Director Workshops
These two events are being transformed into online, self-paced, learning pathways. Details on how to register and complete this content through our Niche Staff Skills Academy will be posted to Michlib-L and emailed to library directors this summer. We expect both of these online opportunities to be available by July 1, 2021. There will be no charge to participate in these events.

Beginning Workshop
This event is also moving to an online, self-paced format. This pathway will be included in our Niche Staff Skills Academy, but will not be available by the summer of 2021. We will provide additional information over the summer on the expected date of release. There will be no charge to participate in this event.

Library Staff Certification
If you need to complete one or more of these to meet Library Staff Certification requirements, your certification application will be held until you are able to complete the content.

State Aid
If your library needs staff to complete the courses in order for the library to be eligible for State Aid the library will be granted a waiver by LM. If there are other reasons your library is not able to meet the State Aid requirements you should contact Kathy Webb to discuss options for your library (webbk1@michigan.gov or 517-335-1514).

Questions about LM Continuing Education can be directed to the LM Training email address at LM-LibTraining@michigan.gov. Several staff monitor this email so your questions will be seen promptly.

AFFECTING CHANGE IN A MIDDLE MANAGEMENT ROLE
JUNE 1, 2021

Check out this webinar if you are looking to improve your skills as a manager. "Attendees of this panel discussion will hear from public librarians representing libraries of varying sizes, geographic regions, and diverse populations who have affected change from their positions in middle management through effective communications, advocacy, and storytelling."

BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNITY ASSETS
JUNE 3, 2021

Learn how to connect more effectively with your patrons and community, especially after the challenges from this past year. "This webinar will provide an opportunity to contrast traditional community outreach with community engagement principles and discuss community asset mapping as a tool for engagement."

HOW TO RUN A PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 23, 2021

If you are new to coordinating public meetings, or just want to brush up on your skills, this may be a helpful workshop for you. "What makes for a smooth board meeting that complies with necessary laws and doesn’t last for hours? This session will discuss the structure of a public meeting and provide tips and resources to help a board president facilitate business and ensure everyone is heard."

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JUNE 23–29, 2021 VIRTUAL
ALA-AmericanLibraryAssociation
JUNE IS RAINBOW BOOK MONTH™
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Find publicity and social media tools, plus other resources, to celebrate Rainbow Book Month in June by clicking on the image above. “Rainbow Book Month™ is a nationwide celebration of the authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, genderqueer, queer, intersex, agender, and asexual community.”

DISMANTLING RACISM IN COLLABORATIVE COLLECTIONS
JUNE 9, 2021

Awareness and mindfulness of our library collections is more important than ever. "In this webinar, DPLA staff and representatives from DPLA’s network will discuss opportunities, challenges, and learnings encountered during this work; outline next steps for DPLA and member institutions in creating more diverse and equitable collections; and cover anticipated challenges as this work continues."

REINVENTING LIBRARIES FOR A POST-COVID WORLD
JUNE 17, 2021

Is your library facing challenges and/or looking for new ways to engage your patrons and communities? If so, this free mini-conference may be of interest to you. “In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, librarians have been faced with all manner of challenges as they have worked to bring their service, resources, and events into the virtual realm. Unsurprisingly, librarians have not only met this challenge but thrived in bringing new dynamic digital content, engaging virtual programming and instructional events, and exciting online such as virtual book clubs, gaming tournaments, and even makerspace activities to their patrons. Please join us as we discuss the ways librarians have adapted and evolved their service offerings for a post COVID world.”