THE HURRIER I GO, THE BEHINDER I GET

BY CAROL DAWE

Do you ever feel this way? There is so much information available now that it can be difficult to keep up, so we thought having a bi-monthly Lakeland newsletter might help. It is our hope that you can take a few minutes, pour yourself a cup of tea or joe, take in some information that will help you help your patrons & the communities you serve, and shed some light on what we do here at Lakeland. Maybe make you laugh or smile, too.

Please let us know what you find interesting and what you don’t (there will not be one of these columns in every issue... I promise). Remember, we are here to help! It really is our mission in 5 words or less. My deepest thanks to Kelly Schroeder for her enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work on this new publication, and for the contributions of my colleagues here on 3 Mile Road. Ladies and gentlemen... drum roll please for volume 1, issue 1.
ILS NOTES
FEATURING ENCORE

The Encore catalog headers have been updated with links to both email notification sign-up, as well as information about text messaging sign-up. Lakeland strongly encourages libraries to change their in-house catalog links to the Encore interface. Encore returns search results faster than Lakenet, since the recent reload of e-material records. Lakenet catalog searching has slowed considerably with the addition of thousands of new records.

Change your catalog links to http://encore.llcoop.org and encourage your patrons to try Encore as well. Want a catalog search box on your library’s home page? Contact Tech-Help for a link to the Encore Search Widget which can be installed on any library website.

IT CORNER

LAKELEND E-MAIL

We have been working on setting up a new e-mail server. There are some cool new features that will be available, and we can’t wait to share them with you. The server will be migrating over at the end of April or early May. More information will be shared as the project progresses.

As a reminder: old e-mails will not be moving to the new system, but will be accessible for up to 90 days.

"If everyone helps to hold up the sky, then one person does not become tired.”
-Askhari Johnson Hodari

LAKELEND LIKES
BY LAKELEND STAFF

Sharp: The Women Who Made an Art of Having an Opinion by Michelle Dean – Carol Dawe, Cooperative Director

The Ballad of Buster Skruggs – Carol Dawe, Cooperative Director

I can’t wait to garden! Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener’s Handbook: Perfectly Timed Gardening for Your Most Bountiful Harvest Ever by Jennifer Kujawski, Ron Kujawski – Kelly Ann Schroeder, Administrative Assistant

Bohemian Rhapsody was wonderful and is now on DVD and Blu-ray (cataloged here at Lakeland), and would be well worth your while to see. – Jean Zabielski, Cataloging Specialist

I just finished reading Devil May Care by Sebastian Faulks. This is a James Bond adventure novel set in the 1960s. Bond is called home from his vacation and given the assignment to investigate the head of a pharmaceutical company who is suspected of attempting to flood Great Britain with illegal narcotics. I’d recommend this for fans of James Bond and of adventure fiction. Reading it felt like discovering a long-lost Sean Connery 007 movie. – Jeff Lezman, Cataloging Librarian
MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Dale Parus, Director at Ionia Community Library – The City of Ionia is a 2019 Rising Tide community. Dale is serving on the Connectivity and Downtown Committees. More at the State of Michigan Project Rising Tide website.

Here at the Gary Byker Library in Hudsonville, we’ve had good success with Teen Escape Rooms, the most recent one being Harry Potter themed and now are branching out to offer one to adult patrons in late April! We expect the event to be full, even with multiple time slots!

The Fremont Area District Library has been working to implement low-cost, yet high-impact changes within the last year. We have new ottomans near our circulation desk so that, if there is a long line of people waiting to checkout, seniors and children have a place to rest while waiting. A new lounge area was created near our DVDs with tables, chairs, and benches. This area also features new materials so that patrons can easily find new books or audiovisual materials. This made it possible to add shelving capacity for more audiobooks and large print books. We’ve added fax service to meet a big need in our community, we’re getting a much needed overhaul of our IT network, and we’re adding a countertop workspace area in the teen department for students.

Crystal Community Library – The library relocated December 2018.
Georgetown Township Public Library – Construction is underway for additional space.
Saugatuck-Douglas District Library – A bond proposal was approved in 2018.
Ionia Community Library – IC will be going for a new building in August 2020.

LAKELAND CALENDAR

APRIL 1
AUTO-RENEWAL BEGINS [SIERRA]
BARCODE ORDERS DUE

APRIL 11
BOARD & ILS COUNCIL MEETINGS

APRIL 12
TRENDING TOPICS: #STAYWOKE:
CENTERING A DIVERSE GROUP OF PATRONS

APRIL 18
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 1
OVERDRIVE GROUP MEETING

MAY 6
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 9
BOARD MEETING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 16
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 17
TRENDING TOPICS: THE RIGHT PLACE – USING DATA TO MAKE DECISIONS

MAY 22
CIRCULATION FORUM MEETING

MAY 24
SERVING TEENS

MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE MIDWEST COLLABORATIVE FOR LIBRARY SERVICES (MCLS)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT GARRISON

“I have a profound appreciation and respect for MCLS as an organization, and the work its dedicated and driven staff do for and with its diverse member libraries, vendors, Board of Directors, and other partners within and beyond Indiana and Michigan. In my first several weeks on the job, I’ll focus on learning about the many people who make MCLS what it is: a responsive, reliable, and open partner that helps libraries of all types achieve more together, through providing services and fostering collaboration, learning, sharing, and innovation.”

More...

NEW DIRECTORS

WELCOME

White Lake Community Library – Virginia DeMumbrum
“[Virginia] has led the dynamic children’s programming at the library for 18 years... She also serves as a Whitehall city council member and is active in leadership at Lebanon Lutheran Church.

Spring Lake District Library – Maggie McKeithan
Maggie begins April 3rd. She is from Troy, Kansas where she has been director of Library District #1 in Doniphan County, Kansas. She brings a lot of talent and community building skills to the library.

STAFF CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

The Library of Michigan staff certification program offers a recognized certificate of achievement based on education and experience, and it supports the statutory requirements for public libraries to qualify for state aid grant funds. Complete the Library Staff Certification Application to begin.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN BEGINNING WORKSHOP

MAY 15-17, 2019

"The Library of Michigan’s Beginning Workshop is a yearly 3-day event geared for library staff members that have not had the opportunity for formal library coursework. Its aim is to introduce library staff to a variety of topics and offer them practical skills that they can use working in a Michigan public library. Anyone new to the profession or just hired at a library, no matter what their academic credentials, is welcome to attend the event. For those seeking an initial Level 3 or Level 4 certificate from the Library of Michigan, attendance at the entire Beginning Workshop is obligatory. For more information on Library of Michigan’s certification program visit the Library Certification page." More...
OTHER EVENTS

MARCH 11 - APRIL 3
VOTE IN THE 2019 AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ELECTION

MARCH 30 - APRIL 6
MONEY SMART WEEK

APRIL
SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH
POETRY MONTH

APRIL 2
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

APRIL 7-13, 2019
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 30
CHILDREN’S DAY/BOOK DAY - EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS/EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS (DÍA)

MAY 14
MLA MARKETING THE LIBRARY WORKSHOP

MAY 15-17
LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN - BEGINNING WORKSHOP

MAY 31
MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - EXECUTIVE SUMMIT

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ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
JUNE 20-25, 2019

What You Can Expect:

* 100s of top authors and unforgettable speakers
* 900+ expert exhibitors, new products, services, and titles
* Libraries Transform® and a focus on the future
* Learning that keeps on going
* Fun stuff that sparks innovation
* News You Can Use—updates, policy priorities, strategies for engaging decision-makers and influencers
* Quality and scope of programs, topics, and formats

ALA ELECTIONS 2019
VOTING DEADLINE IS APRIL 3

The election closes on April 3, 2019. Results will be announced on April 10, 2019. Lance Werner, from Kent District Library, is on the ballot as a candidate for ALA President. More...

SMALL LIBRARIES, BIG IMPACT
APRIL 29-30, 2019

“Small Libraries, Big Impact is a conference developed with small and rural libraries in mind. Six of the eleven cooperatives in Michigan have pooled resources to sponsor the Small Libraries, Big Impact Conference. Our hope is that the programs presented and the keynote speakers will inspire you to continue providing excellent library services to residents living in our rural areas of Michigan.” More...

MICHIGAN KIDLIB
MAY 10, 2019

“Welcome to MI KidLib 2019, the 6th annual FREE unconference for youth services staff (current, aspiring, retired) in Michigan (or willing to come to Michigan). This year’s event will take place at the Library of Michigan in Lansing!” More...
RETURN ANYWHERE

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Return Anywhere began February 4, 2019 between Lakeland and Kent District Library. Patrons may now return their items anywhere (currently excluding Grand Rapids Public Library branches). Brian, a veteran Lakeland sorter, has been trained to check in items returning from KDL so they can get on their way to the next patron, or return home.

JUNE IS NATIONAL OCEAN MONTH

SWANK MOTION PICTURES

"In May of 2018, June was declared National Ocean Month. But since it was announced too late for libraries to properly plan, this is the first year libraries have a real chance to celebrate the new holiday. Highlight all the amazing ways the oceans benefit our lives, as well as how we can protect this vital resource, using our latest newsletter. Keep reading for our top ideas for pairing popular water-themed flicks with creative and educational programming this National Ocean Month!" More...

SCOLA SUBSCRIPTIONS

SIGN UP & RENEWAL INFO COMING SOON!

SCOLA® is the world’s premier provider of foreign television programs from around the world and provides other foreign language resources, language lessons and learning material. Please contact Janet Cornell for more information.

HELPFUL LINKS

WWW.LLCOOP.ORG

We have a page on the Lakeland website with some helpful links that came about as a result of New Director Orientation feedback. While many of the links are provided during orientation to new directors in the Cooperative, many of you may find them useful, too.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2019

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Visit the link via the image below for more resources and PSAs for this year’s theme from Collaborative Summer Library Program.

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