Orion Township Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 16, 2017
6:30 p.m. – Library Conference Room

Library Mission: To serve and engage a thriving community of lifelong learners

I. Call to order
II. Approval of agenda
III. Consent agenda
   A. Minutes of 1/26/2017 Library Board meeting
   B. Bills
   C. Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from January 2017
IV. Public Comment
V. Closed session
VI. Communications
   A. Press coverage
   B. MLA Weekly Newsletter, January 26, 2017
   C. MLA Weekly Newsletter, February 2, 2017
   D. MLA Weekly Newsletter, February 9, 2017
VII. Director’s Report
   A. Library news and activities
   B. Usage reports
   C. Advocacy news
   D. 2017 Department Goals
VIII. Old Business
   A. Harwood Michigan Cohort Project update
   B. Unique Management update
IX. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Policy
   B. Finance
   C. Fund Development – report from meeting on 2/8/17
   D. Board Development
   E. Building
   F. Human Resources
   G. Director evaluation – report from meeting on 2/8/17
X. Discussion Items
XI. Action Items
   A. Director evaluation
XII. Public Comment
XIII. Trustee Comments
XIV. Adjournment
Orion Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2017

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1) Call to order at 6:31 p.m.

2) Approval of agenda. Addition to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Quinn / Abramczyk. Motion carries.
   a) Call to public after presentation from Lions Club

3) Presentation from Lions Club
   a) Screened 101 children in the OTPL, 39 referrals to an eye care professional. The Board acknowledged the great efforts of the Lions Club and appreciates the group.

4) Call to public
   a) Diane Baldwin present. Mrs. Baldwin performs Community Outreach for Oakland University and is interested in assisting the fundraising efforts for the Book Mobile. The Board reaffirmed the opportunities for community service hours for students.

5) Closed session adjourned 6:55 p.m.

6) End of closed session and call to order at 7:10 p.m.

7) Consent Agenda as presented: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Abramczyk / Phillips. Motion carries.
   a) Minutes from last meeting 12/15/16 Library Board meeting
   b) Bills
   c) Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from December 2016.
      i) Fund Balance: budgeted $400,000. $317,271 was the actual Fund Balance contribution to the budget for 2016, a 20.7% reduction from projected Fund Balance contribution. A majority of the renovations have been paid.

8) Communications
   a) Press coverage –
      i) Nice coverage on Origins of the War in Syria.
ii) Friends’ $30,000 contribution was noted in many publications.

b) Discussed recent legislative items.
   i) Libraries by default have to “opt-in” for future tax recapture proposals, which is a positive result for Libraries.

9) Director’s report
   
a) Report on file
   
b) 580 people for Author/Illustrator Fair.
   
c) Teens had several events during December. Gingerbread Houses was attended by 48 teens, among many other events.
   
d) 126 kindergarteners and 87 1st graders attended the Library as part of school visits.
   
e) The Friends raised $4,300 in the recent silent auction, setting a record for this type of event.
   
f) Director offered a ribbon cutting for the celebration of the Library of Excellence award and Re-Opening of the renovated Library.
   
g) Oakland Christian Schools purchased a 3-week, $150 advertisement.

10) Old Business
   
a) Harwood Michigan Cohort Project Update – 1 page summary prepared. Sent to our Mentor. Summary to be sent to participants and discussed later.
   
b) Unique Management update – Began with Unique Management after Labor Day. We get a monthly status report. Through the month of December; $6,675 in cash received, Paid $4,536 to use the Unique Management thus far. $2,595 in materials has been recovered.
   
c) Strategic Plan Work Plan update – A few items have not yet been started: lighting (Phillips to investigate LED lighting), new signage in adult area, interior digital signage. Most of the items have been completed or are in process. It is time to look in 2017 for the 2018 strategic plan, review in April.

11) Standing Committee Report –
   
a) Policy Report –
      None
   
b) Finance –
      None
   
c) Fund Development –
      Mailing to business for donations, Sunday hours and progress update from Diane Baldwin on Book Mobile. Invite Mrs. Baldwin. Meeting set for 2/8/17 at 5 p.m.
   
d) Board Development –
      Annual Board Evaluation was discussed.
      President Thorndycraft shared with the Board a webinar she attended which provided many ideas on Board engagement.
   
e) Building –
f) Human Resources –
   None.

g) Ad Hoc Committee Reports
   None.

h) Advocacy – None.

i) Director Evaluation – Meeting set for 2/8/17 at 6 p.m. Set meeting with Director before the February 2017 Board meeting.

12) Discussion Items
   a) Record retention policy report to Board by Director
   b) Update Trustee Conflict of Interest and Trustee Commitment forms

13) Action Items
   a) Director compensation – Move by Abramczyk to table the Director Compensation action item to February 2017. Motion carries.

   b) Resolution Authorizing the Application for Special License for the Friends Passport to Spring – Abramczyk read the Resolution (on file), supported by Phillips. Quinn asked if additional insurance is procured. Yes, paid for by Friends. No further discussion. Motion carried.

   c) Board Resolution for LSTA Grant Application – 3 year grants up to $500,000. Schools and Library for a Dragon Maker Bus. Retrofit a school bus and equip with technology. Teach classes from it. Target underserved students. Motion by Quinn to accept the Board Resolution for LSTA Grant Application. Second by Phillips. Motion carries.

14) New meetings scheduled at the OTPL
   a) Fund Development Committee – February 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
   b) Director Evaluation Committee – February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
   c) Director Evaluation presentation to Director – Before the February Board of Trustee meeting.

15) Questions from the Public – None

16) Trustee comments

17) Adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

Mike Luna
Secretary, Board of Trustees
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| 7503  | DATA IMAGE         | VO        | 01-17  | 026025      | 1/26/2017   | 44968   |           |           | 1,865.00     | 0.00          |
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| 7503  | HUTCHINSON STudios LLC |     |        |             |             | 201701121 |           |           | 2,400.00     | 0.00          |
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Orion Township Public Library
For the Month Ending January 31, 2017

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(1) Credit Union Money Market .50% interest  
(2) Credit Union Savings  
(3) CD maturing 2/19/18 @ 1.125% interest  
(4) CD maturing 2/27/2018 @ 1.200% interest  
(5) Money Market Account, CD  
(6) CD maturing 9/5/17 @ .80% interest  
(7) CD maturing 9/14/2018 @ 1.150% interest  
(8) CD maturing 9/7/2018 @ .90% interest  
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
## ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY - TREASURER’S REPORT - GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY
### JANUARY 2017

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(1) Business Checking (4) Business Checking - Donation Account (6) High Yield Money Market .60% interest  
(2) Business Savings Sweep (5) Business Checking - Donation Account (7) Credit Union Savings  
(3) Cafeteria (8) Credit Union Money Market .25% interest  
(9) Credit Union Savings (10) Credit Union Savings (12) CD maturing 1/25/18 interest increases from .750% to 1.300%  
(11) Credit Union MM 1.26% interest (13) Money Market, Treasury Bills, CD’s  
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity (14) Money Market, CD  
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
PATH Workshops to Better Health

Orion Township Public Library

By Becky Bolin (Star Patcher) - February 8, 2017 1:34 pm ET

PATH Workshops to Better Health Coming Soon to the Orion Township Public Library!

**Wednesdays, March 1 through April 5, 6:00p-8:30p**

Learn to manage your chronic illness such as diabetes, asthma, depression and other physical and mental health conditions. Techniques taught in this workshop include healthy eating, the benefits of exercise, stress management, pain management, and others. Sponsored by McLaren Oakland.
The Barbershop Harmony Society's Pontiac-Waterford BIG CHIEF CHORUS is an organization of men who love to sing four-party harmony in the Barbershop style. If you love old-fashioned barbershop harmony, come to the Orion Township Public Library on Saturday, February 4 at 2:00p! All ages welcome! (Sponsored by the Friends of the Orion Township Public Library)
arguments continue, I hope that the best policies for these United States, not just for immigration, but in all aspects, will be implemented or the name of this country. Let us reflect it. I've been seeing too many friends and acquaintances eat each other up on social media; pushing loving and thoughtful to our loved ones, it's my fervent

The Orion Township Public Library announces an upcoming adult workshop series led by M. Bur-ichard, professor of business communications at Northwood University.

Reclaiming Your Time on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.: Experience immediate relief by implementing these concepts at work the very next day. Includes online support to help you establish habits that ensure your success.

Emailing for Results on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.: Eliminate follow-ups and mistakes with these proven business communications techniques. Includes online one-on-one support with your own emails.

Generating Collaboration on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Discover proven techniques that will help you build the team you really want – no matter what your position is within the company! Includes online support to tailor your approach.

Experiencing Effective Meetings on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.: Create effective meetings every time with concepts built on Steven Covey's work. Includes online discussion of effective practices.

Adults can register at orionlibrary.org/calendar. For questions, contact Beth Sheri-

dan at esheridan@orionlibrary.org or call 248-698-3000, ext. 832.
Pontiac-Waterford BIG CHIEF CHORUS Concert
Saturday, February 4 @ 2:00p
The Barbershop Harmony Society’s Pontiac-Waterford BIG CHIEF CHORUS is an organization of men who love to sing four-part harmony in the Barbershop style. If you love old-fashioned barbershop harmony, join us, this is the event for you! All ages welcome!

Project KidSight Vision Screenings
Saturdays: February 11, March 11, April 8, 10:00a-12:00p
The Lake Orion Lions Club will be at the Orion Library at the dates above to offer FREE screenings to patrons for children over 5 months old.

Snow is Falling and Books are Calling:
Adult Winter Reading Program
Now through March 6
There is still time to join! Record your winter reads to be entered in weekly prize drawings. Register at orionlibrary.org. The final prize drawing is March 6th.

Painting with Kim Santini
Saturday, February 11, 1:00p-4:00p
Enjoy this beginner painting class with Lake Orion’s own Kim Santini! 2015’s Kentucky Derby Artist is known for her bright colors and whimsical flora and fauna. There is a $10 supply fee to be paid in cash at the program. Registration required at orionlibrary.org.

Doctor Who Cosmic Bingo for Teens
Thursday, February 16 @ 7:00p
Join your fellow Whovians for cosmic Doctor Who bing with black lights, neon paint, music and prizes! Registration required at orionlibrary.org.

Family Book Bingo
Monday, February 20 @ 2:00p
Play traditional bingo and win books! Bring the whole family for a FREE, fun-filled time. Both caregivers and children will go home with a free book! All ages welcome!

SAT Practice Exam
Saturday, February 25 @ 10:00a
Sylvan Learning Center will be at the Orion Library to give some quick tips and tricks about the SAT and then administer a full SAT practice exam. There is a $10 charge for this class and cash or checks made out to Sylvan Learning Center are due the day of the program. Registration required at orionlibrary.org.

Take Charge of Your Work Series
Reclaiming Your Time
Monday, February 6 @ 7:00p
Experience immediate relief by implementing these concepts at work the very next day.

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten
This program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children from birth to five years old. We already have 106 registrants who have logged more than 9,388 books!! For more information, visit orionlibrary.org/ youth.

SAVE THE DATE!
Passport to Spring: A Visit to Poland
Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29 for the 5th annual Passport to Spring Friends of the Orion Library fundraiser! More details coming soon.
Clergy, Cops and Beer event, at the former 51 North e brewery having their lay of their entirety as to see the same posi-

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tive way," said Pastor John Ball.

The Lake Orion Police Department and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church would also like to extend their gratitude to not only the community, but also to Lockhart's BBQ for hosting Clergy, Cops and Beer.

Tickets for the event can be purchased in advance for $25 by calling Lockhart's BBQ at 248-690-9362 or by visiting www.events.eventzilla.net/e/2138895908. The ticket price covers one entree off a special menu and entertainment. Tickets will also be available for purchase the day of the event for $35.

The village council also approved the cleaning of the sewage lines that run under Lake Orion. There are two forced mains that run under the lake with pipes that should last anywhere from 50 to 100 years. Being installed in the early 1970's, the pipes are coming up on the 50-year mark.

The mains will be cleaned out using a tactic called "ice pigging" which uses brine to ice and clean out the pipes. This technique has been used in sanitary systems in the United States for the past 50 years of and

Council passes pump repairs, sewer cleaning coming to 51 North building

The Lake Orion Lions Club will be holding their third annual Outhouse Races during Winterfest beginning at 2 p.m. on Feb. 4. Teams of three are invited to sign up to compete for the coveted Gold Toilet Seat trophy. All proceeds benefit the Lions Club.

Registration for business and individual teams is currently $50, and non-profit and charitable group sign-up is $25.

More information and registration forms can be found at lakeorionlions.org. -- G.T.

Taste of the Town returns

The Annual Taste of the Town event returns on Feb. 25 at King's Court Castle.

The public is invited to attend and sample foods from local restaurants, enjoy live music and participate in silent and live auctions. Tickets are $40 for adults or $75 for a couple.

This year's event is sponsored by the Lake Orion Lions Club and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church.

For more information on the event, visit lakeorionlions.org. -- G.T.

School board elects officers New members sworn in

The Lake Orion Community School Board of Education elected its officers for

Briefs

Used book sale at library

Come and browse thousands of books at the used book sale taking place now through Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Orion Township Library. Hardcover and large paperback books cost $1, while pocket paperback and children's books cost $0.50.

Hours for the sale are 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is half price day, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. From 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, fill a bag of books for $5.

The book sale is held in the large meeting room at the library which is located at 825 Joslyn Road.

All proceeds will benefit the library. -- J.O.
to offer area with yard work

organization is looking to help homeowners who may be elderly, disabled, sick or financially unstable.

FARMINGTON HILLS

CPR course to be offered

An American Heart Association Heartsaver class, featuring instruction in first aid and CPR and automated external defibrilating, will be offered Feb. 21 in Farmington Hills.

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission, in cooperation with the Farmington Hills Fire Department, will offer the class from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the upstairs training room at Fire Station 4, located at 28711 Drake Road.

A $10 fee will cover the cost of the class and materials for residents of Farmington Hills and Farmington. The fee is $20 for nonresidents. Those who require an American Heart Association Certificate of Training will need to pay an additional $10 fee.

To register, email Erin Karlson at ekarlson@fh.gov.com or call 248-871-2802.

All class participants who are seeking the Certificate of Training must be physically able to perform CPR/AED, which requires kneeling on the floor and using your arms and hands to perform continuous chest compressions.

Participants must register and pay fees one week in advance to ensure the proper student-to-instructor ratio. Registration will be confirmed via email after the fee is received. Those who show up without paying the fee seven days in advance will be asked to wait and register for a future class. Participants must be at least 12 years old.

— Anne Runkle,
The Oakland Press

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Lake Orion library seeks donations for bookmobile

The Orion Township Public Library is seeking community donations to help purchase a mobile library.

A GoFundMe page is available to raise money for the project. So far, $770 has been raised toward a $3,000 goal.

"The Orion Township Public Library is raising funds to purchase a Bike Bookmobile—a traveling library that will allow us to transport adventure, knowledge and fun! Read the page description.

"With the Bike Bookmobile, we'll check out books and other library materials, hold outdoor book discussions, pop-up story times, and educate community members on how to search the library catalog and access eBooks and other digital services."

Ten people have donated toward the project. The page is available here: gofundme.com/28rbz7md

— Andrea Peck,
The Oakland Press

OAKLAND COUNTY

Valeo to add 290 jobs to Auburn Hills, Troy

Valeo North America Inc. will create a new building and test track in Auburn Hills and expand its headquarters in Troy, reportedly adding 290 jobs to the area.

The $5 million project will be paid for partially by a $1 million state performance based grant, as well as contributions from Auburn Hills and Troy, The Detroit News reports.

For more information on the jobs, visit valeo.com/en/
Orion Township library to hold community forum

By Andrea Peck, apeck@digitalfirstmedia.com, @AndreaPeck24 on Twitter

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

The Orion Township Public Library will hold a public session to hear from members of the community on issues affecting the area. The session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road.

Library Director Karen Knox and board president MaryAnne Thorndycraft attended training with the Harwood Institute to learn how to gather information about the community’s aspirations through Community Conversations.

Ten Community Conversations were held between June and November.

“We believe we need to hear from more people, but we are pleased to already see strong patterns in what we have heard so far. Participants told us their aspirations for their community are: It needs to have green spaces, have good schools and library, have diversity, have all types of activities available to become involved in, have needed resources available, be a safe place for all people, and have good transportation,” said Becky Bolin, community relations specialist, in a statement.

Three main issues were named as affecting the community:

• Safety-Participants said emphasis needed to be placed on the safety of children, including bullying, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide.

• Transportation-Participants said that focus should be placed on maintaining and improving roads to keep up with population growth in the area.

• Communication-Participants wanted to know where to turn for resources and to know what is going on in the community.

The purpose of the March 1 meeting is to hear from the public on how to best take action on issues the community cares about.

People interested in attending the March 1 session are asked to RSVP to Joyce at 248-693-3000 ext. 302 or jbecker@orionlibrary.org.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact Library Director Karen Knox at 248-693-3000 ext. 305 or kknox@orionlibrary.org to offer feedback.
Events & Fundraisers

Take Charge of Your Work Series, Part 1
Today, 7 - 8 pm at the Orion Township Public Library. Reclaiming Your Time Workshop led by M. Burchard, Professor of Business Communications at Northwood University. Experience immediate relief by implementing these concepts at work the very next day. See the event page for contact information.

Wine Tasting at Lockhart's BBQ Lake Orion
February 9th, 6 - 10 pm. Join us at Lockhart's BBQ for a wine tasting paired with small plates featuring wines with BBQ! $25 per person, please RSVP by TODAY!

Paws for the Cause: Feral Cat Rescue Fundraiser
February 10th, 5:30 - 9 pm at Classic Lanes. You are invited to attend a bowling fundraiser for the benefit of Feral Cat Rescue. Arrive at 5:30 PM to begin bowling at 6PM until 9PM. Includes shoes, 2 slices of pizza, pop. In addition to bowling there will be raffles, and music as well as door prizes. Families welcome. More information here.

Lovey Dovey Open House at Autumn Moon Holistic Skin Care Studio
February 11th, noon to 5pm, 46W Shadbolt, Suite B. Stop in to shop natural skin care, handmade cosmetics and other goodies, enjoy local refreshments, crystal readings, henna designs and more! See the event page for more information.

A Night in Paris Fundraising Gala for the Orion Art Center
Events & Fundraisers

Whole Life Challenge Presentation - Grocery Shopping with Ease
7:45 - 8 pm at GB Training Center, 118 Indianwood Rd. Members of the Lake Orion League of the Whole Life Challenge are invited to attend this session designed to help you grocery shop for healthy eating. Presented by Holistic Health By Valerie. Please contact Oakland Sports Chiropractic at (248)-783-7169 for more information.

NOCC Prayer Breakfast
February 2nd, 8:45 - 11 am at Scripps Mansion. The North Oakland Community Coalition would like to bless our community and supporters by sharing breakfast and fellowship. More information on the event page.

Pontiac/Waterford Big Chief Chorus
February 4th, 2 - 3 pm at the Orion Township Public Library 825 Joslyn Rd. If you love old-fashioned barbershop harmony, this is the event for you! All ages welcome! See the event page for more information.

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Bingo Night at Culver's
COMING SOON - PATH Workshops to Better Health! Wednesdays, March 1 – April 5, 6:00p-8:30p at the Orion Library. Learn to manage your chronic illness such as diabetes, asthma, depression and other physical and mental health conditions. Every participant who attends 4 of 6 sessions will receive a $30 gas card! Register online at orionlibrary.org/calendar.
Our guest artist of the month for February is Mary Duenow. Stop by and check out her work on display in the main lobby.

The Pontiac-Waterford Big Chief Chorus will be performing in our Meeting Room until 4PM today. You can also catch the performance on OrionONTV.
Orion Township Public Library
February 4 at 10:46am ·

Leo the Lion is excited for Valentine's Day with a special message for all our patrons!

Orion Township Public Library
February 3 at 10:32am ·

If you love Barbies, come and see the awesome collection in our lobby display case loaned to us by patron Linda Jezuit.
It's that time of year again... grab a book off our Blind Date with a Book display. Try a new book based on its genre and description. We have youth, teen, and adult books available!

Adults are welcome on Monday, February 6 at 7:00p at the Orion Library for Reclaiming Your Time - the first of four workshops led by M. Burchard, Professor of Business Communications at Northwood University. Experience immediate relief by implementing these concepts at work the very next day! Register online at orionlibrary.org/calendar.
Click here to support Bike Bookmobile - Orion Twp Library by Karen Knox

The Orion Township Public Library is raising funds to purchase a Bike Bookmobile – a traveling library that will allow us to transport adventure, knowledge and fun!...

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Orion Township Public Library added 6 new photos to the album: Harry Potter: Bath Alchemy 101.

January 31 at 7:53pm

Accio relaxation! Teens are learning about the benefits of bath soaks and body scrubs from Autumn Moon Aesthetics and creating their own custom soak and scrub from a buffet table full of Harry Potter themed ingredients.

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Autumn Moon Aesthetics Such a fun group! I had a great time! 😊
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This is sign, now on display in the Adult Services area of the Orion Library, was located on Orion Road welcoming visitors to Lake Orion during the early part of the 20th Century.

Does your child in grades K-5 love dogs? If so, our Doggone Readers program is perfect! Sign up for a 15 minute session and read to one of our trained therapy dogs, like Bear, who is here every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 248-693-3002 or stop at the Youth desk to register!
If you love old-fashioned barbershop harmony then join us at the Orion Library this Saturday, February 4 at 2:00p for the Pontiac-Waterford BIG CHIEF CHORUS Concert. All ages welcome!
Snow Fun is in action at the Orion Library today!! Save the date for Friday, March 24 at 10:00a for more fun with Rainbows! Ages 3-6, drop in, limit 25

We may or may not be a little too excited about the news: YOU CAN NOW CHECK OUT 4 BLU-RAYS AND 4 VIDEO GAMES PER LIBRARY CARD! But you can still only check out 2 New Releases (AKA Overnights) #woohoo #orionlibrary #morethanbooks #libraryfun #movienight#videogames
Three more days of the Friends of the Orion Library Winter Gently Used Book Sale!

Open today until 8:30p
Friday, January 27, 9:30a-4:30p - All Books Half Off!
Saturday, January 28, 9:30a-1:30p - Bag of Books Day-fill a bag provided by the Friends for $5

Bring the kids to the Orion Library this Saturday, January 28 at 2:30p and celebrate the Chinese New Year! Ages 6 and up can drop in for rooster and dragon crafts, and to learn their Chinese zodiac animal!
Orion Township Public Library
January 25 at 11:45am ·

Pick Up STEAM - Snow Fun (part of a preschool friendly science, math, and learning series) is this Friday, January 27 at 10a at the Orion Library. Enjoy experiments, fun, crafts, and math all centered on our frosty friend - SNOW! Ages 3-6, drop in, limit 25

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Orion Township Public Library added 2 new photos.
January 24 at 1:25pm ·

Do your kids love games like these? Bring them to Game On! at the Orion Library tonight at 6:30p! If you can't make it this week, try another Tuesday in January or February. Grades K-5, drop in

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Preschool Kits are available to check out at the Orion Library! These kits include a variety of topics including Seasonal Holidays, Bugs, Colors, Michigan, Bears, Space, Farm, Pets and many more. Kits include 4-6 books, and a toy or manipulative pertaining to the topic. Checkout: 2 Weeks - Limit of 2 Kits per card

Is Chrome your Internet browser of choice? Do you browse sites like Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or GoodReads to find books? Do you wish it was easier to see if we own the books you're finding on those sites? Check out Library Extension [https://www.libraryextension.com/]. It adds a widget to the Amazon / B&N / GoodReads page letting you know if the item is in our collection and whether or not it is currently available.
Orion Township Public Library Not a Chrome user? A Firefox version is coming soon.
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Emilie Evenson How about LibraryThing?
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Orion Township Public Library Just tested and yes, it works with LibraryThing too.
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Orion Township Public Library
January 20 at 11:14am

Books for sale! Books for sale! Don't forget the Friends of the Orion Library Winter Used Book Sale is open next week starting on Wednesday, January 25 (Friends Members and teachers on Tuesday, January 24).

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Orion Township Public Library
January 19 at 10:48am

We have 106 registrants who have logged 9,388 books in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000 book goal in just three years and provide their children essential early literacy skills! Visit orionlibrary.org/youth and sign up today!

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The Friends of the Orion Library will be having their Winter Book Sale next week!

The Orion Library is closed today, Tuesday, January 17th, due to inclement weather.

Is it closed all day?
Yes, we will be closed all day.
Thanks
You're welcome.
Our internet is back up!

We are currently having some network issues. My Account is unavailable and our Internet and phones are down. Check back for updates.

Orion Township Public Library shared Friends of Orion Township Library's photo.
January 13 at 1:13pm

Friends of Orion Township Library
January 12 at 11:45pm
Friends Winter Gently Used Book Sale coming up!

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Orion Township Public Library added 2 new photos.
January 13 at 11:42am
Stop by the Orion Center Library Branch and pick up a good book! Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00a to 3:00p.

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Comments
Governor I promise you a most intriguing visit.
Like · Reply · January 13 at 2:06pm
Enjoying any good reads during these cold winter months? Why not record them and be entered into weekly prize drawings? Register for our Snow is Falling Books are Calling Adult Winter Reading Program at orionlibrary.org!
Dear Karen,

MLA is currently engaged with a number of public policy issues affecting our libraries across the state and nationally. We are working with legislators and stakeholders to ensure the library voice is heard at the Capitol.

**Tax Capture Relief Next Steps**

Governor Rick Snyder signed into law SB 619-624 now PA 505-510 providing for specially dedicated library millages to be exempt from a number of tax captures. This achievement not only ensures millions of future tax dollars will go to libraries, but it is recognition by the legislature and administration that libraries are unique and important. Our special millages were the only ones given consideration (only the fourth historically) for an exemption in a year that saw a multitude of TIFA bills introduced. This is an incredible recognition by the Michigan legislature of the importance of libraries in this state.

Library funding in Michigan is unique, varied and often complex. The same is true for many libraries' connections to their local government and tax capture entities. As a result, there are questions about how the changes impact individual libraries. To ensure your library benefits from these changes, we recommend that you contact your library's attorney for advice and guidance.

Please take note: If your library receives a notification from your tax capture of a public hearing you should continue to opt out with a board resolution and official communication to the tax capture authority if that is the board's choice. Again, we recommend you contact your library's attorney for guidance.

[Continue Reading Online]
Dear Karen,

Here are this month's networking resources to build stronger libraries and library professionals. In the spirit of networking, email MLA@milibraries.org to suggest a topic or idea you feel would be of interest to MLA members.

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**Scholarship Applications Due Tomorrow**

Don't let financial issues stand between you and an enriching education opportunity. MLA has a scholarship fund to assist individual members with defraying costs for attending association sponsored education events.

The deadline to apply for Spring Institute, Academic Libraries and spring workshops is **Friday, February 3**.

Click here to download the application form. Email your completed form to rfitschen@milibraries.org.

More Information

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**2017 Michigan Construction Career Days**

For those libraries offering career resources, especially skilled trades and apprenticeship, please share this opportunity with your patrons.
Michigan Construction Career Days (MICCD) on May 4-5, 2017, is a construction career exploration open to ALL Michigan 7th-12th grade students. With a tested blend of construction education, training and career information booths, hands-on activities and hands-on equipment operation, MICCD provides Michigan's young people the chance to see, feel and experience construction work up-close using real tools, equipment and materials, while standing side-by-side with actual construction professionals.

National Library Legislative Day 2017

Now's your chance to speak to your lawmakers about the importance of libraries!

National Library Legislative Day 2017 will be held at the Liaison Hotel in Washington, DC. Briefing day will take place on May 1st and delegations will go to their meetings on the Hill on May 2nd. You can be among the hundreds of librarians that plan to meet with their congressional representatives and senators in Washington, DC to advocate for important library legislation.

This year Gale, Cengage Learning is offering sponsorship for two librarians to attend this event. Visit galesupport.com/legislativeday for more information and to submit your application. The opportunity is open to all Michigan librarians.

Submissions are due March 20th, 2017.

Spring Institute 2017 New Networking Opportunity

Just Lunch - Trivia Challenge
Friday, March 31, 2017
12:20 - 1:50 p.m.

Net-work (verb): interacting with other people to exchange information and develop contacts.

Does networking make you uncomfortable? We've got you covered.

Register for Spring Institute 2017 and join us for a friendly competition during a fun interactive lunch. This table vs. table trivia challenge will offer opportunities to collaborate, connect and engage with your fellow librarians. Winners take home bragging rights but everyone leaves as a networking champion! Develop contacts,
Spring Institute is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - Friday, March 31, 2017 at the Bavarian Inn and Conference Center in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Register today! Early bird registration expires Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

For full schedule and session descriptions visit us at milibraries.org.

Get Ready for the Celestial Event of the Century

On August 21, 2017, the shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States in a spectacle that hasn't occurred in 99 years. The Space Science Institute (SSI) was awarded a grant that will provide 1.26 million solar viewing glasses and other resources for 1,500 public libraries across the nation. Your library could be a center for eclipse education and viewing for your community. Register your library with the National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL) at the Space Science Institute. Once you're registered, you'll have access to NCIL resources to help you plan and promote your eclipse event.

Learn more by viewing a webinar or visit the NCIL website for more information.

Upcoming MLA Webinar: Understanding Headlee

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

What is the Headlee tax amendment, Headlee override and Headlee rollback?

What does this mean for funding from library millages and how did the passage of Proposal A in 1994 place limitations on how much assessments and taxes could go up each year?

Join us for a quick analysis and explanation of what you should know and what you can do to best work with the Headlee tax situation.

Presented by Anne Seurynck, Foster Swift Colling & Smith PC

Click here for more information and register today.

Academic Libraries 2017

How can libraries promote social justice, fight censorship and support minorities and the oppressed? Join the Michigan Library Association on Thursday, March 9, 2017 as we delve into the various ways that librarians can best become advocates for their users in a culture that is rapidly changing. This daylong event includes speakers, posters, workshops, and more. Social Justice issues affect all libraries and librarians. All librarians are welcome and encouraged to attend!
Click here to register today! Early Bird rates expire February 23, 2017.

Location:
Mott Community College
RTC 1301 & RTC 1403
1401 E. Court Street
Flint, MI 48503

More Information

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### ALA Midwinter Meeting 2017 Councilor's Report

Michigan Chapter Councilor, Steven K. Bowers's midwinter report now available. Read the report here.

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### Registration is Now Open

Visit the MLA events page for program details or register here.

#### Managing Digital Resources - WEBINAR
April 21, 2017
Learn the latest trends in digital resource management and how you can incorporate these new approaches into your institution.

#### Community Collaborations - Mental Health in Libraries
April 28, 2017
Find the best strategies and resources to better accommodate all patrons.

#### Hybrid Librarian
May 19, 2017
Inspired by the Library Journal article, Top Skills for Tomorrow's Librarians, this workshop is offering an experience that will blend collaboration, communications, creativity, critical thinking and flexibility.

#### Executive Summit
June 2, 2017
This valuable one-day event is designed to engage library leaders at the top or on their way to the top.

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Seeking Nominees for MLA Michigan Author Award
Established in 1992, the MLA Michigan Author Award recognizes an outstanding published body of literary work by an author who is either from Michigan or has substantial ties to the state. Over the years, the award has been given to a diverse collection of writers working in a variety of genres and styles. Nominations will be accepted through **February 28, 2017**.

Download the nomination [form](#) or submit your nomination on our [web form](#).

**More Information**

**MLA 2017 Annual Conference Call for Programs and Posters**

**Proposals accepted through Friday, March 17, 2017**

We see the brilliance of Michigan library professionals every year at MLA Annual Conference.

That is why the MLA Annual Conference is the premier professional development and networking event for Michigan library professionals. What will make MLA2017 special is the energy and drive that you, the Michigan library professional, brings to the table. You spend all year spearheading new initiatives, discovering new ways to reach your community, and improving your professional skills. Submit your ideas, help the Michigan library community and take your library skills to the next level. Your program or poster idea could extend learning opportunities for library professionals across Michigan.

Submit your program or poster proposal [here](#). **Proposals are due March 17, 2017.**

Questions? Contact MLA at 517-394-2771 or [MLA@milibraries.org](mailto:MLA@milibraries.org), or visit our website for [more information](#).

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**Stay Connected**

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Dear Karen,

Welcome to this week's round up of all things membership. Read on for messages from our leadership, MLA news, member news and more.

As always we welcome your feedback and ideas at MLA@milibraries.org.

Your MLA membership will expire on: 6/30/2017
Visit the MLA website to renew your membership or update your profile (login required).

President's Update

MLA’s educational opportunities help each of us to continuously grow. Growth and creativity go hand in hand with discomfort. “The comfort zone is the great enemy to creativity; moving beyond it necessitates intuition, which in turn configures new perspectives and conquers fears.” - Dan Stevens. As we grow and nurture creativity working through our discomfort, we help our libraries become more relevant and valuable in our communities. The staff at my library regularly participates in professional development to ensure we stay in touch with the ever evolving library environment and to better connect with many segments of our community and culture.

Issues such as social justice, the topic of this year’s MLA Academic Libraries program on March 9, is a perfect example. By helping libraries to encourage civility and make the library a welcoming place, we can assist people as they engage with each other in a learning environment. When we learn and teach others how to have civil discussions without major disagreements and how to respect our differences in a civil and compassionate way, then we will build stronger communities. This includes learning to identify and interrupt bias when it occurs.
Understanding these issues is essential if we are to adequately serve everyone. This lively Academic Libraries presentation hits on those subjects making it relevant to all libraries; academic, public and school. It provides an opportunity to discuss different methods of outreach to make patrons feel welcome and included in the library. I highly encourage librarians from all library types to attend this MLA event.

From the Executive Director's Desk

Yesterday, Governor Rick Snyder announced his proposed state budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. State aid to libraries remains constant at $9.8 million maintaining the $1 million increase from two years ago. Line items for Library of Michigan and MeL mirror last year’s budget. The proposed budget cuts Renaissance zones reimbursements to libraries by $2 million from $5 million last year to $3 million for 2018. We are following up on this change. Universities are looking at a $36.6 million increase, which works out to an average of 2.8 percent more as long as the universities hold tuition increases to 3.8 percent or $475 per credit hour. Twenty-five of the state’s 28 community colleges will receive $15.7 million of the state’s Personal Property Tax overpayment. K-12 funding is also seeing a bump. The $56.3 billion FY 2018 budget is a 2.5 percent increase over 2017.

Two years ago, we saw a $1 million increase in state aid to libraries. Last year we maintained that growth. Our goal for 2018 is to work for an increase. This is one more reason it is so important that you connect with your legislators and that all libraries in the state support MLA's advocacy efforts. MLA worked hard last year and secured outstanding library recognition and support from the legislature with a library exemption from tax capture. Libraries were the only special millage considered for exemption. Our fight for library funding continues as we work to educate the new representatives and call on our many library supporters to help us see that the state budget supports libraries. You can assist by getting to know your elected officials and inviting them to your library.

MLA will present before the education appropriations subcommittee soon and explain to them the important work our libraries do in the community. We will show them how we spend the tax dollars entrusted to us.

All these successes and challenges take time and money. Help us keep our advocacy efforts funded by considering a donation to the MLA Advocacy fund. Please encourage your colleagues to join MLA if they are not members. Every library in the state benefits from MLA advocacy efforts.

Call for MLA 2017 Annual Conference Proposals
The MLA 2017 Annual Conference work group is seeking proposals for breakout programs and poster presentations. **Submissions welcome through March 17, 2017.**

The sharing of experiences among colleagues is an essential part of enriching and improving the library community statewide. By presenting a program or poster at MLA 2017 you will help open dialogues, facilitate networking and spark new ideas for success. We encourage participation from librarians, staff and administrators from all types of libraries.

For complete details, download the Call for Proposals (PDF) or visit the [MLA website](http://www.milibraries.org).

Submit your program or poster proposal online: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLA2017Lansing](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLA2017Lansing)
Director’s Report
February 16, 2017
Karen Knox

2017 started off with a lot of great programming at the library! In Adult Services, we had 4 Book Discussions (19), 5 Needle Arts meetings (15), 7 1-1 Tech help sessions (19), an Orion Historical Society meeting (7), an Affordable Healthcare Workshop (6), Color Me Calm (3), and a Writer’s Workshop (6). We were also happy to offer Origins of the War in Syria (32), New Year New You (16), and a popular Team Trivia Tourney (50)!

Beth and Kate continue to work on the local history museum display with the vendor that is helping us put that together. They are targeting to have it completed in the periodical room by May 2017.

Outreach programming included 6 Computer Classes (8), 3 ESL Conversation Groups (17), 2 ESL Classes (15), 2 Quilting Groups (8), Lake Orion Nursing Center programming (32), Senior Book Bunch (8), 2 programs at Heritage Place (18), 7 Next Chapter Book Clubs (60), and Silverbell programming (14).

The Teens continue to come into the library for some fun, including Geek Club (10), Teen Advisory Group (3), Magic the Gathering (30), and Harry Potter Bath Alchemy (30).

The Youth Department had a lot of programs also: Game On (8), Chinese New Year (24), Lego @ the Library (35), Maker Workshop (14), Pick up STEAM (41), and 4 Doggone Readers (16). We also did a Puppet Show drawing 51 attendees. We had to cancel some of our January storytimes due to school closures, but we still had: 9 Mother Goose (224), 9 Preschool Pals (201), and 3 Babytime (18). At January’s KidSight Vision Screening, we had 9 kids tested with 4 referrals.

We have 117 kids registered for our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and 2 kids have completed the program. We now have 213 5th graders signed up for the Battle of the Books. The Battle is coming up on March 11!

Youth department staff did 15 school visits (10 preschool, 5 elementary) in January, reaching 543 students.

We are working on staffing needs in the Youth Department as well. Halli is fulltime as of January 1. We promoted James Pugh to a Library Assistant position in the Youth Department to help out, while he continues his school classes. This change is effective on February 13. We have posted the part-time Support Services position.

Debra Refior was in-charge at the library for 2 weeks while I was out on vacation.
The library was a drop-off location for the ONTV Food Drive, which was completed on February 4.

I have met with the department heads to identify their goals for 2017. A list is included with this report in the board packet.

In case you haven’t seen it, the January/February ONTV show, Orion @ Your Library, is available here: https://youtu.be/EAV9ZtSCwNQ. Our March/April show is in process and will be available shortly.

The Friends’ last board meeting was held on January 30. They had a successful January Used Book Sale. They continue meeting to plan their 2017 Gala to Poland for April 29. The library will be naming the periodical room as the Friends Reading Room, in response to their generous donation towards the renovation. Lettering has been ordered. They were honored to find out they are receiving the 2016 Outstanding Friends of the Library Merit Award (Class IV-VI) from the Friends of Michigan Libraries! This includes an honorary plaque and a $400 check as part of that award.

Reminders and other notable upcoming events for the Library:
- Winter Reading Program, ongoing to March 6
- February 13 – Orion Historical Society, 7p
- February 16-17 – Audit fieldwork @ OTPL
- February 22 – Preschool & Childcare Open House, 4-7p
- March 1-April 5 – PATH Workshops on Wednesdays, 6p
- March 2 – Dr. Seuss’s Birthday, 7p
- March 4 – Cord Cutting with Eric, 2p
- March 6 – Septic System Use, 7p
- March 11 – Battle of the Books @ Scripps MS, 10a
- March 13 – Orion Historical Society, 7p
- March 14 – Battle Awards Ceremony @ LOHS, 6:30p
- March 16 – NOGS meeting, 7p
- March board meeting – Audit presentation
CIR-5: Fines and Fees Policy
Adopted: 10/17/2013, Last revised: 10/18/2016

Policy Statement
A public library exists to serve the community and is based on the concept of sharing resources. When one person violates that principle by retaining materials beyond the established limits, that person takes unfair advantage of the community as a whole. Additionally, some library resources require additional funding support.

 Regulations
1. To encourage the prompt return of materials, the library charges a per day overdue fine based on the type of item:

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1 Default price is used when the exact price is not available.
2. On the day after the due date, all materials will be considered overdue if they have not been renewed or returned.
3. No fines will accrue on days that the library is closed.
4. The library will notify patrons of the overdue materials via email or United States Postal Service in compliance with state law.  
5. When the maximum fine level shown above has been reached, the item status will change and the Default Replacement Fee for Material will automatically be added to the patron account balance, along with a $2.00 Processing Fee.
6. The Maximum Outstanding Fee Limit is $10.00 or more than one lost item. Any patron whose account equals this limit shall forfeit borrowing privileges until materials are returned and fines are paid. Patrons experiencing unusual difficulty in returning their materials or paying their fines should contact the library circulation staff.
7. When a patron claims an item returned, staff will continue to look for the item for six months. If the item is not found and the claim is the second one for the patron, there will be a Processing Fee of $15.00 added to the patron account.
8. Accounts with a balance of $25 for more than 30 days shall be turned over to a collection agency. Notification will be sent to patrons before the account is turned over to the library’s collection agency. A service fee will be automatically added.
9. Customers should resolve disputed fees before paying for them. Once payment for library fees has been accepted, monetary refunds will not be issued.
10. Library services listed below require the specified fees:

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2 MCL 397.603 et seq. Library Privacy Act
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There is a gap by the wall & window on the side facing the garden.

So we may respond, please print clearly.

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Address: 2508 Toby Rd  Orion 48359

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Dr. Nather is very knowledgeable about the Middle East - would love to hear him talk again.

Name: Kathy Leiser  
Address: 1365 Penfield Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48362

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Computers should be able to be extended 5 minutes or so after closing hours. They shut down 10 minutes prior to your closing hour.

Name: Martha Ewald e-mail: awald3000@hotmail.com
Address:

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Orion Township Public Library Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 (Departmental Goals for 2017)

Strategic Focus Areas:

1. Redesign Physical Space

   - Adult Services:
     - Install the Museum Local History display
     - Uniform signs for department
     - Update teen technology after the Spring Friends Fundraiser
     - Organize storage for AS department
     - Lake Orion sign restored and labeled
   - Youth Services:
     - Install projection system in youth activity room
   - Support Services:
     - Continue to support additional space changes in library
     - Some decorative signage for behind the customer service desk
   - IT:
     - A/V in Youth Activity Room
     - Continue Physical to Virtual Migration (Polaris Production / Accounting / Web Server?)
     - MS dynamics Upgrade
     - Server Room Cleanup / Reorganization
   - Maintenance:
     - Trim trees around outdoor light poles
     - Paint outdoor light poles
     - Clean fin tubes
     - Change storage room garage door opening system
     - Increase heat in James Ingram Room, Youth offices/Youth activity room
     - Boiler Replacement
     - Explore better option for hot water
     - Mike’s office remodel

2. Update Collections

   - Adult Services:
     - Scan and add local history collections to our website, Including Time Tracs book
     - Catalogue everything in the Ingram room, with the exception of ascension file items
       Store the ascension file in the Ingram room, and make sure that it is updated
     - Include Ingram book in our Local History Digital Collection
     - Weed all collections regularly
     - Catalogue Makerspace Cart items as professional collection
     - Explore adding new equipment collections to meet patron demand
       1. Mobile hot spot circ outside library
       2. Phone cords to circ in-house
       3. Calculator circ in-house
Youth Services:
  o Continue weeding all of the collections in the department.
  o Maintain materials recommended by the Family Place Library grant.
  o Continue creating special needs kits.
  o Continue creating kits for older children.
Support Services:
  o Relabeling youth fic and non-fiction
  o Support any new collections
IT
  o Complete iDigOrion Migration to OCHR
  o Ongoing Evaluation / Improvement of online public access points
    ▪ Polaris ASN
    ▪ WordPress
    ▪ Polaris

3. Enhance Customer Service

Adult Services:
  o Continue outreach to the schools by doing GAP programs, presenting to PTOs, doing classroom presentations, and promoting Think/Link
  o Update all guidelines and procedures on display on a regular basis
  o Work with NOGS to increase their membership and organize their cabinets
  o Perform Roving Reference at least twice per desk shift
  o Increase program attendance, and add programs that will attract new patrons to the library, especially 20-30 year olds who don’t typically attend programs
  o Focus on writing and winning grants
  o Revamp delivery services at Heritage Place
  o Expand programming directed toward seniors and other special-need populations both in-house and at outside locations such as Beacon Square/Orion, opening fall 2017
  o Hold quarterly meetings with librarians
  o Explore professional development opportunities through conferences, webinars, and serving on committees
  o Add makerspace programing, utilizing the cart and new space in the computer lab
  o Explore additional passive activities for teens in the Teen Room
Youth Services:
  o Create new bib lists to reflect updated collections
  o Create recommended list of apps
  o Evaluate youth services provided for the community and continue or expand popular programs and try new programming ideas
  o Continue the programming required by the Family Place Library grant
  o Increase us of technology in storytimes and other programs
  o Have librarians participate in professional development such as Spring Institute and ongoing webinar opportunities
• Support Services:
  o ASN
  o LEAP-Polaris Web
  o Polaris 5.2
  o P2IR-outline for other Michigan libraries progress so far. What is working, what isn’t. Talk to Jackie at MELCAT about MELCAT’s timeline for adding more Polaris libraries
  o Unique Management collection agency

• IT:
  o Address slow load times on session end / reboot on public PCs
  o Reevaluate available apps
  o Enhance Wireless with additional access points
  o Explore migrating from Comprise to Envisionware on self-checks for consistency
  o Migrate to new Evanced product line
  o Help Support Services migrate workflows to Leap

• Maintenance:
  o Consider switching to LED lights
  o Security locks in place of simplex locks between public/staff areas

4. Expand and Improve Marketing

• Adult Services:
  o Each librarian provides community outreach to an organization by attending meetings. We will market services to and build relationships with the community organizations.
  o When patrons say good things about our library, ask them if we can quote them and get their comments in writing to Becky to use to promote the library
  o Install our last little library
  o Continue to market library programs at the Orion Center
  o Get the Bike Bookmobile Project funded and up and running

• Youth Services:
  o Work with the library marketing department to promote upcoming youth programs
  o Continue Preschool Newsletter
  o Use bulletin boards in department to promote programs
  o Submit newsletter items to L.O. schools special education department

• Support Services:
  o Positive comments from patrons for Becky
  o Email Karen any comments that we hear from patrons

• IT:
  o Touchscreen information kiosk in lobby
  o Reevaluate current digital signage
  o Revisit chili Fresh reviews
Community Conversations with Orion Township Public Library

In April 2016, Orion Township Library Director and Board President attended training with the Harwood Institute to help us learn how to gather information about our community’s aspirations through Community Conversations. We held ten Community Conversations between June and November.

We believe that we need to hear from more people, but we are pleased to already see strong patterns in what we have heard so far. Participants told us their aspirations for their community are: it needs to have green spaces, have good schools and library, have diversity, have all types of activities available to become involved in, have needed resources available, be a safe place for all people, and have good transportation.

There were three main issues participants felt were in our community. Communication seemed to be the biggest issue which impacted everything discussed.

1. **Safety**—especially with children including bullying, drug/alcohol abuse, suicide. Taking care of less fortunate with hunger, education and affordable childcare. Some participants said, “Schools can’t do everything, community is needed,” and that we “don’t spend enough time or money on education.”

2. **Transportation**—good roads and the ability to get around. Some participants felt that the “growth is too rapid, roads are not brought up in enough time for new drivers” and wondered “bad growth, good growth, where is the balance?”

3. **Communication**—where to turn to for resources, what’s going on in the community, awareness of issues in community. Some participants said “[if you’re] not touched by problem, don’t know it exists” and that there is a “lack of awareness where to go for what is needed.”

We are fortunate, unlike many communities across the country, in that participants trust the elected individuals in Orion Township are doing what they feel should be done to better our community.

This is what we heard in our conversations. Does it resonate with what you feel about our community? Please come to our wrap-up session at the Orion Township Public Library on **March 1, 2017 at 6:30p** to share your ideas and work with the library to figure out how we can hear from more people and take action on issues the community cares about. Please RSVP to Joyce at 248-693-3000 ext. 302 or jbecker@orionlibrary.org. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact Library Director, Karen Knox at 248-693-3000 ext. 305 or kknox@orionlibrary.org with your feedback.