



MIDWEST
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2022

Annual Report

ANNUAL MEETING (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
10am-noon Eastern (9-11am Central)

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After nearly two years of mostly remote work for MCLS and its member libraries, the MCLS Board of Directors was excited to return to in-person meetings in 2022. It is perhaps fair to say that we are all still adjusting our practices and approaches to align with a new kind of post-pandemic reality. The staff's enduring shift to mostly remote work has demonstrated clearly that MCLS no longer needs to own its building in Lansing. After obtaining Board approval to seek members' support to sell the building, Executive Director Scott Garrison hosted a series of membership meetings in the summer and early fall which have resulted in an overwhelmingly positive vote in favor of selling the building.

MCLS's first-ever IMLS grant was a most notable achievement this past year, and a signal of MCLS's leadership at the national level. While the grant's immediate focus is on the digital preservation of important cultural memory in Michigan, this project will have national reach by contributing preservation best practices to digital preservation infrastructure for smaller libraries, archives, and museums broadly.

Personally in my role as Board President, I appreciated the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) in April in Columbus, OH, and was gratified to see the active role MCLS plays within the world of library consortia. The MCLS team was well represented on panels and discussion groups, and I particularly want to acknowledge Scott's leadership role in support of Project ReShare. This project, which is developing a new and open approach to library resource sharing systems, will benefit MCLS member libraries while also contributing to resource sharing within the larger library community.

A strong focus of Board discussions over the past two years and at our retreat in October, was on vision and values related to diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and accessibility (DEIJA), and how to integrate those values not only into the Board's work, but also into MCLS's work more generally. As we continue to think about this important work, we plan to engage in Board education and training opportunities in the coming year, and we will continue to discuss with Scott how MCLS might integrate DEIJA into its work. We as the Board of Directors are the voice of our member libraries, and we look forward to connecting with you in the coming year to learn about questions of DEIJA in your libraries, intellectual freedom and other challenges you may face, and where MCLS might be of assistance.

Marion Frank-Wilson
President, MCLS Board of Directors



Libraries support communities. MCLS supports libraries. A deceptively simple summary for the truly unique and special organization MCLS is. Our 25 dedicated staff members work hard to support libraries across Indiana, Michigan, and beyond in providing access to a wealth of trustworthy information people in communities need to grow and thrive. We help libraries strive for brighter futures through rich collaboration, deep engagement, learning, and more. We are driven to foster key innovation that libraries and other cultural memory organizations need, along with others in our own library consortium community and with other partners in the states we serve and in the library industry. I can't thank our staff enough for all of the vital contributions each makes to help libraries grow and do more, together, especially through a distinctly challenging past twelve months for us all.

I also thank our member community, including those who represent academic, public, school, special, and state libraries as members of the MCLS Board of Directors. In our Board's words, "MCLS exists so that libraries of all sizes and types are community-responsive leaders who embrace the challenges of contemporary library practice, develop innovative solutions, foster robust collaborations, and facilitate transformative learning." Delivering on our Board's vision is our challenge and privilege every day, and engaging with and learning from you, our members, is critical to that. I invite you to participate in upcoming dialogues and conversations in early 2023, so we may continue to learn from you as we create a new strategic plan. As always, we want to hear your thoughts on the future you want to see, and how MCLS may play a part in helping realize that future.

Scott Garrison
Executive Director

Board members

Board composition: 16 members

- 10 members by library type: academic, public, research, school, and special (1 each per type from Indiana and Michigan)
- 4 members At-Large (2 each from Indiana and Michigan)
- Indiana State Librarian (Ex-officio and voting)
- Michigan State Librarian (Ex-officio and voting)

Welcome



Annie Bélanger



Portia Kapraun



Lauren McMullan



Stephen Patton

Newly elected members:

Annie Bélanger
Grand Valley State University (incumbent)
Academic Library Representative (MI)

Portia Kapraun
Delphi Public Library
Public Library Representative (IN)

Lauren McMullan
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Library
Special Library Representative (MI)

Stephen Patton
Indiana State University
At-Large Library Representative (IN)

Special thanks to our outgoing members (12/31/2022):

John Brock
Lake County Public Library
At-Large Library Representative (IN)

Joel Scheuher
University of Michigan - Kresge Library
Special Library Representative (MI)

Edra Waterman
Hamilton East Public Library
Public Library Representative (IN)

We
thank
you!

2022 Officers

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Vice President: Polly Boruff-Jones
Secretary: Trista Smith
Treasurer: Joel Scheuher

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2022 Board of Directors

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Woodlands Library Cooperative
At-Large Representative (MI)

Annie Bélanger
Grand Valley State University
Academic Library Representative (MI)

Polly Boruff-Jones
Oakland University
At-Large Representative (MI)

Lisa Brakel
Airport Community Schools
School Library Representative (MI)

John Brock
Lake County Public Library
At-Large Library Representative (IN)

Marion Frank-Wilson
Indiana University Bloomington
Research Library Representative (IN)

Randy Riley
Library of Michigan (Permanent seat)

Joel Scheuher
University of Michigan - Kresge Library
Special Library (MI)

Matthew Shaw
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Academic Library Representative (IN)

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Jake Speer
Indiana State Library (Permanent seat)

Lisa Waskin
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Edra Waterman
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About MCLS

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Mission: To facilitate sharing resources and collaborate with other organizations to benefit Indiana and Michigan libraries.

MCLS promotes:

- Sharing best practices
- Networking and collegiality
- Building a strong library community



Integrity Trust Ethics Added value Innovation Growth Support Excellence Connection

Spotlight accomplishments

Fostering major collaborations:

- Completing work on two American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant projects funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) via the Indiana State Library and the Library of Michigan (for the Libraries Engaging Appreciatively for Positive Change [LEAP] Indiana cohort, and a major eBook purchase for publicly-funded Michigan academic libraries).
- Participating in International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) community work around libraries' metadata rights, strategies for collaboration, and more.



Winning (and lending) support and leading innovation:

- Receiving our first-ever IMLS grant to support the MDPN's work to build what we expect to be the first production LOCKSS 2.0 digital preservation network.
- Contributing funds and staff effort to support building Project ReShare's consortial resource sharing software for returnables and Controlled Digital Lending (CDL).
- Improving the Text and Learn for Kindergarten (TALK) system as we and our partners prepare to expand TALK from Michigan to Indiana and other states.
- Making advances in MeL eResource authentication and helping MeLCat libraries implement the Direct to INN-Reach API.



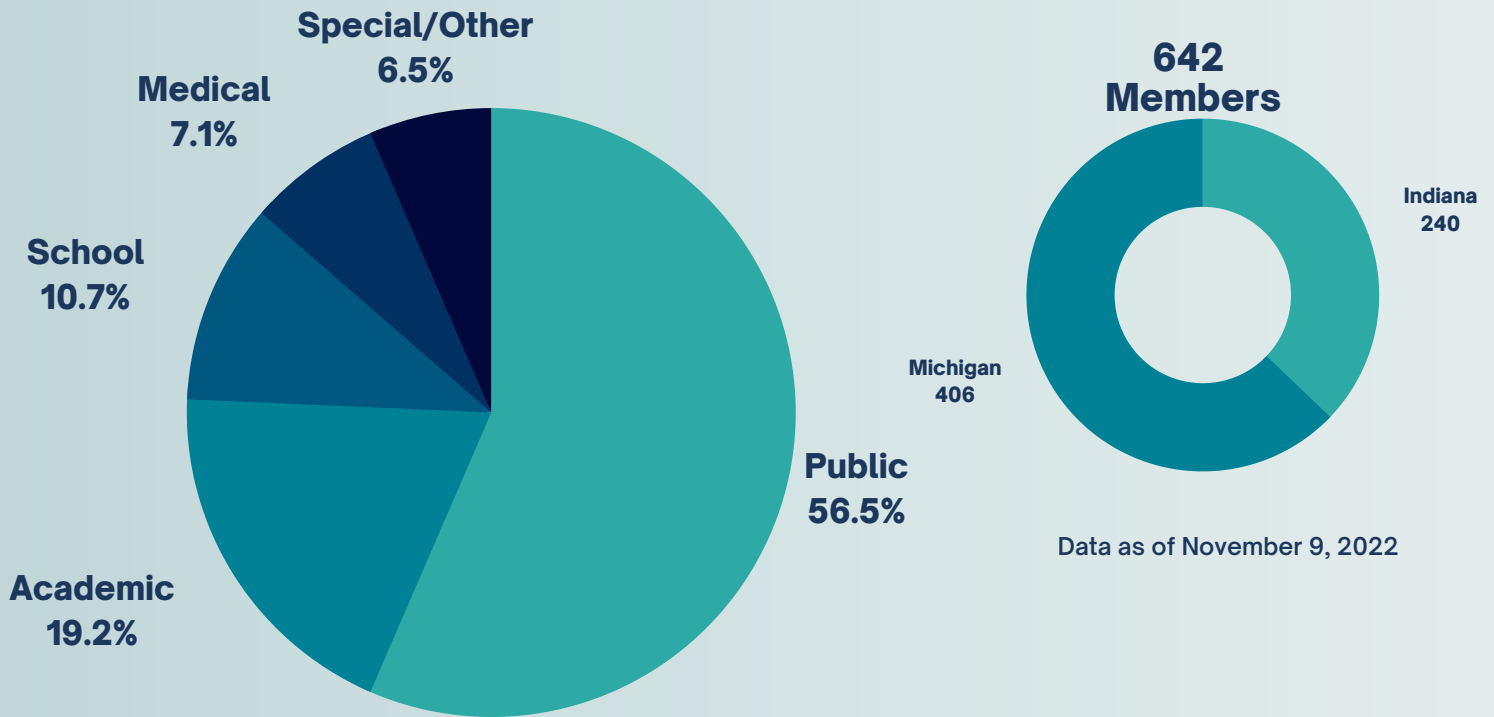
Helping libraries stay aligned with their communities:

- Facilitating LEAP community engagement cohorts in both Indiana and Michigan.
- Completing strategic planning and other consulting work with Elk Rapids District Library, Ferndale Area District Library, the Indiana Library Federation, Manistee County Public Library, Monticello-Union Township Public Library, Noble County Public Library, and Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library.
- Continuing to support 438 libraries who serve millions of citizens in moving nearly one million physical items throughout Michigan, as well as training library staff and educators to explore all that the Michigan eLibrary has to offer.



Member snapshot

As a non-profit library collaborative, MCLS is a member-owned and governed organization.



Fiscal data

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Total assets	\$17,213,441	\$15,149,263	\$17,419,233
Liabilities and net assets	\$17,213,441	\$15,149,263	\$17,419,233
Total revenue	\$28,441,567	\$26,911,021	\$25,393,642
Total expense	\$28,353,699	\$25,719,951	\$26,132,218
Net assets	\$9,390,367	\$10,581,437	\$9,842,861
Change in net assets	+\$87,868	+\$1,191,070	-\$738,576

Average change in net assets FY2020-FY2022: **+\$180,121**

Did you know?

MCLS provides key infrastructure and/or staffing for the following projects and initiatives:

Regional

- Linked Data User Group
- Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA)
- Michigan Digital Preservation Network (MDPN)
- Michigan eLibrary Catalog (MeLCat)
- Michigan eLibrary (MeL) eResources
- Michigan Shared Print Initiative (MI-SPI)
- Regional Interlibrary Delivery Service (RIDES)
- TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten

National

Partnership for Shared Book Collections

International

Project ReShare

- ▶ This year, Group Purchasing supported 421 libraries in acquiring 2,165 subscriptions to 470 eContent and other products from 65 vendors (now done via our ConsortiaManager system).
- ▶ Bridging Information Literacy from School to College Using INSPIRE: an MCLS Collaborative Program for Indiana Schools and Academic Libraries and Their Students is a small grant program (using funds from the sale of the former INCOLSA building in Indianapolis). Allocations of up to \$500 per application were available in 2022.
- ▶ MCLS offers a Certificate of Library Development in Basic Essential Workplace Skills FREE to all members including seven and a half hours of training for an unlimited number of your staff.
- ▶ MDPN organized and offered a Creating and Caring for Digital Collections workshop. Participants from 8 different states gave rave reviews of both learning outcomes and relevance to their work.

Key partners



MCLS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is owned and governed by its members. We focus on serving all libraries in Indiana and Michigan, and also work nationally and internationally.