

2015-16 YEAR-END REVIEW

Statewide support for libraries and library professionals

ADVOCACY

- Maintained state aid to libraries including last year's \$1 million increase in light of \$500 million revenue estimating deficit facing the state budget office.
- Seven MLA-initiated bills protecting libraries from tax capture and returning more than \$8 million to libraries passed through the Senate on a 36-2 vote and are awaiting house committee action. The Tax Increment Financing Authorities (TIFA) bills would prevent the tax siphoning from library millages.
- Worked with a coalition of associations and stakeholders to file a lawsuit and secure a permanent injunction against language in SB 571/PA 269 attacking free speech. Initiated a highly successful call to action on the bill and collaborated with national lobbyist EveryLibrary to engage 7,000 library supporters to fight this attack on libraries' ability to communicate with their communities about millage proposals.
- MLA supported a bill that would mitigate problems caused by the Michigan Tax Tribunal reducing tax obligations that allow thriving big box stores to be taxed at the same rate as closed-down, abandoned stores.
- MLA efforts defeated the diversion of penal fines with HB 4651 and HB 4905.
- Provided amicus curiae support for a library being threatened with closure and unlawful budget oversight by a local township board
- Worked to educate libraries and ensure they received their Personal Property Tax reimbursement from municipalities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MLA education benefited 836 library professionals at MLA conferences and workshops.

- MLA continued to expand and enhance the MLA Mentor program with 35 participants and 10 successful graduates in the one-year program increasing both volunteer opportunities and leadership building skills.
- Acquired technology platform for remote meetings and webinars.
- MLA provided a free Freedom of Information Act workshop cosponsored by the Coop Directors Association.
- A second successful and revamped leadership academy focused on professionalism and leadership including an MLA leadership option component for academy graduates.

MEMBERSHIP

MLA's organizational memberships total 303 with 1,017 individual members from public, academic, cooperative, special and K-12 libraries. Increased student membership by 28 percent to 122.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT, COLLABORATION and NETWORKING

MLA members continue to serve their profession with 104 members volunteering and leading on MLA's Board of Directors, standing committees and work groups.

- MLA expanded micro-volunteering opportunities in communications with content curation for web and newsletter, social media and member outreach.
- MLA partnered with Coop Directors Association, Library of Michigan, MCLS, MAME and MIALA on a program highlighting the successful collaboration of public and school libraries.

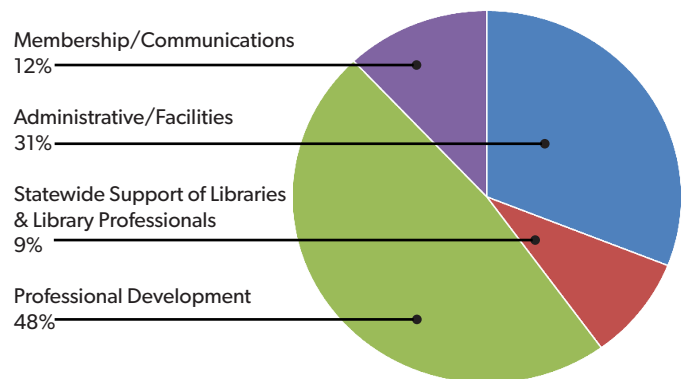
WEBSITE and COMMUNICATIONS

The revamped website continued to evolve in response to member needs, including more online forms, improved navigation and better use of the event calendar features. Communication to members was enhanced and social media expanded.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

	30-Jun-16	30-Jun-15	30-Jun-14
Total Current Assets	\$869,085	\$845,503	\$876,655
Property & Equipment	\$15,976	\$31,469	\$49,432
Total Assets	\$885,061	\$876,972	\$926,088
Total Liabilities	\$337,617	\$280,336	\$277,846
Total Equity	\$547,444	\$596,636	\$648,242

RESOURCE ALLOCATION 2015-2016



REVENUE GENERATION 2015-2016

