

2016-17 Year-End Review

MLA Provides Statewide Support For Libraries And Library Professionals

ADVOCACY

Six MLA-initiated bills protecting library millages from tax capture and returning more than \$8 million annually to library budgets were signed into law this year. In January, Governor Rick Snyder enacted 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.

MLA worked to secure an increase of nearly \$1.2 million in state aid to libraries – highest state aid numbers since 2008. The fiscal year 2018 State of Michigan budget went to the governor’s desk with a \$1,191,700.13 boost in funding for libraries in the state aid to libraries line item. This is great news as we advocate to gradually rebuild this funding source.

MLA worked to educate librarians and ensure they received their Personal Property Tax reimbursement from municipalities. District libraries saw reimbursements above expected amounts due to additional payments collected by the Local Community Stabilization Authority. These were amounts above what was needed for full reimbursement of revenue losses resulting from Personal Property Tax reform. Such payments will continue in future years under current law.

MLA opposed legislation that would have limited millage proposals to the November ballot only. Work with the bill sponsor ensured only the February millage option was eliminated.

Work progresses to ensure Penal Fines continue to fund libraries.

MEMBERSHIP

MLA’s organizational memberships total 309 with 1,434 individual members from public, academic, cooperative, special and K-12 libraries.

MLA is partnering with National Insurance Services (NIS) to provide much needed health insurance consulting for Michigan libraries. After being extensively vetted by the MLA office and Board of Directors, NIS was selected to offer a new insurance management opportunity to MLA members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MLA education benefited 931 library professionals at MLA conferences and workshops.

MLA continued to expand and enhance the MLA Mentor program increasing both volunteer opportunities and leadership building skills.

MLA’s online learning platform provided successful webinars to help bring professional development to member libraries. Topics included budgeting, digital resources and a managing human resources series.

MLA partnered with Coop Directors Association, Library of Michigan, MCLS, MAME and MIALA on a program highlighting the impact of digital devices on reading comprehension.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT, COLLABORATION and NETWORKING

MLA members continue to serve their profession with 93 members volunteering and leading on MLA’s Board of Directors, standing committees and work groups.

The MLA Board of Directors launched informal Interest Groups to foster member engagement in addition to current MLA professional development opportunities. Youth Services, Intellectual Freedom, Academic Libraries, Rural Libraries, Library Administration and Public Programming are a few of the groups now forming.

MLA continued expansion of micro-volunteering opportunities in communications with content curation for web and newsletter, social media and member outreach.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

	6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015
Total Current Assets	\$862,708	\$869,085	\$845,503
Property & Equipment	\$3,781	\$15,976	\$31,469
Total Assets	\$866,489	\$885,061	\$876,972
Total Liabilities	\$339,817	\$337,617	\$280,336
Total Equity	\$526,672	\$547,444	\$596,636

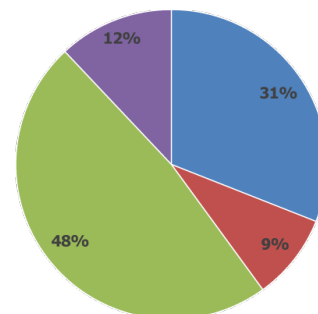
RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS 2016-2017

Administrative/Facilities

Statewide Support of Libraries & Library Professionals

Professional Development

Membership/Communications



REVENUE GENERATION 2016-2017

Membership Dues

Nondues Revenues

Professional Development

