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Circulation Statistics:

Month	Circs	Hoopla	ILL					Hot Spots		Patrons	Served						
	OD		req/ lend	Books	Mags	DVD	CDs	& Things	Total	TOV	TOT	CT	WT	Gal	Other	Brid	V
10/19	189	17/41	37/39	976	122	612	46	27	1783	59	50	40	22	8	2	1	12
9/19	169		22/20	862	103	565	59	19	1608	70	53	34	20	7	2	1	10
8/19	171		34/27	1019	97	649	54	23	1842	86	56	40	15	7	1	1	14
7/19	190		34/27	1128	131	762	56	28	2105	93	61	41	23	8	1	1	9
6/19	213		40/22	825	83	559	65	27	1559	70	52	34	17	4	0	1	8
5/19	216		39/27	694	86	599	37	19	1435	74	44	25	15	4		1	8
4/19	194		38/29	623	119	671	41	21	1475	76	40	22	15	6	2	3	4
3/19	196		33/32	703	132	758	51	38	1628	72	49	32	15	5	1	1	7
2/19	185		35/20	606	109	617	50	16	1458	72	41	29	14	5	2	1	11
1/19	218		53/38	541	79	611	42	8	1281	67	37	26	9	6	1	1	9
12/18	179		34/25	515	50	705	37	1	1308	67	33	26	10	4	1	1	7
11/18	178		33/30	592	76	641	42	5	1356	62	37	30	13	5	4	1	6
10/18	186		28/66	753	95	718	55	7	1628	70	42	29	8	6	3	0	8
10/19 new	acct									4	1	2	1		2		

Computer Usage Statistics:

Month:	Users:	Sessions:	Month:	Users:	Sessions	Month:	Users:	Sessions
10/19	145	394	04/19	219	532	09/18	217	537
09/19	154	375	03/19	200	489	08/18	261	690
08/19	182	454	02/19	196	513	07/18	280	798
07/19	210	562	01/19	126	285	06/18	252	547
06/19	244	542	12/18	169	392			
05/19	165	410	11/18	129	353			
			10/18	196	526			

People Counter:

4/3-4/11 (4pm): 649 (45 ppl/day)	7/1(3pm)-8/1(3pm):4616(88/day)
4/12-5/9 (3pm): 3462 (72.125/day)	8/13(3pm)-10/2(2pm):6233(152/day)
5/9 (3pm)-6/3 (3pm): 3153 (150.142/day)	10/2(2pm)-11/1(5pm):3924 (140/day)
6/3(3pm)-7/1(5pm): 3549 (71/day)	

New materials added in October:

12 DVD titles, 55 issues of magazines, 7 audio books, and 78 books.

Hoopla launched on October 21 to great fanfare and success. We have had 17 people use the platform checking out 41 items. Stats will appear in the table above.

There were 14 people at Flick or Treat presented by Coastline Children's Film Festival on November 1 at 6:00.

Upcoming Events:

- Story Time with Miss Maggie is every Wednesday at 10:30.
- Qi-Gong is every Tuesday at 11:00.
- Walking Aerobics is every Thursday at 11:00.
- Lego Club is every Monday, 10:30 – noon and Thursday, 5:00 – 6:30.
- 2020 Census Job Fair, Thursday, November 14, 10:00 – noon. Local Census Job Recruiter will be here to help people apply online for local positions.

I had a fantastic time in St. Ignace last month for the Library Leadership Academy. We worked on expanding our skills with all the things offered on MeL, community mapping and evaluation. Our next meeting is in Frankenmuth on December 5-6. Thank you, again, for letting me go.

I've included information below from MLA (Michigan Library Association) regarding proposed changes to the Michigan Library Privacy Act. Patron privacy is a big deal in libraries. The only thing we would have to give to law enforcement would be the history of items checked out by a patron. Our video cameras can only be viewed LIVE – we do not use any cloud to save any visual recordings. Nor do our patron computer's management software save any information; we use

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the program Deep Freeze so each night everything is erased from the computers nightly and you don't need any personal information to use a public computer. A computer forensic technologist would be able to get information off the computers but it would be internet history and we wouldn't even be able to tell who was on what computer at what time.

"In the first week of November, Michigan State Senators Peter MacGregor (R-Rockford), Adam Hollier (D-Detroit) and Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) introduced Senate Bill 611. This bipartisan bill amends the Michigan Library Privacy Act, 1982 PA 455, enabling libraries, if they choose, to work with law enforcement when the library is a victim of a crime, or a crime occurs at the library. Currently, libraries cannot release library records to law enforcement without a court order. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Before the bill was introduced, the MLA Legislative Committee reviewed a draft of the bill's proposed amendments and sent it to the MLA Board for consideration. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 13th. MLA has invited Lance Werner, Executive Director at Kent District Library and Anne Seuryneck, Attorney with Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC, to join the MLA Board Meeting to discuss how the changes proposed in this bill will affect libraries across Michigan. While MLA has not taken a formal stance on this bill to date, we will notify the membership once a decision is made. We want to make sure that all libraries who are impacted have had their voices heard.

The Legislative Committee requested that the MLA communication to directors and deans of our member libraries offer information on the support and the concerns for these important updates. Lance Werner and Julia Eisenstein, both members of our Legislative Committee offered the following viewpoints:

From Lance Werner, Executive Director, Kent District Library:

'The amendment to the Library Privacy Act 1982 PA 455, MCL 397.601 et seq., enables libraries to pursue justice more quickly in cases of onsite criminal activity. In situations that involve child pornography, cybercrime, violent crime, and many other types of criminal activity, the speed of engaging law enforcement in an investigation can make or break any resolution, protecting or putting others at risk. Unlike other organizations, libraries must request that law enforcement obtain a court order, such as a search warrant, before sharing any identifying information about individuals. The process of obtaining a warrant delays the investigation by days or weeks. At times, law enforcement may choose to not seek a search warrant because they consider the instance to not be a priority, which means there will be no investigation. Justice is delayed or halted by onerous procedures that are required of libraries, but not by other organizations. Other instances where libraries have provided identifying information to law enforcement, in violation of the Library Privacy law would become legal with this amendment. This bill affords libraries the same rights and options to seek justice and protect others. The amendment will enable libraries the discretion to determine how they want to engage with law enforcement when a crime has occurred at the library or the library is a victim of a crime. The amendment does not impact the original intent of the act, nor does it alter the portions of the act that pertain to computer usage.'

From Julia Eisenstein, Associate Librarian, University of Detroit Mercy and MLA President-elect:

'The proposed changes to Library Privacy Act 1982 PA 455, will affect every library described in Section 2 (h), from public to academic to school and in some cases private libraries. Every library has a unique relationship with their police departments. While I have not made up my mind about the proposed amendments, I have heard from some of you already. Please consider with me the following as you review the proposed amendments. Will the proposed changes benefit libraries while working with law enforcement or will it hamper them? Will libraries actually lose their protection under the law? As it stands now, a subpoena, a warrant, or some court order (or consent of the patron) is required to turn over library records to law enforcement. The revision will give library officials a choice about releasing library records without a court order, which could cause conflict between library officials and law enforcement. If law enforcement knows libraries can turn over library records without a court order, they may expect it and that puts library personnel in a difficult position. The revision does not take away the library's right to refuse, but may make it harder. The proposed legislation does not distinguish between different kinds of crime, from ticketed offenses to felonies. Law enforcement and libraries may differ on what constitutes a serious enough crime to compromise patron privacy. ALA already provides guidance and advocacy in the handling of criminal activity: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/privacy/lawenforcement>. As it stands, if a crime is committed and time is of the essence, libraries may preserve evidence until law enforcement officers can obtain the necessary court order.

This revision moves away from ALA's core value to protect privacy. The revision indicates a crime need only be "alleged," making it possible to turn over library records for a patron who may not be involved in a crime at all. The ALA's Rights to Privacy states, "Libraries should never enact policies or practices that abridge users' right to privacy regardless of their age, ability, housing status, immigration status, involvement with the criminal justice system, religious affiliation, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or other forms of identity or status unless explicitly

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required by law. Even then, libraries should consult with legal counsel before abridging any user's right to privacy."

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/privacy>

No one can predict the effects these changes will have if enacted. The best we can do is consider our current situations as they relate to law enforcement and consider our core values. Is this a road we want to go down? Is this a road we have to go down? In a time where privacy seems to be a rare commodity, what do we stand for and what stand do we take? If these proposed revisions become law, we can't turn back.'

MLA is interested in hearing from you about how this change to the Michigan Library Privacy Act may impact you and your library. Please feel free to contact Deborah E. Mikula, MLA Executive Director at dmikula@mlibraries.org to voice your support or concerns. We hope to hear from you as soon as possible."