MCLS 2016: Capitalizing on Change

MIDWEST COLLABORATIVE
for **LIBRARY SERVICES**

MCLS Annual Business Meeting

November 18, 2016

Business Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Establish Quorum
- Approve Agenda
- New Business
  - MCLS Bylaws Revision
- Reports
  - Audit Committee
  - Board Chair/Executive Director Report
- Adjourn

2017 Board Member Officers

- **Eva Davis, Board Chair**
  - Director, Canton Public Library, Canton, MI
- **Brad Eden, Board Vice-chair**
  - Dean of Library Services, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN
- **Matthew Shaw, Secretary**
  - Dean of University Libraries, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Retiring Board Members

- Public Library Representative (Indiana)
  - Patty Stringfellow, Director, Jasper County Public Library, Rensselaer, IN
- Special Library Representative (Michigan)
  - Audrey Bondar, Senior Information Resource Specialist, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI

Newly Elected Board Member - Indiana

- School Library Representative (Indiana)
  - Stacey Kern, Media Specialist, Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation, Whiteland, IN
- At-Large Representative (Indiana)
  - Brad Eden, Dean of Library Services, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN
- Public Library Representative (Indiana)
  - Edra Waterman, Director, Hamilton East Public Library, Noblesville, IN

Newly Elected Board Members - Michigan

- **Academic Library Representative (Michigan)**
  - Scott Garrison, Dean of Libraries, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
- **Special Library Representative (Michigan)**
  - Alison Greenlee, Librarian, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, MI

Audit Report

- Eva Davis, Audit Committee Chair
  - Director, Canton Public Library, Canton, MI

MCLS FY2016 Audit Report Highlights

- Conducted by Maner Costerisan, Certified Public Accountants
- Another clean audit, with an "unmodified" opinion. Thank you, MCLS staff!
- Change in net assets: +$225,772 in 2016 compared to 2015
  - Investment income is up
  - Administrative contract fees are up (MI-ALA and Library of Michigan)

Board Chair/Executive Director Report

- Lise Mitchell
  - Board Chair
  - Director of the Grand Ledge Area District Library, Grand Ledge, MI
- Randy Dykhuis
  - Executive Director

MCLS

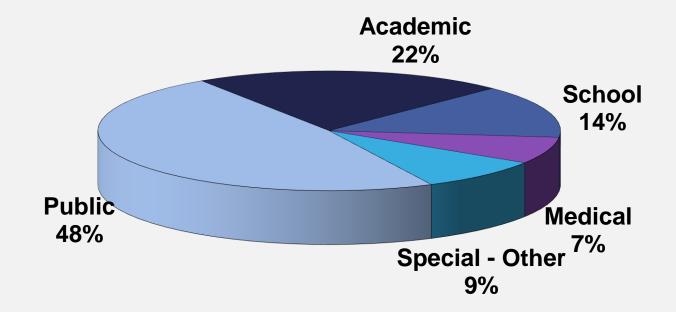▶Unique library organization utilizing [Policy Governance](#)

Members

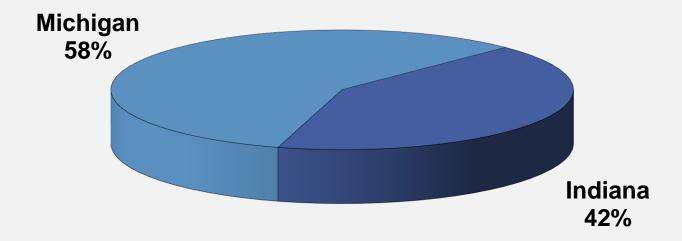Who are the members of MCLS? Where are the members?

MCLS Membership Snapshot
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Michigan
58%

Indiana
42%

Members as owners

- Elect board members
- Board members define ENDS and LIMITS
- ENDS guide staff choices as
  - Services are provided
  - Products are delivered
  - Programs are developed

Members as customers

- Purchase services
- Consume products
- Attend programs

Ends Statement

The Ends of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services is a resource-rich environment in which libraries of all sizes and types collaborate to be essential and effective. There will be a primary focus on Michigan and Indiana libraries of all sizes and types. Member libraries will receive a higher level of benefits than non-member libraries.

End One: Access to resources

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- **Group licensing & cooperative purchasing**
  - **493 libraries**
    - 75 percent of Members participate
  - **60+ vendors**
  - **Hundreds of databases**

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- Libraries Read: 1 Book
  - *The Shallows* by Nicholas Carr

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- MeL & RIDES
  - 1,089,622 requests
  - 983,877 loans
  - 90.3 percent fill rate
  - 390+ RIDES subscribers
  - New RIDES contract started on July 1

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- Shared Print Projects
  - New dataset for MI-SPI
  - Academic Library of Indiana & MI-SPI

Cooperation

Partnering with others to make a greater difference.

Collaborative Training

Reading Redefined: Deep reading, learning, and the impact of digitization

Collaborative Projects

MI Harwood Cohorts

Grants to IN librarians for ALA/Harwood labs

Exposing Libraries to the Web using linked data
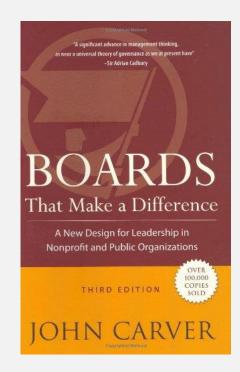
Great Lakes Resource Sharing Conference

Linkage

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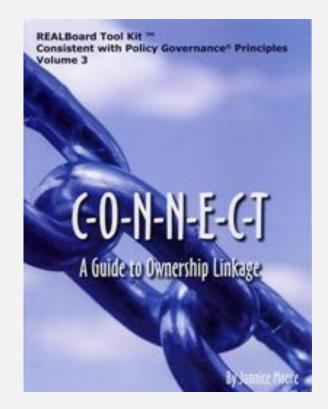
Carver Policy-Based Governance

- *Boards That Make a Difference*
  - Ends and Limits
  - Ownership Linkage
- Board Focus 2012
  - Revised Ends Statement
- Board Focus 2013
  - Ownership Linkage

Ownership Linkage Activities

- Read C-O-N-N-E-C-T
- Brainstormed how to connect
- Reviewed various methods
- Adopted a Board policy
- Established a Board committee

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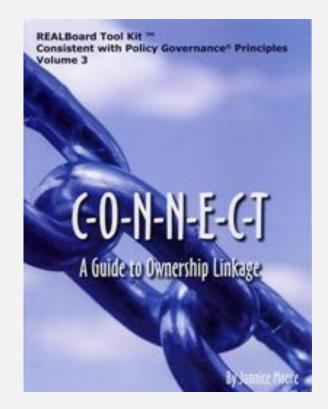- An opportunity for Staff and Board to listen

Turning Outward – the Harwood Model

▶ Community Conversations

▶ Narrative Development – we want to be ___, but ___ gets in the way, so we should _____

▶ More Community Conversations

▶ Innovation based on community aspirations

Ownership Linkage Activities

- Using tools from Harwood Institute to enhance Board linking to owners
- 2016 Ownership survey
- Annual meeting conversations
  - Help us shape the future

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Learning

What are we learning?

2016 Community Conversations: A Deeper Dive

24 Community Conversations across Michigan and Indiana during 2016, involving dozens of library staff

Evolving Librarianship

Information literacy & Critical thinking skills

Supporting & developing ourselves

Serving

Where do we go from here?

Questions?