



Virtual

The Library Network TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Friday, September 24, 2021

9:30am-11:30am

PRESENTATION #1

CARES Grant and Millage Vote Success Stories

What goes into a successful millage campaign or grant proposal? Our panel will discuss what went right in past millage and grant proposals.

PANELISTS

Karren Reish - Library Grants Coordinator, Library of Michigan

Karren Reish is the Library Grants Coordinator at the Library of Michigan. With a background in academic and public libraries, she has worked at the Library of Michigan as the federal LSTA grants coordinator for 16 years. She also works as a consultant to school librarians. Currently she manages the federal LSTA funds for the Library of Michigan services, the grant programs to libraries, and the School Library 21st Century benchmarks program.



Cathleen Russ – Director, West Bloomfield Township Public Library

Cathleen Russ is the director of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library. Prior to that, she was Director of the Troy Public Library 2007 from 2007-2020 and led the Library through several contentious millage campaigns. From 2010-2014, she was an Adjunct Professor at Wayne State University, teaching Library Administration and Management. Prior to her role at Troy Public Library, Russ served as Director of the Chelsea District Library, Chelsea, MI, and before that, the Assistant Director at the Macomb County Library, Clinton Township, MI, and Director at the Center Line Public Library, Center Line MI.



Russ holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Arts, Honors, Communications from Loyola University Chicago. She served on the Michigan Library Association Board of Directors from 2017-2020 and starts a new term from 2021-2024 in September. Honored as the MLA 2019 Librarian of the Year, Russ has been an MLA supporter and member since 2000. She has mentored many professionals through MLA's Mentor program.

Cathy is also the President of the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society, and has led the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills book discussion group for over 20 years.

BREAKOUT #1

What stood out to you about this presentation?

What do you think has contributed to past successful millage votes in your library's community?

PRESENTATION #2

Extending your Library's Reach with Outdoor WiFi

The pandemic prompted many institutions to rethink their use of space, and libraries to think outside the building when providing service to patrons. In this session, TLN's Damon Dye and Mike Vela will walk us through the ins and outs of outside Wi-Fi deployments.

SPEAKERS

Damon Dye – Systems Administrator, TLN

Combining a unique mix of technical skillsets as an IT professional, Electrician, Component Level Electronics Expert and Independent Security Information Risk Management Consultant for several Insurance Companies, Damon has been part of The Library Network Technology Team for several years where among his many responsibilities has been preparing and delivering Wi-Fi Site Surveys, Security Assessments and executing field access point deployment strategies for many of The Library Networks member Sites.



Mike Vela – Network Technician, TLN

The Library Network (TLN) has been a place that has let Mike grow beyond his roots as an IT professional after being in graphic design, desktop and server support for many years. At TLN, Mike is responsible for the installation, maintenance and security of routers, switches, firewalls and wireless access points for TLN's headquarters as well as many of TLN's member libraries. Due to overwhelming demand for wireless access, in and outside of libraries, Mike has been involved with helping develop custom Wi-Fi solutions on a per site basis.



BREAKOUT #2

What stood out to you from the presentation?

How could extending your Library's wireless network outside the building improve your library's programs or services?

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