

TLN Outreach Services Meeting  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  
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Walled Lake City Library  
1499 E. West Maple Rd.  
Walled Lake, MI 48390 248.624.3772

In Attendance:

Carrie Ralston, Walled Lake City Library | TLN Outreach Services Chair  
Sarah Roe, Taylor Community Library | TLN Outreach Services Secretary  
Brigette Felix, The Library Network  
Ashley Rossetto, Commerce Township Community Library  
Tara Scott, Canton Public Library  
David Stokes, Milford Public Library  
Stacy Van Vlerah, Northville District Library  
Vickie Weyand, Brighton District Library

**10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

Call to order  
Introductions  
Approval of minutes for October 23, 2019

**First:** Tara Scott

**Second:** David Stokes

**10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

Special Guest Speaker: Justin Hiller  
Gleaners Community Food Bank  
Food for Fines/Food for Thought campaign

**11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

Outreach Services Roundtable:  
What is happening with Outreach at your library?

**Carrie Ralston, Walled Lake City Library** WLCL is in a transitional period with leadership currently, so Outreach has slowed. Continuing to visit the low-income senior living facility monthly for book talks. The DIA is going to provide transportation for the seniors to receive a tour. Also planning on participating in Food for Fines in April.

**Sarah Roe, Taylor Community Library** Renovations at the library, new Community Room will be finished in March. Holding Silent Reading parties @ local Senior Center. Starting a Social Justice bookclub, looking for a bar to partner with. Continuing presentations for Braille & Talking Book services at senior facilities and for related groups, presented to the Low Vision group at Plymouth Library last week. NLS also did a recent marketing blast to Veterans and their families, so I've seen a large increase in new applications coming in. We are also hosting a table at this local resource fair for community professionals (like nurses, social workers, early childcare teachers) called Mending the Safety Net.

**David Stokes, Milford Public Library** Continuing to visit 4 facilities for reading and book exchanges, and unfortunately still having scheduling issues with other facilities. One assisted living facility is planning to start regularly visiting the library.

**Tara Scott, Canton Public Library** CPL just finished another Community Survey to see how the community has changed, hoping that will direct strategic planning and programming. Also exploring new avenues on how to increase access and interaction for patrons that can't make it to the building. Some staff are working with the Census to assure as much of the community as possible is counted. The popular Prize Patrol is morphing into a block party type initiative with pop-up events at parks in neighborhoods

**Vickie Weyand, Brighton District Library** Now have 24 bags with manipulatives and other items for checkout for Special Needs adults available with a grant. Will travel to Howell for the Special Needs storytime for adults once a month. Currently working toward making a partnership with the Alzheimer's facility behind the library for programming. Performing multiple storytimes out in the community at local churches and at Tots Spot, the local daycare.

**Ashley Rossetto, Commerce Township Community Library** A new Director will be starting FT in February. The previous Director announced they'd start automatic renewals sometime in 2020. Has been going to the preschools in the community every week for storytimes. Also attend the Oakland County Head Start Readiness program meetings. Have performed more storytimes out in the community, like at coffee shops and the local farm's Boo Bash event. Currently host 2 book clubs for children (9-12 and 7-9 year olds) every month; copies of the book choices are purchased and the attendees get to keep the copies of the books they receive.

**Stacy Van Vlerah, Northville District Library** The Library Friends have approved plans for a Book Bike for the library, hopefully will be implemented when weather permits. Plan to use the bike to reach residents of the township outside of the Downtown area. Have done programs at the Farmer's markets. Regularly attend monthly DDA meetings with local business owners and chamber members; helps in planning partnerships within the community. Recent partnerships include the local Art House and the local Historical Society for larger, diverse events. Just started an International Language collection to better serve the local populations, including adult popular fiction and non-fiction in Hindi, Spanish, Japanese, and Mandarin.

**12:00 P.M.** Adjournment

Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020;  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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