

MLS Plan for Programs and Services

Updated as of June 9, 2010

Consulting

Consulting services will no longer be provided past June 30, 2010. This includes one-on-one consulting with members, as well as any member board development or consulting such as new director search support and grant reviews.

Continuing Education (CE)

No additional CE classes will be scheduled. MLS will make every effort to provide events currently on the calendar through October 31, 2010 however, some cancellations may be necessary. Registered participants will be notified as early as possible of any cancelled events. The online training Ed-to-Go program will end June 16, 2010. SWAN training will continue to be available, coordinated by SWAN staff.

Delivery

MLS guarantees Delivery service at FY10 level until November 2010 and for up to an additional 6-7 months if FY10 state funds are received. Questions contact Randy Patka at patkar@mls.lib.il.us. See the FY11 Funding Priorities document for more detail on Delivery support.

E-announce

The last official version of *E-announce* will publish on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. System communication will be handled through the MLS blog <http://enounce.mls.lib.il.us> and mailing lists http://www.mls.lib.il.us/members/networking_groups.asp.

Grant Support

Member assistance for various state-wide grants such as IPLAR, School, and Public Per Capita will no longer be supported by MLS effective June 30, 2010. Questions should be directed to the Illinois State Library.

Group Purchases

MLS coordination of group purchases and discounts by the Consulting department will end effective June 30, 2010. Any SWAN-related group purchases will be coordinated through SWAN and questions should be directed to Aaron Skog at skoga@mls.lib.il.us.

Job Postings

The Career Central job postings (<http://www.mls.lib.il.us/jobs>) and the Internship Central (<http://www.mls.lib.il.us/internships>) web sites will remain active. Questions contact Wes Smith at smithw@mls.lib.il.us.

L2

The future of L2, the statewide continuing education calendar, member data repository, and Resource Sharing policy directory is uncertain at this time. MLS will keep members updated on developments in this area.

LIMRiCC

LIMRiCC will continue to run as usual. Questions contact Scott Rimmenga at remmengas@mls.lib.il.us.

Mailing Lists

MLS will continue to support the technology of all existing mailing lists until November 2010 and for up to an additional 6-7 months if FY10 state funds are received. MLS will keep members updated to any necessary changes. View current mailing lists at http://www.mls.lib.il.us/members/networking_groups.asp.

Membership Management

MLS will institute a flexible member hiatus. This means that MLS will no longer actively recruit new members to join MLS; however, if an organization came to MLS with the request to join, the Executive Director would be responsible for bringing them on board. Questions contact Alice Calabrese at calabrese@mls.lib.il.us.

Member and Advisory Group Meetings

Advisory group and other member meetings will be handled on an as needed basis. Questions contact Alice Calabrese at calabrese@mls.lib.il.us.

MLS Website

The MLS website will remain active, although certain portions related to Consulting & CE will no longer be updated. Questions contact Wes Smith at smithw@mls.lib.il.us.

Networking Groups

MLS Networking Groups will no longer be facilitated or attended by MLS staff. However, MLS will still provide meeting space at its Burr Ridge location as needed for member groups. To schedule meeting space, available on a first come, first serve basis contact Dorothy Kovacs at kovacsd@mls.lib.il.us.

Projects / Partnerships

- **Macy's Museum Adventure Program** will continue through the end of August 2011. Members of the Steering Committee will take over different program tasks after MLS consulting ends on June 30th.
 - Susan Lempke (Niles PL, slempke@nileslibrary.org) will act as contact person for all participating libraries. She will be responsible for answering questions received via the MAP website. Susan will also send updates about the program as needed.
 - Sandy Whitmer (Warrenville PL, director@warrenville.com) will act as contact person for the participating museums. She will gather monthly statistics and draft the report sent to Macy's. Sandy will also be the contact liaison for the program with Macy's.
 - Maureen Dunne (Prospect Hgts PLD, mdunne@phpl.info) and Sandy Whitmer will follow up with both libraries and museums concerning the promotional material.
 - Wes Smith (MLS, smithw@mls.lib.il.us) will maintain the website and database, acting as contact person for any issues.
 - Scott Remmenga (MLS, remmenga@mls.lib.il.us) will be responsible for the program funds.
 - Other members of the steering committee are Kate Pierson (Glen Ellyn PL, kpierson@gepl.org), Christine Kuhn (Westmont PL, christinekuhn@westmontlibrary.org) and Debbie Sheehan (Indian Prairie PL, sheehand@indianprairielibrary.org).
- **Chicago Wolves 2010/2011 Reading Program** will be supported by MLS up to June 30, 2010. After this date all communication will take place directly from the Wolves organization with the participating libraries.

- All **other incentive partnerships with MLS** (Chicago Bulls, Chicago Fire, Chicago Sky, Chicago White Sox, etc.) will end effective June 30, 2010. Continuation of these partnerships will need to take place between the incentive organization and the participating libraries.

SWAN

MLS guarantees support to SWAN until November 2010 and for up to an additional 6-7 months if FY10 state funds are received. Questions contact Aaron Skog at skoga@mls.lib.il.us.

System Restructuring

MLS commits to participating in regional or statewide restructuring efforts until November 2010 and for up to an additional 6-7 months if FY10 state funds are received. Please note that even in the absence of MLS staff, the MLS board will continue to work on restructuring efforts. Questions contact Alice Calabrese at calabrese@mls.lib.il.us.

Resource Sharing & Reciprocal Borrowing

The Resource Sharing Service has been reduced to staffing 4 days a week by Edlyn LeFevour since Kate Boyle has joined the SWAN staff as Member Services Manager. Edlyn is in the office to assist the public libraries with their Reciprocal Borrowing questions and to process billing and collections for those SWAN libraries that have contracted for her services. Reciprocal Borrowing for public libraries will continue through June 2011. The 21140 barcodes and black Metropolitan Library System cards for Chicago reciprocal borrowers will continue to be provided. Edlyn will continue to offer training and participate in workshops on Reciprocal Borrowing and SWAN MilCirc topics. Questions contact Edlyn LeFevour at lefevoure@mls.lib.il.us.

Union List of Serials

The Union List of Serials will continue to be available; however, MLS will no longer be sending holdings data to OCLC. Continued participation in the ULS is optional at this point in time. If you no longer wish to update your serials data in more than one place, please send an email to metroill@mls.lib.il.us requesting that your holdings data be removed from the ULS as it will no longer be current. In the future, the serials holdings for the SWAN member libraries will now be updated on OCLC when the SWAN quarterly tapes are sent to TMQ for processing. Previously, this data was stripped from the tapes when they were processed. All other Union List of Serials participants will need to update their serials holdings with OCLC directly or through DOCLINE. For your information, the most recent update of the MLS Union List of Serials data was sent to OCLC in March 2010 and has not as yet been processed. If you wish to continue entering data for your serials in the ULS project, feel free to use the online forms when you need a new title record created. Questions contact Kate Boyle at boylek@mls.lib.il.us.

Questions?

If there are questions about any program or service not on this list, members can contact Alice Calabrese at calabrese@mls.lib.il.us.