

Director's Report June 24, 2026

Welcome! Thank you for joining us at St. Charles District Library! Thanks to Nannette and her staff for hosting!

State Budget

There hasn't been much movement on the state budget. Gov. Whitmer had hoped to have a budget by July 1, since last year, schools had no idea what their funding would be before the school year started again.

Recent Budget Developments

- **Executive Recommendation:** Governor Gretchen Whitmer proposed an \$88.1 billion budget for FY 2027 on February 11, focusing on education, healthcare, and infrastructure.
- **Senate Action:** The [Michigan Senate Democrats](#) passed their comprehensive education, labor, and state department budget proposals in late April.
- **House Action:** The House passed a \$54 billion budget for FY 2026, which represents a \$3 billion cut from the previous year's budget. The two chambers are currently billions of dollars apart on spending totals.
- **Current Impasse:** With negotiations stalled, legislative leaders have floated the possibility of missing the deadlines entirely and relying on a continuing resolution to keep state operations funded at current levels until a new legislature takes over.

LOM (from Cathy Lancaster)

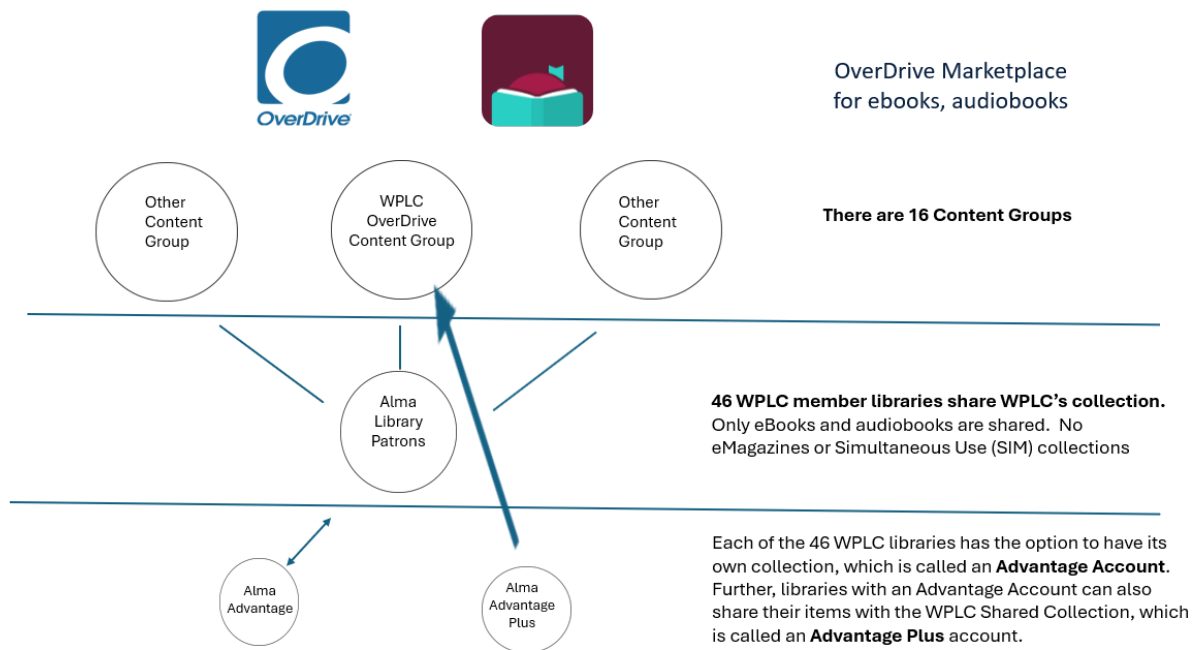
The Office of the Governor may begin rolling out a "Summer Reading Road Trip" challenge as early as tomorrow, June 24. As part of the challenge, families will be encouraged to visit their local libraries for reading, programs, and other activities. This initiative is intended to complement—not replace or compete with—existing library summer programming. Participation is entirely optional, and families can decide for themselves whether they wish to take part in the challenge.

The Office of the Governor has developed a FAQ document specifically for libraries, along with additional promotional materials. I will share those resources through our listservs as soon as they become available. You may begin to see media coverage or other announcements about the challenge once it is officially launched. We wanted to make sure libraries had advance notice, and I will distribute additional information as quickly as possible.

OverDrive

New CEO at OverDrive: Marc DeBevoise. Steve Potash will become the Chairman of the Board. I also heard from another Cooperative Director, who was trying to negotiate a new contract with them, that OD may be looking to get all the MI groups onto a similar contract next year. This may be good for some and bad for others. Not sure what it would mean for WPLC right now, and we have heard nothing.

OverDrive Content Sharing Flowchart



History of WPLC ILL

Sheila Good, a previous WPLC employee and creator of the Peabody OCLC ILL system, shared a history of ILL at our Cooperative. Kate shared this information with the group. There was also a cake, so we could officially say "RIP to Mr. Peabody" and Welcome Clio!



A card was also passed around for Sheila, thanking her for her forward thinking with technology and for creating a portal which has helped hundreds, if not thousands of patrons secure the information they wanted/needed from OCLC ILL for over 20 years!

Discounts and Reimbursement Opportunities with WPLC:

Check out our website for information on discounts and reimbursable services for your library!
[Information here.](#)

[Google Doc Programming Listing](#)

Please add performers and contact information.

Your Library Policies

Reviewing and updating policies is important. Check out these resources if you need guidance.

LOM: [Niche Academy Library Policies](#). If this link does not work, go to the [Continuing Ed](#) page, click on Niche Staff Skills, and then search library policies. [Administrative Resources](#)

ALA: [Library Policies Guidelines](#)

Kent District: [KDL Policies](#)

MI Right to Read: [MLA's Intellectual Freedom Tool Kit](#)

Housekeeping Reminders...

Member Directory: Just a quick reminder that if your information has changed, like email, hours, etc., please let Alison know. [Member Directory](#)