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Dozens More Michigan Libraries Selected to Participate in Harwood Public Innovation Training

LANSING—In partnership with the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation and the Library of Michigan, the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) announced today that 50 individuals from over two dozen Michigan libraries were selected to undergo a 10-month public innovation training regimen.

The program kicks off with a 1.5-day workshop led by Harwood Institute certified coaches, October 5-6, 2016. That training will be followed up by nine months of coaching calls from Harwood and guidance and support from Harwood-trained Library of Michigan and MCLS staff.

The Harwood Public Innovators Workshop is a 1.5-day experience designed to help individuals and organizations learn what it means to Turn Outward — to use the community, not the conference room, as a reference point for choices and action. A goal of this initiative is to help libraries strengthen their role as core community leaders and change-agents.

The selected libraries represent a spectrum of library types, sizes and geographic locations in Michigan, all with a common goal to engage more deeply in their communities.

The following libraries were selected:

- Airport Community Schools Libraries
- Alpena County Library
- Bad Axe Area District Library
- Bedford Public Schools Libraries
- Benzonia Public Library
- Branch District Library
- Caro Area District Library
- Chesterfield Township Library
- East Lansing Public Library
- Ferris State University
- Grand Valley State University
- Hastings Public Library
- Howell Carnegie District Library



- Jackson District Library
- Lansing Community College
- Lawrence Technological University
- Michigan Technological University
- Milan Public Library
- Monroe County Library System
- Muskegon Area District Library
- Pathfinder Community Library
- Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
- Portage District Library
- Portage Lake District Library
- Presque Isle District Library
- Putnam District Library
- Redford Township District Library
- Salem-South Lyon District Library
- Western Michigan University

About MCLS

MCLS is a non-profit, member driven organization whose mission is to facilitate sharing resources and to collaborate with other organizations to benefit Michigan and Indiana Libraries.

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