

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Mott Community College, RTC Building
October 7 , 2008**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Denise Hooks; Kate Pohjola; Steven Flayer; Josh Schu; JoAnne Mondowney; Carolyn Nash; LaRene Klink; Desta Ureel; Kay Hurd; Kristen Valyi-Hax; Trish Burns; Tom Birch; Shirley Roos; Maureen Hirten.

Members Absent: Melissa Barnard (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Karen Lambert (excused).

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Roger called the October Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

III. **Approval of the August 5, 2008 Minutes:** Approved as presented

IV. **Sharing by the Libraries:**

- a. **Community District Library:** New director, Josh Schu introduced himself. CDL is updating website and inventorying technology needs within the library system.
- b. **Shiawassee District Library:** Hosting a series of workshops on resume writing, interview processes and other career related items; Author Joe Heywood visiting later this month.
- c. **Flint Public Library:** Several programs celebrating a variety of items happening. Unveiling renovation plan later this month.
- d. **Genesee District Library:** Recently hosted a visit with the mobile Overdrive unit visit. Several author visits planned.
- e. **Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library:** Board recently voted to utilize fund balance monies to pay off their building mortgage. Looking at option to purchase a lot beside the library for parking. Children's Librarian Theresa Pickering returning to work part-time.
- f. **Almont District Library:** Hosting a collection of military memorabilia. Going live with Valley Library Consortium in January.
- g. **Dryden Township Library:** Very successful Summer Reading Program. Remodeling their back room for additional storage.
- h. **Genesee School District:** Preparing for MEAP testing. Annual book sale in early December.
- i. **Lapeer District Library:** In the process of going wireless at all nine buildings. Hosting a Clothes Line program at two locations, supporting domestic violence awareness. Installing a new microfiche system.
- j. **Holly Township Library:** Staff member Margaret Rainey had a major heart attack this past weekend. Looking into Overdrive as an option. Tween girls reading club started last month.
- k. **Public Libraries of Saginaw:** Installing fiber network at the Hoyt branch. Looking for a branch manager for the Hoyt branch. Purchased Wii units for each branch, and hosting a Halo-Wii teen party at the end of October.

- l. **Bay County Library System:** Recently rejoined MeL Cat. Bookmobile back on the road finally. Re-initiating Computer classes at Wirt & Auburn branches.
- m. **Capital Area District Library:** Numerous programs planned for the fall. Hosting numerous Entrepreneur classes and programs. Recently started using self-check at a couple branches.
- n. **Mott Community College:** Welcomed everyone to Mott Community College's newest building. The Friends of the Mott Library's annual Art Auction is planned for October 16th. PALNET recently hired Mark Evans as the Director. Governor signed a capital outlay bill that includes Mott College, and will allow for the final phase of renovations to take place.

V. Director's Report:

- a. **State Aid Update:** Roger reminded members that the process for filing the Annual State Aid report has been opened.
- b. **New State Aid Rules & Regulations:** Roger briefly reviewed the history of why the rules and regulations have been under revision. Roger distributed information drafted by the Cooperative Director's Association to discuss with Nick Bozen, Attorney for HAL. Roger encouraged members to voice their concerns at the upcoming public hearings.
- c. **Summer Reading Program Update:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading Committee met in mid-September and selected the theme *Be Creative @ the Library* for the overall Cooperative theme. The Summer Reading Performers List has been released, with orders due back to the MMLC Office by October 17th.
- d. **Overdrive Shared collection discussion:** Roger discussed the proposal from Overdrive to purchase a shared collection of down-loadable books.
- e. **Upcoming Workshops:** Roger reminded everyone that the Annual Summer Reading Performers Showcase is planned for October 14th at the Fenton Community Center. Invisible User Workshop is planned for November 13th at Flint Public Library. On-line registrations are now available at the MMLC website: www.mmlc.info
- f. **ALA trip project:** Roger briefly talked about an opportunity to network with the Northland Library Cooperative to charter a bus for a trip to ALA in Chicago for a portion of the conference.
- g. **USF update:** Filing of the 470 forms begins in November. Library of Michigan is sponsoring two workshops on Universal Service Fund this fall.
- h. **Committee Service Opportunities:** Roger distributed the list of Committee Service Opportunities asking members to volunteer for the various committees of the Cooperative.
- i. **MMLC website:** Roger mentioned that the MMLC website was recently updated. He encouraged members to provide the MMLC Office with changes to staff.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Applewood Estates (C.S. Mott home)

Hosted by Flint Public Library

(Annual Holiday luncheon follows meeting)