

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting  
Mott Foundation Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
February 3, 2009**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Lise Mitchell; Maureen Hirten; Karen Lambert; Desta Ureel; Cheryl Cole; Steven Flayer; Josh Schu; Trish Burns; Tom Birch; Kate Pohjola; Carolyn Nash; JoAnne Mondowney; Denise Hooks.

Members Absent: Melissa Barnard (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Kristen Valyi-Hax (excused); Shirley Roos; (excused); Kay Hurd.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

Guests: Angela Barris, Saginaw Children's Museum.

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

III. **Approval of the October 7, 2008 Minutes:** Approved as presented.

IV. **Saginaw Children's Museum Presentation:** Angela Barris, President & CEO of Mid-Michigan Children's Museum presented information on the new museum located in the downtown area of Saginaw. Angela distributed information about the family admission pass program available to libraries in the MMLC service area.

V. **Sharing by the Libraries:**

- a. **Mott Community College:** Denise Hooks reported that the college enrollment has increased substantially which means that the library is also very busy. Enhancements to the library are underway with building improvements, new furniture and several other exciting changes. Denise mentioned that she is newly elected to the Michigan Library Consortium board.
- b. **Chippewa River District Library:** Lise Mitchell reported that their library has been working on capital improvement plans, strategic planning and looking at the priorities for the library. Lise mentioned that she is also on the Michigan Library Association board.
- c. **Capital Area District Library:** Maureen Hirten announced that Director Sue Hill has announced her retirement effective in June, 2009. Maureen shared information about the multitude of programs being hosted throughout the area. A web survey conducted by the library had a huge response, and pointed out that the public would like a change to how program information is presented.
- d. **North Branch Township Library:** Karen Lambert mentioned that the library is looking to purchase additional land at the back of the current property.
- e. **Dryden Township Library:** Desta Ureel remodeling project for the back room has been completed.
- f. **Vernon District Library:** Cheryl Cole has busy learning the ropes of running the library.

- g. **Genesee District Library:** Carolyn Nash reported that the Talking Book Center has incorporated the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped services with the Homebound services and the Large Print services. Carolyn shared information on the successful programs they have recently hosted and those that are upcoming
- h. **Lapeer District Library:** Kate Pohjola reported that all of their branches have high-speed wireless internet capabilities now. A new self-checkout system was recently purchased and installed. Numerous programs planned for this spring.
- i. **Shiawassee District Library:** Steven Flayer reported that a new children's librarian has been hired. The library is looking to host an edible books program in the spring, and several other exciting programs. New mascot for the library, Brutus, has his own blog at [www](http://www).
- j. **Community District Library:** Josh Schu finished installing Envisionware in late December. Marketing Campaign will be launched soon including a new logo, a new motto, and increased hours at some locations.
- k. **Bay County Library System:** Tom Birch slowly getting back on their feet. Re-initiated the Teen Advisory Council, added Sunday hours at the Wirt branch, added hours at some branches, and are in the process of installing Envisionware and updating the website.
- l. **Public Libraries of Saginaw:** Trish Burns reported that February includes numerous programs celebrating Black History Month. The library is sponsoring the county-wide Spelling Bee.
- m. **Flint Public Library:** JoAnne Mondowney mentioned that they are hosting a customer service workshops for their staff on Emotional Fire Drills, Hiding Your Emotions and several other personalized workshops. Utilizing webcams to offer a new attendance option for staff members. JoAnne mentioned several celebrations the library has hosted including the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Main branch, Martin Luther King celebrations, and numerous other programs that a upcoming.

## VI. Director's Report:

- a. **State Aid Update:** Roger reminded members that the Governor's State of the State Report is this evening.
- b. **Statistics Survey:** Roger distributed an overview of the statistics we gathered from members on circulation, programming and internet usage.
- c. **New State Aid Rules & Regulations:** Roger briefly reviewed the history of why the rules and regulations have been under revision. Roger discussed the major changes to the rules and regulations.
- d. **Summer Reading Program Update:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading programs have been booked and all paperwork has been distributed. Three hundred fifty programs were booked through the cooperative. Prizes ordered from Upstart through the cooperative have been shipped to LaRene Klink at Genesee Area Schools.
- e. **Spring Tour Update:** Irene distributed a draft of the tour schedule for this May. The tour this year with The Storytellers involves 45 presentations in three weeks.
- f. **Upcoming Workshops:** Roger distributed flyers about the next three Workshops the cooperative is sponsoring: Marketing with William Schroer on February 24<sup>th</sup>; Black Belt Librarian with Warren Graham on March 24<sup>th</sup>; Zingerman's Training on April 16<sup>th</sup>

- g. USF update:** Roger mentioned that the final date for filing is March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- h. Director Search Update:** Roger mentioned that the advertisements for the Director's position have been released. The Search Committee will be meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon to begin developing a list of interview questions and several other preliminary items.
- i. Dissolution of HAL update:** Roger reported that current news releases indicate numerous changes in departments in the State Government. It is suspected that the Library of Michigan will remain in the Executive branch.
- j. Three year plan for Cooperatives & Library of Michigan:** Roger mentioned that the Cooperative Director's and Library of Michigan staff has developed a three year strategic plan of action. **Motion by Steven Flayer, seconded by Denise Hooks to approve the Three Year Plan for Cooperative and Library of Michigan as presented. All yeas (11-0). Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Bancroft  
Administrative Assistant

**Next Advisory Council Meeting:**

Thursday, May 14, 2009

5:00 p.m.

Genesee High School

(Annual Joint meeting and dinner)