

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Baker College – Flint Campus Library
August 4, 2009**

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

Members Absent: Melissa Barnard (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Lise Mitchell (excused); Cheryl Cole (excuse); Gale Nelson; Sheila Bissonnette.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. **Introduction of New Director:** Roger introduced Denise Hooks as the new director of MMLC. Denise will begin her duties on October 1, 2009

IV. **Sharing by the Libraries:**

- a. **Mott Community College:** Denise Hooks mentioned that the college has purchased the National Armory building and is expanding their campus. Renovations to the Library are continuing.
- b. **Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library:** Kristen Valyi-Hax reported that the Summer Reading program has been very successful.
- c. **Bay County Library System:** Tom Birch reported that the Summer Reading has been a huge success with a large number of performers presenting programs; the staff and board are gearing for millage election in 2010.
- d. **Baker College – Flint Campus:** Eric Palmer welcomed everyone to the Flint campus library. The campus is experiencing the highest attendance for summer session ever, and expect the fall session to be equally as high. The college recently purchased the old Superior Pontiac dealership site on Dort Highway near I-69 to create a campus for the Center for Transportation.
- e. **Shiawassee District Library:** Steven Flayer reported that their Summer Reading Program is completed. Filtering software installed.
- f. **Genesee District Library:** Carolyn Nash reported they have a tentative agreement with the union. Partnering with Flint Journal for the Women's Expo. Reported that Pat Peterson retired this spring, Trenton Smiley is new marketing person.
- g. **Community District Library:** Josh Schu mentioned that the library has just finished their fiscal year with over 2000 new patrons. 60% increase in Summer Reading participation; Digitizing Corunna newspaper; Moving office to Corunna branch.
- h. **Public Libraries of Saginaw:** Trish Burns reported Summer Reading participation down slightly. Fiber network being completed soon. SWAT team training in September.
- i. **Capital Area District Library:** Maureen Hirten reported that Sue Hill retired in June; Lance Werner is new director. Millage campaign for 2010.

- j. **Holly Township Library:** Shirley Roos mentioned that their library has a new staff member also. Finishing Summer Reading program this week; Fire Authority presenting a workshop to staff on fire extinguisher training.
- k. **Genesee Schools:** LaRene Klink reported that they are undergoing renovations to storage rooms in library to accommodate Reading Support program.
- l. **Lapeer District Library:** Kate Pohjola reported that they have a new staff member in Fiction Services; wireless usage skyrocketing. deAngeli branch being named a National Literary Landmark.
- m. **Dryden Township Library:** Desta Ureel reported that the Summer Reading program is finishing today with lots of positive feedback.
- n. **North Branch Township Library:** Karen Lambert mentioned that the Summer Reading has been highly successful program this year.
- o. **Almont District Library:** Kay Hurd reported that the library is finishing their Summer Reading programs this week.
- p. **Baker College – System Library:** Sally Pettinger reported that the student population is skyrocketing across all eleven campus'.
- q. **Flint Public Library:** JoAnne Mondowney very busy summer. Celebrated 29th Annual Storytellers Festival. Partnered with the Flint Schools for Summer Reading. JoAnne announced that she will be resigning from Flint Public Library to become the new director of Detroit Public Library.

V. **Director's Report:**

- a. **State Aid Update:** Roger reminded the members that the 2010 Budget has not been finalized. Senate Bill 247 has been approved for 7.5 million; House Bill approved 7.3 million. Each bill represents an almost 25% cut in revenue.
- b. **Update on HAL / LM:** Roger mentioned that Governor Granholm released her Executive Order in late July dismantling the History Arts & Libraries department and moving Library of Michigan to the Department of Education and re-distributing collections and employees.
- c. **MLA Advocacy Plan:** Roger briefly reviewed the MLA Position Statement on the Governor's Executive Order abolishing the HAL department. Carolyn Nash and Kate Pohjola serve on the MLA Legislative Committee. Carolyn and Kate both expressed that fighting for State Aid is the most important voice that needs to be heard. Roger suggested that each member make their board members, staff, friends of the library and library users aware of the impact the State Aid reductions will have on MelCat, Mel databases and interlibrary loan, in addition to the loss of heritage and history in the Library of Michigan collections that are scheduled to be dismantled; and encourage letters and emails be sent to legislators. Roger will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available, through the MMLC listserv.
- d. **MMLC Plan of Service:** Roger reported that State Librarian Nancy Robertson reviewed the Plan of Service and requested a few changes to the plan in order to clarify information on Core Services and Unit Cost Services. Roger distributed copies of the Appendixes that were prepared and submitted to clarify and prioritize the services offered by MMLC. The State Librarian has accepted the changes to the Plan of Service. The Board will take action to approve the finalized plan at the September board meeting. **Motion by Steven Flayer, seconded by Karen Lambert**

to approve the proposed changes as presented, and to forward a recommendation to the MMLC Board to approve as presented. All yeas. Motion carried.

- e. Summer Reading Program Update:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading programs have been very successful and thanked everyone for making sure the confirmation sheets were returned so quickly. The Final Evaluation Forms have been distributed and are due August 21st. Summer Reading Committee meeting to begin discussions on the 2010 programs is scheduled for September 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the Cooperative Office.
- f. Review of MMLC FY 2008-2009 Budget:** Roger reported that changes are needed to the current budget due to the recent 4% reduction in State Aid and the reduction in Interest income. It is anticipated that approximately \$40,000 will be needed from fund balance for the current year.
- g. MMLC Proposed FY 2009-2010 Budget:** Roger presented the FY 2009-2010 proposed budget. Roger mentioned that the budget is based a 21% reduction in State Aid funding. **Motion by Steven Flayer, seconded by Kate Pohjola to forward a recommendation to the MMLC Board to adoption of the FY 2009-2010 Budget as proposed. All yeas. Motion carried.**
- h. Upcoming Workshops:** Roger reminded members that MMLC is sponsoring a Millage Campaign workshop with William Schroer on September 22nd; the Public Libraries of Saginaw will be hosting the Black Belt Librarian on October 13th; the Annual Performers Showcase is being planned for October; a book repair workshop with Kevin Drager is being worked on for November. Irene mentioned that a Retirement Open House honoring Roger is being planned for September 27th at Baker College – Flint Campus in the Technology Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Genesee District Library – McFarlen Branch
in Grand Blanc, MI
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.