

Advisory Council Meeting

October 4, 2011

Community District Library

Members Present: Joshua Schu; Dawn Winans; Desta Ureel; Kay Hurd; Kelli Lovasc; Maureen Hirten; Melissa Malcolm; Shirley Roos; Eric Palmer; Tom Birch; Trish Burns; Melissa Barnard; Kathy Irwin; Lise Mitchell; Carolyn Nash.

Guests: Glenn Fischer.

Staff: Denise Hooks; Irene Bancroft

Call to Order: Denise called the October Advisory Council to order, welcoming everyone to Community District Library's Corunna/Caledonia Township branch.

Introduction of Members:

- **Josh Schu:** Community District Library launched OverDrive this past month with positive reactions from patrons. Developing a Cloud computer class.
- **Eric Palmer:** Baker College – Flint Campus has experienced several cuts in funding and employees. Celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.
- **Tom Birch:** Bay County Library hosting author William Kent Kreiger speaking at the State Theatre this month.
- **Kelli Lovasc:** North Branch Township Library launched OverDrive this month also.
- **Kay Hurd:** Almont District Library working towards joining OverDrive later this year.
- **Desta Ureel:** Dryden Township Library recently hired a new employee, and joined OverDrive.
- **Shirley Roos:** Holly Township Library is working towards joining OverDrive. Their technology person has tendered his resignation to take a position in Chicago.
- **Melissa Malcolm:** Lapeer District Library has sent a letter to Library of Michigan to allow Goodland Township library to withdraw from the District Library. Financial Planning underway. Working to convince staff and the board to move forward with OverDrive.
- **Trish Burns:** Public Libraries of Saginaw began with OverDrive in July with very positive comments from the staff and public. Board retreat coming soon to begin Strategic Planning.
- **Dawn Winans:** Kettering University welcomed a new President to the campus during the summer. Friends group bringing author John Gallagher to the campus during October. Game Day with staff & students planned for later this month.
- **Maureen Hirten:** Capital Area District Library looking for a new director with interviews scheduled for next week. Hosting Great Michigan Reads author Jeff Boyle at Cooley Law School this month. Haslett Branch moved from a small space to a new location at the former High School building with over 1100 sq. ft.
- **Melissa Barnard:** Grace A. Dow Memorial Library assistant director Virginia McKane retiring in November, position will not be filled. Civil War series of programs starting this week. Applying for grants to support an Activity Center in the youth area of the library.
- **Kathy Irwin:** Mott Community College working through Strategic Planning process.

- **Lise Mitchell:** Chippewa River District Library recently purchased a building in Shepherd to renovate for that branch. Attending PLA BootCamp in Nashville on Strategic Planning this fall.
- **Carolyn Nash:** Genesee District Library passed an increased millage this year, which has allowed for a balanced budget this year. Author visits are planned for this fall. Re-vamping the Summer Reading program this next year. Asking the Board to approve two new administrative positions.

Summer Reading Program:

- Irene distributed a copy of the final statistical report from the 2011 Summer Reading programs. Members discussed some of the challenges and successes from this summer.
- Members were reminded of the Summer Reading Showcase workshop that will be held at Tyrone Hills Golf Course on October 13th.
- Irene announced that details for the Spring Tour featuring MadCap Puppets have been released and encouraged members to participate in this great opportunity.

Director's Report:

- Denise briefly reviewed the Final 2010-11 Work Plan, highlighting several items of importance. Denise reported that MMLC partnered with Ann Arbor Hands On Museum for a Grant application. We were notified yesterday that the application was not successful.
- Denise thanked everyone that participated in the Director's Annual Evaluation and she was pleased to report that she had received a very positive review.
- The FY 2011-12 Work Plan was briefly discussed. Collaborating with OverDrive to provide a service many members have indicated needing. Movie Licensing USA opportunity has provided another way for the Cooperative to aid members to secure effective pricing.
- Denise reminded members that the State Aid – Population Certification is underway and should be completed soon. The Annual State Aid report is available to complete online.
- Denise shared the newest information available about Health Care Legislation in Michigan.
- Denise reviewed the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees of the Cooperative and asked members to volunteer.
- Copies of the Advisory Council meeting schedule and the Planning Guide for the 2011-12 fiscal year were distributed. Denise highlighted the Showcase workshop in October and the Millage Campaigns workshop planned for February.
- Denise mentioned that Detroit Public Library has asked that PA 89 section 6 be opened and changed to allow the population figure to be reduced to 600,000 in order to accommodate their population drop and to allow them to remain a Cooperative.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Many participants enjoyed lunch at Wrought Iron Grille.

The afternoon session convened at 12:30 p.m. for a Tax Primer with William Fowler, former Assessor for the City of Flint and current Assessor for the City of Lansing.

Respectfully submitted,

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