

Midwestern MI Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2005
Capital Area District Library – South Lansing Branch
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Sue Hill; LaRene Klink; Julie Chrisinske; Betsy Hull; Brian Cloutier; Desta Ureel; Karen Lambert; Nancy Folaron; Melissa Barnard; Kate Pohjola.

Members Absent: Kay Hurd (excused); Trish Burns (excused); Val McNiff (excused); Shirley Roos (excused).

Guests: June Mendel; Sue Huff; Virginia McKane; Jodi Lang.

Staff Members: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

I. Call to Order: Roger called the August Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Sue Hill welcomed everyone to the Capital Area District Library – South Lansing Branch. Sue gave a brief overview of the history of the South Lansing branch.

II. Library Sharing Time:

Sue Huff: Community District Library – Corunna/Caledonia Branch is in the process of reorganizing their office space in anticipation of taking over the processing of all new materials for the library system.

Sue Hill: Capital Area District Library will be featuring Smartest Card programming with opportunities for winning special prizes, and Oprah show tie-ins during September.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library hosted numerous successful programs during the Summer Reading programs at the branches. Community District Library will be undergoing the transformation from several independent circulation systems to one unified circulation system for all six locations. The library will be experimenting with wireless access at their Bancroft/Shiawassee Township branch.

Julie Chrisinske: Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library just finished their summer reading program. The library recently installed several new computers for public use.

Nancy Folaron: Shiawassee District Library board recently approved re-carpeting the upstairs of the Owosso branch, and will be switching to a new circulation system, InfoCentre, a Sagebrush product.

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools, although closed for the school year, they have been cataloging new materials. LaRene has also been coordinating a summer story-time at the Genesee District Library –Johnson branch.

June Mendel: Lapeer District Library –deAngeli Branch recently finished their summer reading program. For the first time they offered a separate program for the teens, which was very successful.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library hosted a successful family fair at the Goodland branch. First draft of a Long-Range Plan has been sent to the Board. Lapeer Days being held in Lapeer in the near future, with the deAngeli branch Friends hosting their annual Book Sale. They are investigating voice over IP systems, and Asterick services.

Bryan Cloutier: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library migrated to the new circulation system with Valley Library Consortium in early June. A landscape project around their entire building was completed this summer. Bryan announced that the Board has reached a positive resolution to the Attica Township location support with the Attica Township board.

Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library finished their summer program with wonderful success. New landscaping donated by a local person has been added to the library. They also migrated to the Valley Library Consortium circulation system in mid-June.

Karen Lambert: North Branch Township Library summer reading has been completed. Recently all the trim on the library was painted a bold lime green. They will be going live with the Valley Library Consortium circulation system later this month.

Virginia McKane: Grace A. Dow Memorial Library summer reading has been extremely successful. September will see the Cooperative mobile lab being utilized for teen classes. The library is sponsoring a low-keyed local author day program.

Melissa Barnard: Grace A. Dow Memorial Library pleased to announce that the first anniversary of the Cup & Chaucer coffee bar. They are embarking on a wireless project for their building.

III. Director's Report:

- a. Summer Reading Program Update:** Irene gave a brief update, mentioned how successful the programming has been for the Cooperative. Discussion was held on the 2006 theme, and the need to develop the teen programs.
- b. Children's Programming Update:** Roger announced that the Fall programming has been cancelled. Children's Author Jerry Pallotta will be touring the Cooperative during May, 2006.
- c. Workshops Update:** Roger reminded members that there are two workshop opportunities available: August 15, Staff Motivation & Communications Skills, 9-noon at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library; September 28, The Problem Customer, 9:30-3:30 at Wickson Memorial Library in Frankenmuth. In November a program is being planned around a Team Building program.
- d. Mobile Lab Usage:** Roger reminded members that the wireless computer lab has been a very successful program. Roger suggested contacting the office to book the lab.
- e. Fund Balance and Technology Upgrade Expenditures:** Roger reminded members that the expenditures from the Fund Balance and Technology Upgrades must be submitted by September 15.
- f. Updates from Around the State:** Roger mentioned that it has been announced that there will be no discretionary grants available from the Library of Michigan in FY 2005-2006. The State budget is still under discussion. Roger suggested that members plan their budget with a 7.4% reduction in State Aid. The process for hiring a new State Librarian is progressing. It is anticipated that interviews will be held during September, with a recommendation being sent to the Governor in October. Michigan Library Association has selected a new Director and is currently negotiating a contract agreement.

IV. Advisory Council Meeting Schedule: Roger presented the proposed FY 2005-2006 meeting schedule for the Advisory Council. **Motion by LaRene Klink, seconded by Julie**

Chrisinske, to accept the proposed FY 2005-2006 Advisory Council meeting schedule. All yeas (14-0). Motion carried.

V. FY 2005-2006 Budget Review: Roger reviewed the proposed FY 2005-2006 Budget summary document. **Motion by Melissa Barnard, seconded by Bryan Cloutier, to recommend that the MMLC Board adopt the FY 2005-2006 Budget, as proposed. All yeas (13 yea by voice; 7 yea by electronic mail; 0 nays). Motion carried.**

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Irene Bancroft
MMLC Administrative Assistant