

Mideastern MI Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2005
MMLC Office
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: JoAnne Mondowney; Louise Goward; Laura Friesen-Lynn; Catherine Welscher; Julie Chrisinske; Bryan Cloutier; Desta Ureel; Karen Lambert; LaRene Klink; Eve Brown; Shirley Roos; Kay Hurd; Ken Uptigrove; Betsy Hull; Kate Pohjola; Val McNiff; Trish Burns; Denise Hooks.

Members Absent: Sandra Chavez; Melissa Barnard (excused); Fred Paffhausen.

Guests: Lesa Quade; Sarah Fondren; Glen Birdsall.

Staff Members: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

II. Approval of the August 2, 2005 Minutes: Approved as presented.

III. Library Sharing Time:

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library Summer Reading very successful with 85 participants. Recently added two additional computers.

Laura Friesen-Lynn: University of Michigan – Flint is currently developing a plan of marketing the University Library to local high school groups. Curriculum lab will be added for the Education Department in the Library.

Catherine Welscher: Capital Area District Library recently hosted a successful program at the Lansing Mall with numerous performers. CADL now has a mascot beanie baby. Numerous programs coming up throughout the fall.

Julie Chrisinske: Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library working on starting a book discussion group. Preparing for an author visit with Gary Slater. Successful participant in the Perry Festival.

Sarah Bonderman: Practicum student at Genesee Schools.

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools preparing for the Fall book sale. School staff provided Reading program at the Genesee District Library – Johnson Branch during the Summer Reading Program.

Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library Friends group offering hand stitched cards as a fundraiser.

Ken Uptigrove: Shiawassee District Library recently held their 34th annual Carnival at the Owosso Branch celebrating the completion of another successful Summer Reading program. Owosso branch will be undergoing a painting project in the Adult area.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library starting Strategic Planning process. Starting a Teen Gaming program.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library held their annual staff day on Columbus Day.

Val McNiff: Genesee District Library is partway through their Strategic Planning process. Author visits continuing with one October 14th, and another session in November.

Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw are changing their due dates to three weeks for all materials and 3 days for dvd's/videos. Denise Fleming will be providing a program in November.

Lesa Quaid: University of Michigan – Flint campus has joined the ProMed delivery system.

Denise Hooks: Mott Community College Library is in the fourth phase of renovations with asbestos removal, a new front entrance, new lighting, and new carpeting projects underway.

Annual Art Auction October 13 & 14.

JoAnne Mondowney: Flint Public Library has a new web address: www.fpl.info. Summer Reading program successful. Hosting a Knitters Expo in the near future. Bernice King will be speaking at the library in November.

IV. Director's Report:

- a. State Aid Update:** Roger mentioned that the Governor has not signed the State Budget for FY 2005-2006. The Governor has concerns over the History, Arts & Libraries (HAL) budget and vetoed several sections of the budget and asked the legislators to use the savings from the vetoes to assist libraries and the arts..
- b. Summer Reading Program Update:** Irene gave a brief update, mentioning that the Summer Reading committee met September 30th. **Motion forwarded by the Summer Reading Committee to adopt the multi-state theme “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales” for the 2006 MMLC Summer Reading Program theme. All yeas (18-0). Motion carried.** Performer order forms will be sent out by October 15th, with orders due to the Cooperative Office by November 1st. Denise mentioned that the Michigan Center for the Book will again be providing a bookmark for adults that compliments the program theme.
- c. Workshops Update:** Roger mentioned that several workshops are being planned. October 27th workshop at Bay County Library on team building. The Problem Patron workshop held in conjunction with White Pine Library Cooperative in September was very successful.
- d. Updates from Around the State:** Roger mentioned that November 15th has been designated as “*I Love to Write*” day by Governor Granholm. Denise mentioned that Michigan Center for the Book will be debuting their new database on planning author visits. Roger mentioned that the selection process for a new State Librarian is moving forward.
- e. Gates Grants for new computers:** Roger briefly discussed the proposed grant opportunity from the Gates company to replace computers that were received from the Gates company several years ago. Roger mentioned that an inventory will need to be completed using Web Junction. The inventory will need to reflect the number of original Gates computers that are still in use, along with the number of computers that have been purchased to replace the Gates computers.

V. Deb Bacon-Ziegler, Library of Michigan joined the meeting and discussed the Beginners' Workshop and the New Directors' Workshop. She asked the group for ideas to improve the workshops. Deb will be touring all the cooperatives to seek input on the workshops and will use the data to make changes in format and content. Deb also reported on the Summer Reading Program theme for next summer and distributed catalogs displaying items that can be

used with the program. She was pleased to hear that our Cooperative had taken the step to approve the theme for next summer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Bancroft/ Roger Mendel.

Next meeting will be held at Mott Community College Library on December 6, 2005. This will be the annual Holiday Social (Potluck),

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Irene Bancroft
MMLC Administrative Assistant