

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
University of Michigan – Flint Campus Wilson Thompson Library
December 5, 2006**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Desta Ureel; Bryan Cloutier; Laura Friesen-Lynn; LaRene Klink; Denise Hooks; Kate Pohjola; Betsy Hull; Julie Chrisinske; Louise Goward; Sue Hill; Carolyn Nash; JoAnne Mondowney; Ken Uptigrove; Kay Hurd.

Members Absent: Shirley Roos (excused); Trish Burns (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Karen Lambert (excused); Kevin Ayala; Sandra Chavez.

Guests: June Mendel.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. **October 3, 2006 Minutes.** Accepted as presented

IV. **Sharing by Libraries:**

Bay County Library: Roger gave a brief update on the course of action Bay County will be taking after loosing their millage request in November.

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools just finished a very successful Book Fair.

Denise Hooks: Mott Community College will be working with the state legislators to receive state funding for additional building improvements. The Ballroom will be moving to the Library Building, which will offer the Library a larger auditorium area.

Sue Hill: Capital Area District Library is working on plans for a building project to implement next year. The Lansing State Journal will be doing an article about the effect of the DDA tax capture on libraries.

Laura Friesen-Lynn: UM-Flint will be increasing their public access computer labs to all three floors of the Library. Fall, 2008 will include the opening of on-campus housing opportunities.

Ken Uptigrove: A township in the district had a ballot question asking township residents to withdraw from the Shiawassee District Library. The voters defeated this question by 65%. Local author, Brenda Ervin, who writes farm stories, visited the library, her program was very successful. Erynne Purvis is new Children's Librarian at Owosso branch.

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library successfully passed their millage request in the November election. The library will begin offering coffee in the library. They are moving forward with a wireless WiFi connection for the community.

JoAnne Mondowney: Flint Public Library is moving forward with their renovation project. Currently tabulating data from the community on the needs of the library. \$49,000 grant to complete a strategic plan. Hosting a staff workshop on Pornography in the Library, with Library of Michigan Legal Specialist Lance Warner. Participating in the annual Holiday Walk in the Cultural Center, scheduled for this evening. The Michigan Author Day program held the weekend after Thanksgiving was a huge success.

Carolyn Nash: Genesee District Library has begun the process of planning for their millage renewal election to be held next year. Three townships have notified the library that they are initiating building programs: Davison, Fenton and Flushing. Staff are still working on the Beecher branch re-opening. A program to check out Digital Books to the public will be rolled out after the first of the year. Finalized plans to have Sandra Brown, Elmo, and Susan Taylor visit next year.

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library is moving forward on their building project, with the shell now complete and the interior getting close to completion.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library has expanded hours at the Byron and New Lothrop branches. Successful program with local war memorabilia collector, Mr. Springs was held. Storytimes now available at all branches. New Gates computers have been received and are being installed. Looking forward to going live with new circulation system, in conjunction with membership in Valley Library Consortium.

Julie Chrisinske: Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library is still exploring the issue of funding and governance for the library. New Gates computers have been received, and will be installed soon. They are working with a local vendor to have new computer furniture constructed. Teen Movie program has been very successful.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library millage request was not successful. Currently reviewing plans on how to restructure. The MMLC mobile lab was in Lapeer for 2 months, and was a huge success.

Desti Ureel: Dryden Township Library did not pass the November millage request. Santa visit recently was packed with community members.

Bryan Cloutier: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library also did not pass the November millage. The library board is moving forward with plans to re-structure the library, which will include a 50% reduction in part-time personnel, reducing hours at Attica branch by 50%, and closing the Imlay City branch on Saturdays. The library will be going for 1 mill at the May election. The City of Imlay City and the DDA are moving forward with exemption from the DDA tax capture for the library.

June Mendel: Lapeer District Library – deAngeli branch recently installed a color printer.

V. **Director's Report:**

- a. **Summer Reading Program update:** Irene reported that Summer Reading prizes have been ordered, and some have been shipped. Programs have been scheduled, and we are awaiting final contracts from the performers. It is anticipated that all schedules will be released to members by the end of December.
- b. **Summer Reading Showcase Workshop update:** Roger mentioned that the Summer Reading Showcase workshop recently held at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland received rave reviews from attendees and performers alike. Plans are underway to host another workshop next fall.
- c. **PAC HUG Gates grant update:** Roger reported that the PAC HUG Gates Dell equipment has been ordered. Roger is working on a discount program from Faronics for Deep Freeze Professional software and additional software packages, such as Reading Rabbit.
- d. **USF update:** Roger reminded members that the dial-in service through Merit will be cancelled in June, 2007. Members need to notify their staff and board members who may be using this service, to find a new service provider. Roger reminded members that he is available to help with the Form 470 applications that are currently available

for completion. The Form 471 applications will be available in February, 2007. Members were reminded that Technology Plans that expire during the July, 2007-June, 2008 fiscal year need to be revised and renewed.

- e. **LSTA grants update:** Roger reported that the committee has met several times to discuss projects for a cooperative-wide project. Roger will be working with several members individually on applications.
- f. **Discount Programs:** Roger reminded members about the state-wide discounts on books and AV materials that are available for members of the cooperative.
- g. **Advocacy Plan Discussion:** Roger reviewed the draft version of the MMLC Advocacy Plan. Roger mentioned that the Advocacy Plan is a requirement of the QSAC process for Cooperatives. **Motion by LaRene, seconded by Betsy Hull to forward to the MMLC Board a recommendation to accept the MMLC Advocacy Plan as presented. All yeas (19-0).**
- h. **Environmental Scan of Cooperatives:** Roger mentioned that he is attending a meeting this afternoon with the other cooperative directors to discuss the future of Libraries and Library Cooperative's in Michigan.
- i. **Programs for Advisory Council Meetings:** Roger mentioned that former State Librarian George Needham will be the guest speaker at the May joint meeting at Genesee Schools. He will be discussing the Environmental Scan recently completed by OCLC. Roger mentioned inviting Gretchen C from MLA to discuss news from Michigan Library Association.

VI. Annual Holiday Social.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, February 6, 2007
MMLC / Mott Foundation
5th Floor Conference Room
9:30 a.m.