

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Community District Library – Perkins Library of Lennon Branch
October 2, 2007**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Betsy Hull; Margaret Bentley; Sandy Chavez; Karen Lambert; Desta Ureel; Kate Pohjola; Kristen Valyi – Hax; Trish Burns; Julie Chrisinske; JoAnne Mondowney; Louise Goward; Kelly Richards; Denise Hooks; Kay Hurd.

Members Absent: Sue Hill (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Shirley Roos (excused); Kevin Ayala.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The August 7, 2007 minutes approved as presented.

IV. **Sharing by Libraries:**

Kristen Valyi-Hax: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library introduced herself as the new director in Imlay City. The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring two programs this fall, since less programs were held during Summer Reading.

Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw sponsoring a visit with author Sharron Draper. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage month.

Margaret Bentley: Shiawassee District Library recently held their annual Carnival celebrating the end of the Summer Reading. Hosting a series of authors during the fall. Director Ken Uptigrove has announced his retirement effective in late December.

Kelly Richards: Genesee District Library recently started an online book club that has been very successful. They have started a retrieval system for collecting fines and overdues. GDL is working on an emergency plan with unique features for each branch.

Sandy Chavez: Laingsburg Public Library conducting a storytime in Spanish this month. The addition to the library is finally moving forward.

JoAnne Mondowney: Flint Public Library recently collaborated with the UAW to help with the celebration of the Sit Down Strike project around the Cultural Center. Cody branch celebrated their 80th anniversary this month. FPL is displaying art work from the Mott family collection.

Denise Hooks: Mott Community College annual fund raiser for the Friends of the Library with an art auction will be held this month.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library welcomed everyone to the Perkins Library of Lennon branch. Big project involves bringing the Perry library into their organization.

Karen Lambert: North Branch Township Library starting story time.

Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library recently participated in the Fall Fest in Dryden.

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library was extremely busy with Summer Reading programs, and circulation continues to increase. Kay will meet with Valley Library Consortium soon to begin the process of joining the consortium and eventually MelCat.

Julie Chrisinske: Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library is working on transitioning to becoming a branch of Community District Library and then a member of Valley Library

Consortium. Computer classes, story time and genealogy classes are a few of the new offerings.

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library still dreaming of moving into their new library. The village will be holding a Fall Festival in mid-October. The library will be hosting a bake sale and books sale.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library successfully passed their millage in August. A large schedule of computer classes has been arranged. Friends of the Library made over \$8000 at their recent annual book sale. Adding Play Way to their list of materials for patrons. Participating in the Lapeer Fantasy Forest event this month. The library will be participating in the annual Family Literacy Camel Races fund raiser. Started planning evening children's story times and programs.

V. State Librarian's Cooperative Reorganization Project: Betsy reported that on September 24th a committee was convened to discuss the issue. For the moment the structure of the Cooperatives has not been changed, however it is understood that a change will need to be made in the near future. The discussion centered on core services that will be supported directly by State Aid funds. It also has been discussed that there will be regional services supported in a cooperative setting with state aid, and then there may be discretionary funds for other services needed on a regional basis.

VI. Director's Report:

- a. State Aid Update:** Roger reported that the state budget process has moved forward with the legislature finally passing a budget in the early hours of October 1st. There is still discussion going on at the Conference Committee to come to a final consensus on the final level of State Aid funding.
- b. FY 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule:** Roger distributed a copy of the meeting schedule for FY 2007-2008.
- c. Committee Service Committee:** Roger distributed a copy of the list of committees used within the cooperative. Members were asked to sign up for the various committees.
- d. Summer Reading Program Updates:** Roger distributed a copy of the Statistical Report for the 2007 Summer Reading program. General discussion concluded that the lack of millages in Lapeer County and Bay County resulted in the decrease in programs booked through the Cooperative. Roger mentioned that the 2008 Performers List will be sent out within the next few days. Orders for programs will be due back to the Cooperative by October 19th.
- e. Summer Reading Showcase Workshop:** Irene reminded members that the workshop registration has been opened statewide.
- f. Spring Tour Opportunities:** Roger reminded members that if they are interested in supporting the annual spring tour, the Cooperative needs to have a letter of commitment stating how many programs the library will be interested in hosting. Roger reminded members that the Cooperative, at this time, will not be paying for the tour this year.
- g. PAC Hug part 2 Grant Update:** Roger mentioned that all four MMLC members eligible for funds under this round of grant funds have applied for funds.
- h. USF Update:** Roger reminded members that the window for the next round of funding opens later this month. Roger offered to help any members needing

assistance. Roger mentioned that Technology Plans that expire before 2009 need to be updated.

- i. **Updates from around the State:** Roger mentioned that Northland Cooperative will become a virtual cooperative beginning in January, 2008. The building has been sold, telephone calls and mail will be routed to the MMLC office. Roger will still be going to the Northland area to conduct meetings. Capital Library Cooperative officially ceased to exist on September 30th. Southwest Library Cooperative has sold their building and is working as a virtual cooperative.

VI. Workshop Discussion: Roger mentioned that a series of Mel trainings will be scheduled around the cooperative in the Spring that will introduce the new databases. Trish mentioned that a group recently attended a workshop on generational poverty. Members agreed that how to deliver services to individuals of different levels of income was an interesting concept. Suggestions for workshops include: Dealing with difficult patrons, Gaming at the Library and Teen services, Emergency & Security planning, Creating RSS feeds, blogs & wikis, Readers Advisory workshop, Updating and honing reference skills using print & non-traditional sources, Why weed and how to do it.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
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Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Flint Campus, Baker College.