

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Genesee District Library – Headquarters Branch
April 1, 2008**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Steven Flayer; Carolyn Nash; JoAnne Mondowney; Desta Ureel; Kay Hurd; Karen Lambert; Betsy Hull; Louise Goward; Kate Pohjola.

Members Absent: Denise Hooks (excused); Maureen Hirten (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Trish Burns (excused); Kevin Ayala (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Shirley Roos (excused); Kristen Valyi-Hax (excused).

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

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

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The February 5, 2008 minutes approved as presented.

IV. **Demonstration of MyLibrarydv:** Jim Keating of Recorded Books gave a presentation on the MyLibrarydv product available through Michigan Library Consortium.

V. Director's Report:

- a. **State Aid Update:** Roger reported that there is no news on the supplemental state aid. Roger reminded members that the House appropriations committee has included a 2 million dollar increase to State Aid for the upcoming year (2008/2009).
- b. **Update on the State Librarian's proposal for state funding and the future of cooperatives:** Roger mentioned that a letter from the Advisory Council and the MMLC Board was submitted to Nancy Robertson. The MMLC Board has also passed a resolution indicating they are not in favor of the State Librarian's proposal as originally presented. Roger presented information about how the State Librarian envisions distributing State Aid and how it might affect MMLC members. Now that the comment period for the State Librarian's proposal has ended, Roger mentioned that it is important to keep board members updated and to make sure we stay abreast of any new information Nancy presents. The Cooperative Directors' will be meeting with Nancy in mid-April.
- c. **Update on the proposed changes to the State Aid Rules:** Roger reminded members that comments are being accepted on the new State Aid rules. The Cooperative Directors are compiling a list of concerns that are being expressed.
- d. **Spring Author Visits:** Irene mentioned that there are still opportunities to book programs for the May spring tour with David Biedrzycki.
- e. **Summer Reading Update:** Roger thanked LaRene for accepting the summer reading toy order and for delivering the materials to member libraries. All the summer reading programs have been booked, and members are busy preparing their PR materials.
- f. **Northland Mini-Rural Conference:** Roger reminded members that the Northland Library Cooperative is sponsoring a mini-rural conference in late April. MMLC members are invited to participate at the same rate as Northland members.

VI. Member Updates:

JoAnne Mondowney: Flint Public Library has had a very busy winter. FPL partnered with accounting students from University of Michigan - Flint to offer tax assistance and filing opportunities. Celebrated March is Flint Month with several wonderful programs. Lots of programs scheduled for April. Crafting a program for staff centered around Emotional Labor: Beyond Customer Service. JoAnne has been asked to serve on the Governor's Cultural Economic Development committee.

Steven Flayer: Shiawassee District Library has new launched their revised website. Hosting the Buseum, a POW memorabilia program in late May.

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library still working to get into their new library building. The staff of the Shiawassee District Library made a nice contribution to the project. New shelving and carpeting are yet to be installed.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library just finished a Tips & Tricks series of workshops that was very successful. The library is conducting e-bay workshops, partnering with the local post offices. They held an exhibit at the local child abuse seminar held for professionals in Shiawassee County.

Carolyn Nash: Genesee District Library will be allowing personal MP3 players and cell phones to download information. Partnership with the local Metro Housing group to present several programs was very successful. Black History Month dinner had over 500 attendees. GDL has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant to enable the community to celebrate Nora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God" with special programming, activities, and talks.

Karen Lambert: North Branch Township Library quiet at the moment.

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library attending training day at Valley Library Consortium and beginning the process of joining the consortium.

Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library recently re-painted the entry to the library.

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library had Joel Tacey conduct a gaming program for teens that was very successful. Hosting the Buseum, a POW memorabilia program in late May. Currently re-carpeting the deAngeli branch.

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools waiting to see what next year will bring with a \$6 million budget deficit.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Thursday, May 8, 2008

5:00 p.m.

Genesee High School