

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative**  
**Director's Report**  
**September 2008**

**State Aid:** The good news is that state aid was not cut. The bad news is that we did not get an increase.

**Cooperative reorganization:** There is nothing new to report on cooperative reorganization. At a recent Cooperative Directors meeting, Sheryl Mase from the Library of Michigan indicated that our state librarian was looking at all the comments and will take them into consideration in any new proposals.

**New Members:** Chippewa River District Library (Mt. Pleasant), Pere Marquette District Library (Clare) and the Coleman Area Library. The White Pine Board released the three libraries and so we are able to discuss and vote on their membership request at the September meeting.

**Northland Interim Director:** The NLC Board met on August 20 and approved the contract for another year. Our board must now officially accept the contract and sign it.

**Talking Book Center:** After the June meeting, I met with Carolyn Nash (GDL Executive Director) and discussed the future of the talking book center. Carolyn took a proposal to her board to see if they would take on the Talking Book Center and with service to just Genesee County. It was approved and the Library of Michigan has agreed to service the patrons in Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties. Action at our September meeting will allow for this to take place October 1, 2008. All parties have worked to see that this will be a seamless transition for the patrons of the service.

**Library of Michigan:** The new rules for PA 89 of 1977 will be available for viewing and review. Two public hearings will be held in late September one in Lansing and one in St. Ignace. I will have copies of the rules at the meeting and discuss some of the issues/questions I have with the rules.

**ALA:** From June 28 until July 2 I attended the ALA Conference in Anaheim CA. This was my last conference where I served as the ALA Councilor representative from Michigan.

**MLA:** My term on the MLA board concluded June 30, 2008. This next year I will participate on the Awards Committee and the planning group for the Directors Summit scheduled for November.