

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
December 2005

Workshops: We will distribute at the meeting the schedule for workshops for the year. On December 1, I conducted a workshop on Records Retention for a small group of member librarians.

Staff changes: Val McNiff, Executive Director of GDL will be retiring from her position in December.

LM: Nancy Robertson has been selected as the State Librarian. Nancy served as the Interim State Librarian after Christie Brandau left her position. I have asked Nancy to be our speaker at the annual Joint Board and Advisory Council meeting in May and she has accepted. I also asked if she would like to tour some of our libraries on that date. I am awaiting her response.

Gates Grant: Our member libraries have been alerted to do the inventory necessary for the Gates grant process. After this is accomplished the Library of Michigan will be able to write a grant to the Gates Foundation for the new public access computers for Michigan libraries.

Baseball money: December 1 is the deadline for submitting applications for seed money from the money derived from the May 15 Library Day at Comerica Park. I have encouraged our members to apply for this money, since we were one of the major fundraiser for this project. I should know by the time of our meeting if any of our libraries applied.

Baseball money Part II: The cooperative directors will form a committee to discuss whether we should sponsor a second Library Day at Comerica Park. I will keep the board informed on this. We hope to deal directly with the Tigers in arranging the event.

PLFIG: The Public Library Funding Initiative Group is planning to have another request for funds to support the project. The group's goal has been to develop a plan to increase state funding for Michigan's public libraries. The plan has been developed and at present they are working on marketing strategies for both the public and legislators. We may see in the near future a request for funds for the project. In the past we made a donation.

MLA: With the new director in place plans are underway to re-organize and restructure the Association.