

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
January 2007**

Library visits: In December I worked with the Holly Township library on an LSTA Grant. We have a follow-up meeting scheduled for January 9. On January 8 I will be attending a millage committee meeting for Genesee District Library.

In February I will do a presentation for the Genesee District Library Board along with the State Librarian and the Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association. We will give the board a brief outline of what each agency does and the services that are provided to libraries.

PAC HUG Grants: During January we will be wrapping up the program. Checks will be cut to pay for the computers received from the statewide bid as well as checks to reimburse libraries for computers they have purchased directly. A statewide bid is being sought for children's software to be installed on the new machines. Orders have also been placed for Faronics Deep Freeze software.

Audit: This has been completed and will be presented by the auditor at the January meeting.

USF: We have filed the USF applications for our discounts on the MMLC phone service and the cell phone. I have assisted a number of the libraries with regard to filling out the Form 470 required by the program. I have asked the libraries that are part of White Pine Cooperative to file a separate Form 470 this year to allow for a transition from our system to one operated at their locations. I have also asked the Lapeer ISD to do the same.

MLA: In my capacity as ALA Councilor for the Association I will be attending the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Seattle from January 20 to 27. The additional days that I am there I will take as vacation. In February the Association will hold a two day retreat to discuss the restructuring of the association. The retreat will be held in Dewitt.

LSTA Grant: We are still working on a grant that will involve youngsters from our area to participate in a program with the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. I will have an outline of the grant to present at our meeting.

Area libraries: Sad news for several of our libraries that had failed millage elections.

Bay County Library System: Closed two branches and the bookmobile, reduced hours at the three remaining locations and about 2/3 of their staff were laid off.

Lapeer District Library: Closed 5 of their eight branches, reduced hours at the remaining 3 locations and laid off about 35 people. Additionally the full time staff that remains had their hours reduced from 40 hours to 35 hours per week.

Ruth Hughes Memorial Library: Reduced hours at locations, reduced materials budget and a freeze on wages.

Dryden Township Library: The library board will discuss changes that they may make later this year.