

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
May 2009

Northland Interim Director:

Northland Board and member libraries continue to work on a new arrangement to run the cooperative after the contract with MMLC expires September 30. The Plan of Service is being revised and will include hiring a part-time director for the cooperative.

Library of Michigan: No news on the disposition of the state library. We are still waiting for the Executive Order from the Governor dissolving HAL and directing where the various departments in HAL will be sent.

Our Plan of Service committee has reviewed our Plan and a copy of the revised plan will be sent out prior to the May 14 meeting.

Workshops: In March and April we had a very successful workshops. In March we held a program with Warren Graham to do his Black Belt Librarian program. 90 individuals attend this program. In April we co-sponsored a workshop on customer service in Frankenmuth with the White Pine Library Cooperative. 41 people attended and 20 of them were from MMLC

May Tour: The tour this year features The Storytellers (www.thestorytellers.org). We anticipate that 40 performances will be done during this tour. It's great to see the response to this program since the libraries have to pay this year as they did last year. Previous to this the Cooperative budget absorbed the cost but due to the 17% cut in funding we have had to change it to a cost share program.

Rural Libraries Conference. Irene and I attended the conference, scheduled for April 29 to May 1 in Acme, Michigan. This year the Cooperative Directors Association will have a booth at the conference with information on what the cooperatives offer. We will prepare a handout to distribute at the conference. I was the recipient of the Rural Librarian of the Year Award.

Director Search: Interviews are scheduled for June 2 and June 4 to interview 4 candidates for the Director position. Further information will be given out at the May 14 meeting.