

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative  
Director's Report  
September 2009**

**Northland Interim Director:**

Northland Board and member libraries have arranged for a part-time director to run the cooperative after the contract with MMLC expire September 30. Their Plan of Service has been revised.

**Library of Michigan:** There have been some new developments as you are aware from recent e-mails. The Governor seems to be relenting on some of the items in her Executive Order. She has established a state librarian position at the Department of Education will appoint someone from the library community to service on this Innovation Reinvention Committee and has indicated that Mel is not in jeopardy and that the commitment now is to keep the Library of Michigan collection intact. We need now to concentrate on keeping state aid intact.

**MMLC Plan of Service has tentatively** been approved by the state librarian based on some minor changes. The changes have been reviewed and a motion for approval forwarded by the Advisory Council. Now the Board at their September meeting will need to approve the changes and send the document back to the state librarian.

**Workshops:** We have a workshop scheduled in September on conducting millages and tentative arrangements for workshops on book repair in November, a workshop on webpages utilizing the new PLINKITmodel from the Library of Michigan in December. We are also working on scheduling workshops on MeL database searching for later next year. A Summer Performers workshop is also in the works.

**Thank you:** This is my last meeting as Director of MMLC and I want to thank you and all the previous boards for making this past eleven years a wonderful experience. The success of a director is linked to the support of a good board and over the last years I have had the opportunity to work with many fine board members, whose interest in their local library is equaled by their concern for the improvement of every library in our region. Thank you again for your dedication and I know that Denise will feel that support also as she works to bring better library service to our users.