

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

**New Members:** Chippewa River District Library (Mt. Pleasant), Pere Marquette District Library (Clare) and the Coleman Area Library have been welcomed into the cooperative and attended their first Advisory Council meeting. They have also been added to the listserv and the member directory on our website ([www.mmlc.info](http://www.mmlc.info)).

**Northland Interim Director:** The NLC Board and Advisory Council met in late September and discussed the future of their cooperative. There was consensus to see if they could remain together as a cooperative and find some way to work with another cooperative to get a director that would meet the standards set by the new rules and regulations in place to operate under PA 89 of 1977. They have a committee looking at their Plan of Service as well as the options for the future of Northland. I should have something to report at our October meeting regarding their desires.

**Talking Book Center:** The resolutions have been filed with the Library of Michigan and letters have gone out to the patrons of the Talking Book Center served in Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties.

**Library of Michigan:** The new rules for PA 89 of 1977 are available for viewing and review. The rules will be published in the 10/15/08 issue of the "Michigan Register" and they should be posted on the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (SOAHR) website already. Two public hearings have been scheduled: the first one will be held in St. Ignace on the afternoon of November 14th; the second will take place in Lansing on the afternoon of November 24th. A copy of the rules as submitted to SOAHR, a summary of the proposed changes, and a comparison table can all be found at LM's website at:

[http://michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445\\_19270\\_50202---,00.html](http://michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270_50202---,00.html)

The Library of Michigan is also creating a "Frequently Asked Questions" document which will be posted at the same place in a few weeks.

**MLA:** I am serving on the Awards Committee and the Directors' Summit program. The Directors' Summit will be held in November.

**MLC:** I serve on the Michigan Library Consortium Board. We have some issues coming up that affect our libraries and their relationship to OCLC which is the vendor some use for Interlibrary Loan. The changes will have a negative financial impact on MLC.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers concerning my wife, June. She is doing fine and we are thankful that it was not a heart attack.