

## Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative On-line Newsletter

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### News from MMLC:

**Lapeer District Library.** Great news for Lapeer, their millage passed with a 70% yes vote. The proposal was for .9 mil for a 6 year period. Congratulations to Kate, her staff and millage committee for a job well done. The library will re-open their branches that were closed beginning September 1. Staff is being called back to work.

**Bay County Library:** Voters in Bay County will vote on a millage proposal in the November election. The library board and Bay County Commissioners approved a proposal which will levy 1.0 mil for a 3 year period. Good luck goes to Kevin and his staff. We look forward to a positive outcome.

**Ruth Hughes Memorial Library in Imlay City has** a new director Kristen Valyi-Hax. Kristen is presently the Interim Director for the Suburban Library Cooperative and will begin her new position September 4. Welcome to Kristen to our cooperative.

### **Discount Programs:**

The discounts that you receive on office supplies for being a member of a cooperative have been renegotiated for this year. The discounts are good from July 07 to June 08.

To see the discounts visit: <http://tln.lib.mi.us/coop-discounts-07-08.pdf> Please don't forget that member libraries of the cooperative are eligible for book and a/v discounts. Check out the website for details.

**Technology Funds:** Several libraries still need to claim their technology fund money for this year. If you haven't submitted bills for new software, hardware or other technology related expenses to the office do so as soon as possible. To find out the amounts left to spend please contact Irene at 810-232-7119 or email [Bancroft@gfn.org](mailto:Bancroft@gfn.org)

### **State Librarian's Excellence Award: (second reminder)**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Library of Michigan Foundation's State Librarian's Excellence Award. The award will be granted to a library (any type) that exemplifies excellence in customer service. The winners will receive cash prizes and be announced on Thursday Nov. 8, 2007 at the State Librarian's luncheon during the

Michigan Library Association Annual Conference at the Lansing Center.  
The Deadline for Nominations is September 6, 2007  
For more information visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/lmfoundation>

**Bloomfield Township Public Library.** The Michigan Supreme Court issued a decision on July 26 in the Goldstone vs. Bloomfield Township Public Library in favor of the library. In a four to three split, the court held that Article 8 section 9 of the Michigan Constitution does not require each individual public library facility in Michigan to offer non-resident book borrowing privileges.

**Library Thing,** <http://www.librarything.com> is a social networking and tagging site based around books, much like [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)  
In order to create a library you need to register, but you can search other users' libraries without registering. This is a good readers' advisory tool. Check it out.

**Grant Opportunities:**

By September 15: The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation awards \$500 minigrants to school and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Visit their web site at <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html> for additional details.

Ongoing: Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants will match \$50-\$350 raised by local sponsors on a 2-to-1 ratio to help small, rural public libraries buy children's books. The foundation makes grants three times a year with deadlines of April 15, July 15 and December 15. Visit their web site at <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html> for additional details.

Books Across America: The National Education Association Foundation is making grants of \$1,000 to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries. The applicant must be a practicing preK-12 school librarian, teacher, or education-support professional in a US public school. Deadline for applications is November 12, 2007. For further details visit: [http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/BAA\\_2007.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/BAA_2007.htm).

**Meetings:**

**MMLC Board meeting:** September 13, 2007 4:30 p.m. MMLC office, 5<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room.

**Advisory Council:** October 2, 2007 9:30 a.m. Location to be announced.

## Library news from the national perspective:

### **World survey analyzes how youth use technology**

<<http://link.ixs1.net/s/lt?id=a268767&si=098436656&pc=l2051&ei=w133798>>

Globally, the average young person connected to digital technology has 94 phone numbers in his or her mobile phone, 78 people on a messenger buddy list, and 86 people in his or her social networking community. Yet despite their technological immersion, digi-kids are not geeks—59% of 8–14 year-olds still prefer their TV to their PCs, and only 20% of 14–24 year-olds admitted to being “interested” in technology. Check out this link for more info.

### **Glossary of spam terms**

<<http://link.ixs1.net/s/lt?id=x268772&si=098436656&pc=q2056&ei=w133798>>

Sophos, an Anglo-American company that makes antivirus and antispam software, has compiled a spam glossary that includes definitions of terms like “dictionary attack,” “munging,” “ratware,” “social engineering,” and “tarpitting.”.... Check out this link.

### **Five tech mistakes to avoid**

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Joel Durham Jr. offers this list of five common tech tasks that many people overlook: leaving your wireless network unprotected, failing to update firmware, failing to update drivers, installing memory modules in the wrong slots, and failing to provide enough airflow in your computer case.... Check out this link.