

## Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative On-line Newsletter

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### News from MMLC:

#### **Ruth Hughes Memorial Library in Imlay City has a new Director.**

Kristen Valyi-Hax became the Director of the Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library in September 2007. In the past, Kristen has worked as the Systems Librarian and Interim Director at the Suburban Library Cooperative, as a Reference Librarian at the MacDonald Public Library in New Baltimore, and as a Reference Librarian at the Chesterfield Township Library. Kristen received her MLS from the University of Maryland and her Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. Kristen lives in New Baltimore with her husband Ken and their beautiful cat, Ilona.

#### **Flint Public Library:**

#### **African American Quilters Guild Exhibit and Quilt Lecture with Gwen Maxwell-Williams**

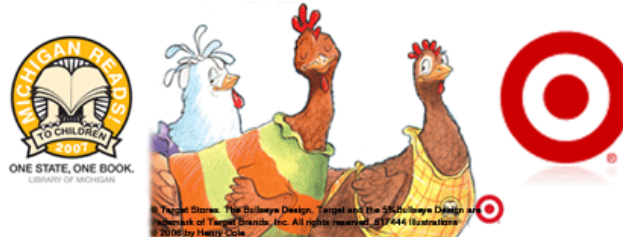


**Exhibit: Thurs.-Sat., Sep. 13 - 15  
Lecture: Saturday, September 15, 10:30 AM**

**Genesee District Library:** Visit the library website and see all the new offerings. Check out the Kid's Site and read about [Tumblebook Library](#). Online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. If you are at home or at school, you'll need your GDL library card number.

**Lapeer District Library:** Staff and board at the library have still not come down from the ceiling after their millage victory. On September 4, library hours were restored and staff returned to work. Programming is underway and the following author will appear Saturday, September 15 at the deAngeli Branch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cindy Mitchell, a science teach in North Branch. Cindy has self-published three space themed children's books: Write to the Outer Limits, Eros's Encounter, Demeter's Dilemma.

### Michigan Reads! "Big Chickens"



Copies of the [2007 Michigan Reads!](#) book are available at a Midwestern Michigan Libraries .

**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)

**Summer Reading Performers Showcase:** Our second annual showcase is scheduled this year on October 16 and will be held at the Fenton Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summer Reading performers will be there to give us a taste of the new programs, we will have special presentations on getting youngsters into your library with innovative pr as well as crafts, crafts and more crafts. In the afternoon time will be devoted to the teens, and teen specialist Patrick Jones <http://www.connectingya.com/professional.html> will be our speaker. MMLC members cost \$30 including lunch, non members \$50. Watch for details coming soon to a library near you.

**PAC-HUG Grants Part 2.** A select group of libraries that have high poverty levels in their service area received application forms for additional computers under the Gates Foundation Grant. Forms are to be filed by October 1, 2007. Four libraries in MMLC received this opportunity. Additional grants will be available after this first group of libraries has been funded.

**Meetings:**

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

**State Librarian's Coop. Reorganization Meeting:** September 24, 2007, 10 a.m. LM Board room. Betsy Hull from Community Dist. Library is representing our area.

**Advisory Council:** October 2, 2007 9:30 a.m. Community District Library, Corunna.

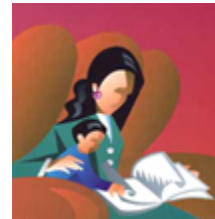
**MMLC Board Meeting:** October 11, 2007 4:30 p.m. MMLC Office, 5<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room.

**Advisory Council:** December 4, 2007, 9:30 a.m. Baker College-Flint Campus.

**Library news from the national perspective:**

**Prime Time Family Reading Time grants**

Created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in 1991, Prime Time Family Reading Time is an award-winning reading, discussion, and storytelling series based on illustrated children's books. Statewide organizations—including state libraries, state humanities councils, centers for the book, library associations, and library systems—are invited to apply [The guidelines and application in pdf format may be downloaded here..](#)for grant funding and materials to participate. The deadline for applications is November 1.



**Be prepared for disaster**

The ALA Washington Office recently updated its [Disaster Preparedness and Recovery page](#) and, in light of the hurricane season and recent events in the western states, it's vitally important to make sure your library and your community are both prepared should disaster strike. The [National Heritage Health Index](#) discovered that 70% of libraries did not have a disaster plan.



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