

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Genesee District Library – McFarlen Branch
October 6, 2009**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Eric Palmer; LaRene Klink; Mike Ugorowski; Lance Werner; Shirley Roos; Kay Schwartz; Desta Ureel; Kay Hurd; Karen Lambert; Tom Birch; Trish Burns; Carol Warren; Cheryl Cole; Kristen Valyi-Hax.

Guests: Maureen Hirten; Evelyn Wheeler; Ruth Dukelow; Megan Dudek; Evette Atkin.

Members Absent: Melissa Barnard (excused); Sandra Chavez (excused); Lise Mitchell (excused); Gale Nelson; Sheila Bissonette.

Co-op Staff: Denise Hooks; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Denise called the October Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and introduced herself as the new director of Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative.

III. **Approval of the August 4, 2009 Minutes:** Approved as submitted

IV. **Sharing by the Libraries:**

- a. **Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library:** Kristen Valyi-Hax reported that everything is going well; they just received QSAC certification.
- b. **Public Libraries of Saginaw:** Trish Burns reported that they are very busy this fall with a concerted effort to expand the adult programming underway.
- c. **Bay County Library System:** Tom Birch had three interactive family concerts in September with Julie Austin, that were a huge success.
- d. **North Branch Township Library:** Karen Lambert reported all is well at her library.
- e. **Almont District Library:** Kay Hurd reported that their circulation is up; lower level flood was survived. Started preschool storytime.
- f. **Dryden Township Library:** Desta Ureel mentioned that the Family Literacy will be conducting a program at the end of month at the library.
- g. **Flint Public Library:** Kay Schwartz mentioned that they have a Director Search underway; Millage renewal campaign started; Bookmobile service was discontinued this fall; North Flint branch increased hours slightly and increasing programming options.
- h. **Vernon District Library:** Cheryl Cole reported that they are struggling to bring more programming to the area.
- i. **Holly Township Library:** Shirley Roos reported that Oakland County brought a group to the library for a Storytime. Looking to increase number of computers in the library.
- j. **Capital Area District Library:** Lance mentioned that they will be on the August ballot for a millage renewal; Changed their program brochure by going from a glossy brochure to a non-glossy format. Liz Kudwa is the new Marketing Director.
- k. **Genesee District Library:** Carol Warren welcomed everyone to the McFarlen branch; Motown performances were very well attended; What's it Worth? program has also been very successful.

- l. **Baker College – Flint Campus:** Eric Palmer reported that they will have over 7000 students on campus which is a new record for the campus. Opened the Center for Transportation Technology on Dort Hwy. at I-69.
- m. **Mott Community College:** Mike Ugorowski reported they are breaking records with student enrollment; Art Auction this week; Construction project beginning this fall.
- n. **Genesee School District:** LaRene reported that their mentoring program is very successful, utilizing senior citizens to mentor students on an as needed basis.

V. Director's Report:

- a. **State Aid Update:** As of today, the Legislature has temporarily adopted a budget that reduces funding by approximately 40%. The Legislators plan for the future appears to include restoring state aid to the 10 mil level if possible.
- b. **Update on HAL / LM:** State Librarian position has now been established by Executive Order in the Department of Education. Filing of the Annual State Aid forms for the Cooperative has begun.
- c. **Summer Reading Program 2009 Report:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading programs were very successful and thanked everyone for making sure the confirmation sheets were returned so quickly. The Final Evaluation shows that attendance and participation increased about 15% across the cooperative.
- d. **Summer Reading Program 2010 Update:** Irene mentioned that the Summer Reading Committee met in September and decided to utilize the multi-state collaborative theme *Make a Splash --- READ!* The Summer Reading Performers List will be forthcoming; the Summer Reading Showcase is scheduled for October 20th.
- e. **Upcoming Workshops:** Denise distributed information about the upcoming Workshops the cooperative will be sponsoring.
- f. **Committee Service Opportunities:** Denise asked members to sign up for the committees they are interested in serving on for the upcoming year.

VI. Evergreen Presentation: Ruth Dukelow from the Library of Michigan, along with Evette Atkins and Megan Dudek, presented a brief presentation on the Michigan Evergreen project, an open source software shared automation system.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
Applewood – Mott Estates,
hosted by Flint Public Library
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.