

MMLC Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2004
Lapeer District Library – deAngeli Branch
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: June Mendel, Jeff Johnson, Kelly Richards, Louise Goward, Bryan Cloutier, Desta Ureel, Kay Hurd, LaRene Klink.

Members Absent: Shirley Roos (excused); Joanne Mondowney (excused); Val McNiff (excused); Trish Burns (excused); Marcia Warner (excused), Sue Hill (excused), Melissa Barnard (excused), Karen Lambert (excused), Betsy Hull, Sandra Chavez, Ken Uptigrove.

Guests: Sue Huff, Carol Warren.

MMLC Staff: Roger Mendel.

I. Call to Order. Roger called the October Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. Approval of the September 7, 2004 Minutes Approved as presented.

III. Library Sharing Time

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library is setting up a wireless lab at the library for community workshops and for the business community to host meetings.

Bryan Cloutier: **Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library** received their contract from Valley Library Consortium for official membership. Family Literacy and several other guests will be at the October 11th Staff In-service.

Carol Warren: **Genesee District Library** recently started with the MeL Delivery System. Borrowed the MMLC Training Lab to begin training staff on the new I. I. I. circulation system.

Louise Goward: **Vernon District Library** meeting with architect for new library building project.

Sue Huff: **Community District Library Corunna Caledonia Twp. Branch** celebrated with Sue her ten year anniversary at the library. The Library System has started storytimes at several branches.

Kelly Richards: **Genesee District Library** excited to be using the Wireless Lab provided by the Cooperative. In migrating to the I.I.I. circulation system, the System is adding numerous computer stations at the branches. Planning their Staff In-Service Day with several guest speakers. Hispanic Heritage Month underway and preparing for Native American Heritage Month.

Jeff Johnson: **Community District Library** staff positions have been filled. The Headquarters Office has moved to 312 Shiawassee Street, in a wonderful new space. Childrens' programming has been re-instituted and Adult programming is also being planned. Internet Connections being upgraded at Morrice & Bancroft.

June Mendel: **Lapeer District Library** continues to migrate to the Horizon system with the Valley Library Consortium. Strategic Planning will be the focus of the Staff In-Service Day. The MeL Delivery System has provided an explosion of new activity.

LaRene Klink: **Genesee Schools** providing library skills training. The teachers have formed a plan to explore different genre on a planned schedule.

IV. Committees Reports

Committee Service Opportunities: Roger reported that there are several opportunities for volunteering to service on the cooperative committees.

Training Committee Updates: Roger reported that the training committee has met and begun working on several training opportunities. November 6th a Trustee Workshop has been planned with Char Ezell presenting information on *More Than a Meeting Once a Month*. October 23rd the MeL Database Training with the REMC has been rescheduled, additional meetings will be scheduled at key locations throughout the Cooperative. November 18th the cooperative is co-sponsoring with Bay County Library System a Customer Service Program utilizing the Fish Program. MeLcat Training scheduled December 15 & 16. Other workshops being scheduled include Collection Development, a Young Adult Services workshop, a joint workshop with White Pine Library Cooperative on Diversity Training. A presentation with Nancy Pearl is being discussed with Flint Public possibly co-sponsoring the event. Investigating a workshop on Marc Record training. Kay asked if a Reference and Book Repair training in the cooperative could be arranged. Kelly mentioned that Disney has several opportunities.

Children's Services Planning Committee: Irene reported that the Summer Reading Committee met October 1st and forwarded a recommendation to adopt the multi-state theme *Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds* as the Cooperative-wide 2005 Summer Reading theme. **The Children's Services Committee forwards the recommendation to adopt the multi-state theme *Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds* as the Cooperative-wide 2005 Summer Reading theme. All yeas (10-0). Motion carried.** Irene distributed a proposed timeline for performer details and supporting materials orders. Roger suggested the Cooperative investigate a series of Billboards to help promote the theme.

V.MMLC Director's Report:

MLA Update: Roger reminded members that the Michigan Library Association is having focus group meetings throughout the state. MLA will be looking at re-structuring as part of its strategic planning.

MeL Delivery Process: Roger mentioned that all members of the Cooperative are participating in the MeL Delivery system. Members agreed that there have been few problems.

Programming Update: Irene mentioned that the schedule for adult author Doug Allyn has been finalized and programs are underway. The schedules for children's performances by Roland Smith and Gemini are almost complete. Plans are underway for additional programs.

CD Distribution: Roger announced that the CD's have arrived at the transfer site. The sorting and the distribution process will begin shortly.

Light Meter: Roger mentioned that the Cooperative recently purchased a Sekonic Studio Deluxe Light Meter with additional slides. Members are welcome to borrow the Light Meter.

Grant Updates: Roger explained the two LSTA grants being coordinated by the cooperative. The Talking Book Center and the Visually Impaired Center in Flint are working with the cooperative on a Braille Printer. The second grant with the several Lapeer Libraries for the migration to Horizon with Valley Library Consortium.

Wireless Mobile Training Lab: The wireless lab is now ready for use at member locations. Genesee District Library will be using the lab at their Headquarters location for staff training during October. Members are encouraged to call the cooperative to schedule future dates. For 2005, Library of Michigan has announced that LSTA funds will be used to support the MeLcat program, and will not have a competitive grant program.

QSAC Standards for Cooperatives: Roger will be attending the Cooperative Directors Retreat this month to discuss the proposed QSAC standards for cooperatives.

Plan of Service: Roger reminded members that changes have been authorized by the MMLC Board to the MMLC Plan of Service. Public Library Member boards are requested to authorize the changes.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Irene Bancroft
MMLC Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting:

December 7, 2004 9:30 a.m.
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library