

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
January 2009

Northland Interim Director: The NLC Board and Advisory Council have formed a committee to discuss the future of the cooperative. The first meeting was held December 16 at Cheboygan Public Library. The committee decided to take a multi-level approach and to first look at having a part-time director if the new rules are changed to allow for this arrangement. If that does not happen, then the group will look at a full-time director with a three year contract with additional funds coming from the fund balance meet the budget needs. The third issue is to look at the adjacent cooperatives and have their directors do a presentation for the Board and Advisory Council to see what options the other cooperatives offer. The goal is to get something together by March so that if they need to advertise for a director they would have time before our contract with them expires on September 30, 2009.i

Library of Michigan: The revision of the new rules for PA 89 of 1977 have been distributed to the library community. Most of the problems have been addressed except for the continuing education requirements. I have enclosed a copy of the revised rules for you to review.

Workshops: In February we will have a workshop on Marketing Library Services. In March we have contracted with Warren Graham to do his Black Belt Librarian program. This program will be co-sponsored by the Suburban Library cooperative and will be held at the Fenton Community Center. In April we will be co-sponsoring a workshop on customer service in Frankenmuth with the White Pine Library Cooperative.

May Tour: The tour this year features The Storytellers (www.thestorytellers.org). We anticipate that 30 performances will be done during this tour. It's great to see the response to this program since the libraries have to pay this year as they did last year. Previous to this the Cooperative budget absorbed the cost but due to the 17% cut in funding we have had to change it to a cost share program.