

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Director's Report
March 2008**

State Aid cut: The Governor is proposing \$10,000,000 for state aid in next year's budget. This is the same as this year's state aid.

Cooperative reorganization: The report is on the state librarian's blog: <http://statelibrarianofmichigan.blogspot.com>. Please review this before the meeting so we can have a discussion of it at the meeting. Our letter from the board should be posted on the blog as well as one from the Advisory Council. I have met with the Friends of Michigan Libraries, and the Lapeer District Library Board to discuss the plan. In March I will meet with the Holly and Community District Library Boards as well as do a presentation at the Suburban Library Cooperative's annual meeting. March 7 there is an MLA Directors' Summit in Traverse City. I will attend that as our State Librarian will be discussing her plan.

Northland interim director: The virtual coop arrangement seems to be working out well. The next NLC Board meeting is March 20 in Harrisville.

News from libraries.

Shiawassee District Library: Steven Flayer is the new director of SDL. He comes to us from the school library community. Welcome to Steven.

Almont and Holly Libraries: both libraries are planning to work with Valley Library Consortium to join the automated circulation system. If all works out this will be a great enhancement for both libraries.

Edna Bentley Library in Perry: In January the library joined the Community District Library. A successful millage vote in August will complete the merger.

Grant application: MMLC worked with the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum on a grant to provide reduced costs for programming for our libraries. The grant is from the Institute for Museums and Libraries Services and we will know the results in September.

ALA: From January 11 to the 16th I attended the ALA Midwinter conference held in Philadelphia. I serve as the ALA Councilor representative from Michigan and so a portion of my expenses are reimbursed by the Michigan Library Association.

MLA: The vote to restructure MLA was successful and so the association is now putting the structure in place. This will aid the association in moving forward in the future.

Vacation: I will be on vacation from Feb. 20 to March 4. I will be back in the office March 5. I will have my cell phone should Irene need to contact me.