

## Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative On-line Newsletter

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News from MMLC:

**CADL Board approves Improvement Plan for their 13 locations.** The Capital Area District Library Board unanimously approved a county-wide improvement plan for expansion and updates to better serve local residents.

With continued growth in circulation, community programs and computer usage at all 13 facilities over the last decade Penchansky Whisler Architects recommended a plan that includes new buildings in Holt, Lansing, Mason, Meridian Township and Williamston as well as renovations or expansions at current buildings in Aurelius, Dansville, Foster, Haslett, Leslie, South Lansing, Stockbridge and Webberville. To view the entire Capital Improvement Plan Study PDF [click here](#). The file is 4Mb

**Flint Public Library provides Foundation grant classes:**

Find funding matches for your nonprofit cause! Explore the basics of the grants research process using the Library's Foundation Center Collection, web site and the Foundation Directory Online. Click [here](#) for a list of grants resources. **Monday, October 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

[Flint school wins library makeover contest](#)

**Civic Park Community School in Flint, Michigan, is the grand prize winner of the 2007 Literacy for Life Reading Is Fundamental Site Library Makeover Contest. In an online vote, the school was selected by more than 11,000 site visitors for excelling in providing outstanding reading opportunities to the children in its community. Civic Park Community School will receive a \$5,000 cash prize toward the renovation or creation of their library and \$10,000 in books from Scholastic....**



**Grace A. Dow Memorial Library: Visit the library site and see their youth programs. <http://www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary/ys/programs.html>**

**Bay County Library:** November 6, voters in Bay County will be going to the polls to vote on a millage proposal to operate the libraries in the system. The millage rate is 1 mil. Library supporters are hopeful for a positive vote to restore system services. The system closed two of its branch locations, suspended bookmobile service and reduced hours at the remaining locations after its unsuccessful millage bid in November 2006.

**Summer Reading Performers Showcase:** Our second annual showcase on October 16 has proved to be a success if you look at registrations. So far 71 people have registered. The program 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.

**State Tax Credit for donating to public libraries.** Michigan law provides for tax benefits made for charitable contributions to public libraries. In short the taxpayer can claim 50% of their donation as a tax credit not to exceed \$100 or for husband and wife filing jointly \$200. So a couple filing a joint return can donate \$400 to your library and get a \$200 tax credit on their Michigan Income tax. For those who itemize they also get a deduction on their federal tax.

Business taxpayers can make charitable donations to public libraries and claim a credit against the tax imposed by the Michigan Business Tax Act, 2007, PA 36 under section 421, MCL 208.1421.

### **State Activities:**

**PAC-HUG Grants Part 2.** All libraries are eligible for the grants for additional public access computers. Forms are available at the Library of Michigan website. [http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18833\\_38068---.00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18833_38068---.00.html)

**QSAC Workshops Return:** The QSAC workshops are back and better than ever! The workshops will be held quarterly in 2007/08. They will cover the ideas behind quality standards, how to use the certification for publicity and advocacy and a hands on session on how to complete the QSAC questionnaire. Following are the dates and locations:

Thursday, October 11, 2007: St. Ignace Public Library; Monday, January 14, 2008: Kalamazoo Public Library; Tuesday, April 22, 2008: Mid-Michigan Library League, Cadillac; Friday, July 25, 2008, Flint Public Library.

Workshops are free and .3 CEU's are available. Workshops are from 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Register at <http://www.michigan.gov/dds>.

### [Calendar of events and meetings.](#)

**MLA Annual Fall Conference:** November 7-9, Lansing Convention Center, Lansing, MI.

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

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

### [News from the National scene:](#)



#### [50 state agency databases](#)

The Government Documents Round Table maintains a list of agency databases for all 50 states and the District of Columbia on its wiki. The databases contain useful information on businesses, licensed professionals, plots of land, and even dates of fish stocking. This is a wiki, so if you don't see something on a list that should be there, feel free to add it as long as the resource is meant to be available to the public and is produced by a government entity in the listed state....

[GODORT wiki](#)

#### [Site design for dummies](#)

Rafe Needleman writes: "If you're building or rebuilding a website, there are several advanced and complex tools that can help you prototype your new product. There are also a few newer products that capture the basics of design and let you share it with others—and that barely require more than a few functioning neurons to use. At the most basic, there's the site tree builder [WriteMaps](#); then there's [Jumpchart](#), which makes it very easy to prototype the navigation and basic elements of a site."...

#### [Calling all dummies](#) (PDF file)

Publisher John Wiley and Sons is holding another *For Dummies* Library Display contest. Libraries can participate between January 17 and March 31, 2008, by building a yellow-and-black Dummies branded display. Request a Dummies start-up kit from Wiley by February 15. The grand prize winner will receive 50 books of their choice in the *For Dummies* series and a staff pizza party. View [last year's winners](#) for inspiration....

