

Board report May-June, 2006

Attended PLA in Boston. It was great.

Workshops:

How to pass a millage. Very successful. 141 people attended. We will offer this workshop again.

Presented:

Policies workshop at Ubly, Thomas Township and East Lansing (Capital Library Cooperative) and Southwest Library Cooperative on May 8th. (This was canceled due to lack of registrants) Woodlands and Superiorland Library Cooperatives have requested the workshop. Both would like it in the fall.

Presented:

“How to form a district library” to the Croswell City Council on April 17, and Chesaning Library Board on May 10th. I was in Sanilac facilitating the library’s long range planning session on May 11th. On May 17, went to Lexington to give the “Board R&R” workshop and discuss issues with the Board.

May 19:

18 people went to Alpena for the tour of the Library and the Marine Sanctuary. Door prizes were given and the Friends group provided a free meal to all attendees. It was a great day!

May 24:

Public Relations workshop. Well attended with 37 people. Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative joined in with us on this workshop. (20 from MMLC, 14 from WPLC and 3 from Capital Library Cooperative.)

The computer workshops that were scheduled were canceled due to low registration from 1 to 4 people in each class. We may try again this fall.

Upcoming workshops:

June 6:	MelCat cataloguing
September 27:	Personnel policies, Madeline Adie and, Ask the lawyer, Clare Groom, Attorney
September 28:	Publisher, at the Sanilac District Library, Bev Dear
October 25:	Children’s services with Elizabeth Andresen
November 8:	Identity theft and what you can do to protect yourself. Attorney from the Michigan Attorney’s Office. Maureen Burns will speak on How to deal with difficult people and How to balance stress in your life.

I have completed visiting all of the member libraries.

A DVD/CD inspection unit was ordered and delivered to the libraries that are participating in sharing the equipment. There are 10 libraries participating.

Budget:

Began work on FY07 budget, and revising FY06 budget.

Delivery:

The current contract for delivery expires June 2007. We have been told that costs could go from \$9 per stop to \$10 – \$12 per stop. We will discuss the increase at the Coop. Directors' meeting on the 16th. The price change will be in effect for the last 3 months of our fiscal year.

MelCat:

All of the White Pine members are up and running on MelCat. We will be monitoring Melcat use and what impact it has on OCLC. We are currently paying \$4,550 per year for OCLC ILL access.

Baseball tickets:

We didn't do so well this year – only sold 4 tickets. However, almost 900 tickets were sold state wide. Over 300 people went to the DPL to view the Harwell Collection.

Legislative Alert:

Sent notice to all members about SB 1089 which is reducing State Aid to libraries. I also wrote to each of the Senators and representatives in White Pine Library Cooperative area concerning this issue.

LSTA:

There will be a LSTA grant program this year. Details will be announced in late fall. The 2 categories are: Collaboration and Partnership; and Engaging Youth.

On June 5, Karen attended the ground-breaking ceremonies for the Pere Marquette District Library in Clare. I was on vacation and not able to attend.

Eileen Palmer, Director of TLN has resigned to take a position Director, Libraries of Middlesex Automation Consortium (LMxAC) in Avenel, New Jersey. Dan Siebersma, Director of Lakeland Library Cooperative has left to take a position with LSSI – to coordinate their programs in Tennessee.

A prospective MLS student interviewed me on the opportunities of librarianship, where to go to school, etc.

June 16: Coop. Directors' meeting will be in Alpena.