

Board report October 10, 2007

Sheila and I attended the MLC workshop on using social software in libraries.

Monitoring the Legislature to see what budget activity is happening. I have been in touch with all legislators at least once in the last month.

Visited with Sen. Jim Barcia and a few other librarians in Vassar on 10/8.

Round two of the Gates Grant is taking place Applications due October 1, 2007. The second notice that came out is because there is enough money to offer computers to more libraries. The due date is 10/31.

Still working with the Cooperative Remix committee on the future of cooperatives in Michigan.

Capital Library Cooperative is closed. Woodlands Library Cooperative is acting as the fiscal agent for CLC until all financial issues are cleared.

Visited all the new members in September.

Revised library profiles to incorporate the revisions of QSAC. Mainly the square footage requirement has been dropped.

Created a taxable value profile for each library and its service area as well as contractual area. This will be sent out along with the library profiles.

State Aid/annual reports will not be available until mid October. However, the due date is still February 1. The latest word on state aid is a 2.5% reduction from the current level. That will mean about \$.3878 per capita and density will be around \$7.69 per square mile.

Workshops:

21 people attended the PR workshop in Saginaw
11 “ “ Oscoda
9 people each, Mel Essentials A & B.

Children's literature and story time is scheduled for October 30. Details have not all been worked out yet. It will be at the WPLC Headquarters from 10am to 1pm.