

Director's Report

December 17, 2008

Updating state aid report information as reports are sent in.

Audit has been completed.

HAL: Bill Anderson has announced his resignation, effective 12/31/08. Mark Hoffman, Deputy Director, will be acting director.

I sent the Valley Library Consortium a letter of intent to withdraw effective June 30, 2010. The letter was sent now because of the 18-month notice requirement in the VLC bylaws. White Pine is a member of the VLC so that we can provide bibliographic service for WPLC members that are also VLC members. WPLC wants to continue to provide this service. I felt it is necessary to send this notification in case the potential 10% reduction for our fiscal 10 budget becomes reality.

Futuring Conference: MLA said it was unable to participate in any planning in 2009 due to their ongoing reorganization, MLC is also in major reorganization mode with the loss of 25% of its income after July 2009 due to OCLC wanting to sell and support its products, and LM said they are planned to start work on evaluation of the LSTA plan in 2010 and this would be a good time for a conference. With three major participants not willing to commit to a 2009 date, we are now looking at early 2010.

ILL statistics:

Is everyone reporting the MeLCaT statistics in the State Aid report? The figures I get from MLC are much higher than what you report on the State Aid report.

Coordinated our Plan of Service with the other cooperatives – at least in a draft version. We will be working on them together at the next coop. meeting. This is part of the coordinated effort with LM. I have also been working on a written document to hand out at the hearings on the Rules.

Mimi and I attended the hearing on the 24th at the Library of Michigan, concerning the new Rules. Nick Bozen indicated that HAL would look at the rules again and make some changes. Several Cooperatives hired a lawyer to look at the proposed Rules and comment. Hal does not have the legal authority to do or implement some of the provisions in the Rules. The lawyer wrote a letter to N Bozen indicating which sections of the Rules were not legal. There was testimony concerning the need for continuing education for all staff members, not just level VII certificate holders. Others testified that a full-time director is not needed for a cooperative. The Rules were expected to be published in the Michigan Register 12/15. They were not. That does indicate that HAL is looking at them again and will make changes. N Bozen will meet with the Coop. directors this Friday (12/19) to discuss the changes.

I sent out letters of congratulations to the successful representatives and am making arrangements for open houses for them. I think we should invite staff from neighboring libraries that are not members of White Pine. The first one is scheduled for 12/15/08 at the DeWitt Public Library for Rep. Paul Opsommer. I was in DeWitt Monday and met Paul. He is very supportive of libraries and understood our concerns.

On the 6th, I went to Ogemaw District Library's Board meeting to do a presentation on Board Roles & Responsibilities.

The Internet Pornography workshop went very well. There were 10 of us at the ISD.

The workshop on policies has been approved for presentation at the Rural Libraries Conference. It is a shorter version of what I have presented here.

I have been working on some PR for the CDA for the RLC.

Kim Gouin and I have had several discussions concerning the PR Campaign for White Pine and how other cooperatives are participating.

Upcoming workshops

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