

## Board report: March 2009

White Pine is booking performers on behalf of members for their summer reading programs.

Preparing library-service profiles, and cost analysis, per legislative district - and sending them to the legislators.

PR campaign kick-off is scheduled for National Library Week, 4/12-18/09.

There may be 4 cooperatives participating in the PR campaign (maybe not the kick-off however). Materials have arrived, TV & radio ads are written and scheduled.

We are paying registration (up to \$125 per library) for those who want to attend the Rural Libraries Conference. Just send us a copy of your registration form.

Plan of Service committee met to finalize the revised Plan. It is on the agenda today.

The QSAC for Cooperatives three-year Plan was approved by the CDA at the meeting Friday (2/20/09). While working on the White Pine plan, we have conformed to the State plan template and incorporated some of the objectives into our plan.

Night of Notables at LM is 4/18. Christopher Paul Curtis is the main speaker. Author tours have been arranged – 50 speaking engagements.

Award of Excellence – has lost its sponsor. LM wants to continue celebrating libraries, so will continue the award without the monetary award.

White Pine has been using Ready talk for the committee meetings. It works very well and certainly saves a lot of driving and staff time, not to mention fuel.

LM has been slated to go into the Department of Education. This is not a done deal. Once the Executive Order is issued, the Legislature will make recommendations. It is an Executive Branch decision. This is step one. Next year, the goal is to reduce 18 departments into 8. So, LM (and State Aid) may move again.

Tax Captures. We would like to figure out how much tax capture money is disappearing from library budgets and how it is being used.

Went to the Rauchholz Memorial Library, Hemlock to visit with Rep. Jim Stamas.

Searched out another bank to be able to spread our funds in three institutions rather than just two.

I plan to attend the fundraising workshop in Farmington Hills 4/15.

White Pine is joining Mideastern in sponsoring Bill Schroer for the How to pass a millage workshop. It will be September 22 at the Holiday Inn, 5353 Gateway Center, Flint. It is about 4.5 miles south of the airport just off M-23. And the Customer Service with the Zingermans (The art of giving great service) at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth is on 4/16. From 10 to 3.

...with Mid-Michigan Library League: Libraries and Ethics. This is a streaming video workshop. You can attend in person in Cadillac or on-line from home.

The Beginning Workshop series starts 3/18 in Saginaw.

March 26 is the basic book repair workshop, part two will be April 2. From 10 to 1