

Mid-Michigan Library League Advisory Council Meeting

Jan. 14, 2010

Fox Hill Event Center, Cadillac, MI

Public Participation-

Kate from Kalkaska was accepting donations on behalf of 'Doctors without borders' to assist w/ the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

Communications-

Elk Rapids has a new director. Her name is Nanette Miller.

Old Business-

1. State Aid Update- The state is slow in making payments but the first should be made the week of Jan. 18 to be made to co-ops. State Aid reports should be filed ASAP to speed up this process. The budget for the rest of this year looks stable but there are concerns for next year.
2. Overdrive Update- The League is no longer facilitating the purchase of overdrive. Some libraries are choosing to band together or go it alone to continue the acquisition.

New Business-

1. Summer Reading Planning and update- Jim asked if there was any interest in a Summer Reading Program craft workshop similar to last years. It was agreed there was.
2. Census 2010- libraries to be involved in promotion- The government is offering lots of giveaway items to promote the census. The delivery method of these items is still unclear however.
3. Joan Lundborg of the Hart Library has recently seen a dip in youth circulation. She wants to know if this is a library community wide trend. Jim agreed to accept the last 3 years of data on children's circ from libraries so the information could be collated.
4. Round Table discussion- What is happening at your library?
McBain- Diane Eisenga is the new director- Welcome Diane! They are seeing a lot of action from school visits and an upswing in adult usage as well. They have ceased storytime during the school year, instead are inviting preschools to visit the library once a month.
Missaukee- MDL has been busier every month, in part perhaps to their promotion of their library as a community center. They are offering a Financial Aid seminar to high school seniors at the end of January. They are also holding a YouTube party for teens. They are showing movies once a month, this month is 'G-Force'. Michelle has recently purchased a series of storytime packages that include books and well as activity suggestions to encourage more child/caregiver participation. MDL is joining Houghton Lake for Battle of the Books and they will be holding a musical performance in February for Valentines Day.
Houghton Lake- Donna requests information on author's visits and musical performances as the Houghton Lake Library would like to piggy-back on such events to lower costs. Houghton

Lake prioritizes literacy programs for all ages and has recently received a grant for outreach to the local juvenile justice facility. They have three other grants pending. They have also begun planning for SRP.

Central Lake- Storytime is going well. Central Lake's book club has published a list of the favorite books which have been purchased by the library. The library is experiencing some server trouble and will probably have to replace their current one soon. Central Lake has hired five sub clerks to work a few hours in every pay period. This number has allowed them to train several people at once.

Cadillac Wexford Public Library- Recently completed majority of work on staff area renovations. Took a little longer than expected. They are increasing their offerings of teen & tween programs beginning with a coffee house for teens and in January and Duct tape crafts & a Spa Night in February. In Jan. the library will also be offering a Safari Party for kids 4+ and in Feb. will offer the 'Demi-God Get Down!' a celebration of the new Percy Jackson movie.

Kalkaska- Steve Lehto will be visiting the library funded by a grant written to the MI center for the book. They are also grant writing to fund a program on underwater archaeology. Kalkaska offers a drop in make a Valentine program. They are seeing an upswing in computer usage. The Kalkaska building committee has begun interviewing firms for a capital campaign.

Fife Lake- Friends of the Library Christmas Tea Fundraiser brought in \$ 1,700, an improvement on the previous year. While general circulation is down due to the loss of the snowbirds for the winter, computer usage is up. The library has added three laptops for use in the library and would like to start offering intro computer classes.

Trustee- Benzonia will be closed for two days while they lay down new carpeting. They are also looking into digitizing local newspapers. This library offers a book 'chat' group where participants may come and discuss whatever they are reading.

Suttons Bay is on Face Book.

Benzie Shores is renovating. They have no computers or phones for the duration but will keep 20% of the current collection in circulation while occupying their temporary home.

Manistee County-Acquired two parcels for expansion. No capital campaign yet, but exterior work has been completed. Andrea from Youth Services has started a Teen Advisory Board and Saturday programs such as Fancy Nancy and Superheros.

Performers Showcase-

Performer Joel Tacey introduced each act for a special peek at their summer programs. Line up included: Jania Taylor, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Joel Tacey, Karen Czarnik, Gordon Russ, Jeff Wawraszek, and Joseph Kchodl (PaleoJoe). Lunch was served and attendees had the opportunity to book shows for the summer at a discounted price.

Respectfully Submitted,

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