

MMLL Advisory Council Meeting  
May 13, 2010 Minutes

Present: Jim Lawrence (MMLL), Marjorie Porter (Benzonia), Diane Eiseng (McBain), Emily Clark (Fife Lake), Christy Omans (Seville Township), Chuck Haemker (Manistee), Marilyn Cluchey (Pentwater), Kate Mosher (Kalkaska), Sue Riegler (Helena), Linda Johnson (Mancelona), Dick Williams (Central Lake), Denise Schmidt (LeRoy), Donna Stowe (Leland), Sylvia Merz (Leland).

Called to order at 10:00 AM by Marjorie Porter

Public Participation: None

Communications: None

### **Old Business**

1. State Aide Update Fiscal Year 09/10: Eleven of 13 MMLL Libraries have received 1<sup>st</sup> State Aid payments to date, at \$.19 per cap. Payments are processed in order of filing. Anticipate all will be processed by end of May. Second round to be distributed in July; no hold-ups are anticipated.
2. Status of Library of Michigan Building: While there is no effective transition plan in place for either the building or the materials, some think nothing will happen until a new governor is seated. Meanwhile, it is anticipated that Library for the Blind will remain in current building; LoM collections to be consolidated to two floors (currently at 4). Admin offices are still on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, and right now, no one is packing to move, but . . . History/museum will probably stay; DNR will get the State Archives. While the LoM budget was cut by 40%, they are still mandated by Law to maintain the existing collection.
3. Summer Reading Planning and Update: 9&10 News will do promotional again this year; send your list of activities for the summer to Jim ASAP and he will send on to 9&10 for their PR Planning. There will also be an event calendar on MMLL website soon those local library activities can be posted to. Jim will email instructions for adding this information.
4. BTOP Grant(s) Update: First Round (w. MSU for Computers) has been approved by no money has been released yet. Hope to have completed by end of July. Second BTOP Grant (\$41 M, Merit, Fiber Optic Grant) is at 'due diligence' phase, i.e. made the first cut, now need to submit additional information. Hope to know by end September if grant is approved and if yes, construction would go through the winter. Discussion on how libraries would pay costs to connect: suggestion that E-rate funds might be used. Everything still up in the air but. . . progressing.

### **New Business**

1. State Aid for Fiscal Year 10/11: Governor proposed a 2 ½% cut from \$6M this year; Senate restored to the \$6M; House hasn't acted on anything yet. Congress is hoping to have FY 10/11 budgeting completed by end of July.

2. NCIP and MELCat – (getting the automated library systems to work with MelCat’s III interface): Major problem with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) in that all MelCat libraries must do a double check-out of MelCat materials – unacceptable and III is NOT meeting the terms of their contract. III is blaming it on the various ILS vendors, but the vendors are saying its III. ANYWAY, a meeting with III and all the ILS vendors is planned for . . . soon to try to work this out. The contract with III is very expensive and is almost ended (within a year), so hopefully there is much incentive for them to get it right.
3. Mel Delivery for FY 10/11: Cost for 2 day/week delivery increased to \$1200.00 (up from \$1000.00). Deadline for renewing or signing up is end of May. MMLL intends to continue paying this for all MMLL Libraries who participate. Luther Library is added to the Mel Delivery Service for this coming year. Only 4 or 5 MMLL libraries are NOT signed up.

### **Round Table discussion: What’s happening at your Library?**

Diane Eiseng – McBain: Has a new digital sign out front funded by a grant; asking for ideas for middle and high school programs/activities for the summer. (They are a combination school/public library).

Emily Clark – Fife Lake: Now offering public computing classes, with positive feedback; partnering with a local summer school with summer programming; currently in renegotiations with TADL for funding formula.

Christy Omans – Seville Township: New Director – cannot believe how much is involved in being a director of a small public library. Learning a lot and loving it.

Chuck Haemker – Manistee County: Just finalized move of Friends’ into a newly renovated space separate from the Library which frees of up space in the Library (a 1905 Carnegie building). New space paid for by Friends’ group with work completed by a local youth group; also offering public computer classes.

Marilyn Cluchey – Pentwater: Have formed a consortium with 4 other libraries to contract with Overdrive for downloadable media; continue to plan for future expansion – one step closer; hosted a very successful Mother’s Day Tea for patrons.

Kate Mosher – Kalkaska: Has hired a consultant to head up a feasibility study for a new building and perhaps a capital campaign; also doing in-house survey of patrons needs, wants, comments toward the new building study; are studying whether to continue Book Mobile services and alternatives to serve homebound patrons and at least one school for which Book Mobile IS the library. Applications for Director’s job are coming in; Jim is on the selection committee; Kate’s last day is June 15<sup>th</sup> - CONGRATULATIONS KATE!

Sue Riegler – Helena: Volunteer appreciation tea for volunteer recognition very successful; offer adult enrichment classes, Eclectic Lecture Series, Movie and Soup night, gaming nights and tournaments. They are currently discussing becoming a district library.

Linda Johnson – Mancelona: Elevator installed in their Carnegie Building; Friends are handling the summer program; Friends’ group is only 3 years old but really helping a lot.

Dick Williams – Central Lake: Have a good story time in place; computer gaming in the summer; will be doing their Plinkit training soon!

Denise Schmidt – Leroy: Planning their summer reading program; have a big book sale coming up soon.

Donna Stowe/Sylvia Merz – Leland: Hosted a successful Notable Author Event this year (Friends' purchased books for the High School Book Club; many local clubs read the book and come to the event). 'Adopt an Author' program just started last week and proving to be very popular with patrons.

Marjorie Porter – Benzonia: Looking for grants for digitization project – call her if you know of any.

Presentation: Ray Biscaro, Field Consultant for SirsiDynix:

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Library Automation & Technology

Mr. Biscaro is based in Dearborn MI, covering Michigan and Indiana. SirsiDynix is a big, world-wide company, but does not just serve big libraries. They provide services to over 100 libraries and schools located north of Lansing Michigan (contact Mr. Biscaro for a complete list). Last year the Company hired more than 110 new employees. They offer many ILS and SaaS products and services. Free to anyone is their on-line institute speaker series located at the website [www.sirsidynex.com](http://www.sirsidynex.com) – covering many topics of interest to librarians.

Mr. Biscaro talked about two major ILS trends today: Public Catalog Modernization and Hosted Solutions (SaaS – Software as a Service).

Regarding Public Catalog Modernization – many IPACs/OPACs are outdated and cannot compete with the 'googlization' search experience patrons expect, i.e. catalogs that offer greater user interaction, manageable search results and social interaction; offering 'enhanced discovery' products.

Regarding SaaS, or Hosted Solutions: Off-site hosting of Information Technology Services for libraries, reducing the technological experience needed by libraries, offering greater security and long-term savings.

Mr. Biscaro briefly discussed some of the services and products offered by SirsiDynix, indicating that pricing is based on circulation numbers. For more specific information and to discuss the products and services offered by SirsiDynix, please contact Mr. Biscaro at the email, phone number above.

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MMLL Board Meeting May 27, 2010, location: Cadillac, Michigan, MMLL Office.

Next Advisory Council Meeting August 12, 2010, location: Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Submitted by Sylvia Merz

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