

Mid-Michigan Library League
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM with 12 in attendance.

No Public Participation or Communications. There were no additions or changes made to the agenda.

Old Business:

- The Michigan House has passed a bill that provides \$3.5 million for support for libraries. The Senate proposes to double that amount. Currently, the budget requests are being reviewed by the Conference Committee. The benefit to libraries ranges from \$0.115 per capita to \$0.22 per capita. No changes to the Mid Michigan Library League budget will be made until the State budget is determined.
- Jim Lawrence reminded attendees to submit Summer Reading and Performer Schedules. Channel 9 & 10 Helping Hands will be publicizing events. Reduced rates are often available for libraries scheduling events together.

New Business:

- Jim Lawrence distributed information from Movie Licensing USA for the Mid Michigan Library League members. A license would permit libraries to show films or allow groups to use their facilities to show films. It is unlikely that all the libraries in the League would be interested. Many have no space to show films. Some libraries in the League already have an individual license. Some newer films require additional fees in addition to the licensing fee for public showing. Those interested in obtaining more information about Movie Licensing USA should contact Jim.
- The group discussed attendance at the MMLL meetings. Time constraints keep many from attending. Jim Lawrence will be investigating making the meetings accessible through webinars. A motion was made by Kathy Tacoma to hold 2 meetings a year at area libraries to encourage attendance and participation. The motion was seconded by Michelle Moore. Issue passed. Leland may host the September 22nd, 2011 meeting. The May, 2012 meeting may be held at the Elk Rapids District Library.
- Libraries have renewed interest in Overdrive and it was suggested that Brian Potash once again provide the group with information and a demonstration. Pricing structures are more standard than when the libraries considered the service a couple years ago.
- The library roundtable provided the group with valuable information about grants, technology, policies, MelCat, and programming.
- Foster, Swift, Collins will be hosting a series of webinars for library directors and trustees:
 - June 7th - Millages

- September 6th - Patron Policies
- October 11th - Privacy Act
- November 10th - Employment
- December 8th - Open Meetings Act
- Sheila Good will be leading a workshop on Library Facebook participation sometime in June.

Announcements:

MLA will be held in Kalamazoo October 26-28th. "Common Goals, Uncommon Good." Early registration begins May 23rd through August 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on August 11, 2011