

SUBURBAN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
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COUNCIL MINUTES

Sterling Heights Public Library
May 8, 2003

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Sterling Heights Public Library.

Present: Smith (Armada), Lusardi (Chesterfield), Hage (Clinton-Macomb), Conte (Eastpointe), Sues (Fraser), Parus (Harper Woods), Johnson (Lenox), Reghi (Lois Wagner), Thomas (MacDonald), Deis (Macomb), Worrell (Mount Clemens), Taskin (Romeo), Chambers (Shelby), Lingeman (Sterling Heights), Brodak (Troy), Urban (Warren), Turgeon (SLC).

Absent: Russ (Center Line), Valade (Roseville), Doege (Utica).

II. Approval of the Agenda.

Chambers moved to approve the Agenda, supported by Deis. Motion carried.

III. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

Hage moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, supported by Conte. Motion carried.

IV. Suburban Library Cooperative Business.

A. Jo Budler, Library of Michigan – MeL databases.

The MeL vision is a virtual library that will give to all Michigan residents access to the information they need, when they need it and in the format they desire. Currently MeL consists of a collection of Internet resources, Ebooks, and Databases. Components to be added include: MeL Portal, MeL Cat, MeL Digital Collections and MeL 24 x 7 Reference. Current database subscriptions expire on Sept. 30, 2003. Databases that will continue on October 1st include: GALE, SIRS Discoverer, ProQuest, OCLC FirstSearch Base Package, CINAHL, Wilson Select Plus Images. GALE Business and Industry will no longer be offered through FirstSearch. It is included in the General Business FileASAP which is now part of the GALE package. New GALE Databases which will be added in the Fall include: Alternative Health Module, Expanded Academic ASAP, Computer Database, LegalTrac, InfoTrac K-12 Professional Collection, InfoTrac Junior Edition, InfoTrac Student Edition. H.W. Wilson A & I databases are no longer part of the FirstSearch subscription and some are included in Wilson Select plus Images. The new subscription will start on October 1, 2003 and expire on September 30, 2006. Cost of the subscription is \$3.6 million of which \$3.3 million is LSTA funding and \$300,000 is state funding.

Diana Mitchell from Michigan Library Consortium spoke about purchasing databases through MLC at a group rate.

B. Automation.

All libraries except Romeo-Graubner have had their new Comcast lines installed.

New PCs have been ordered and should arrive next week. Contact the computer staff to schedule installation of new PCs.

Sirsi's Release 2003 is scheduled to be available at the end of June.

New email server, software, and white listing software for SPAM are currently being installed and should be available the end of May or early June. Email software needs to be configured and all account holders moved to the new system. Account holders will be notified one week before switching to the new system so they may take mail off the old system.

The firewall was installed and is running very well. Our Internet Service Provider has been notified. Since the new switches were installed, we are not seeing "collisions" of data.

Internet & Networking Committee will meet next week to discuss how SLC can better communicate with shared system member libraries when the system is down or experiencing problems.

V. Announcements and Information.

A. MLA Public Policy.

SB433-436 are four new bills involving funding of the courts and greater accounting of funds.

SB235 regarding health insurance for small businesses would improve premiums for libraries.

MLA website has the latest information on SB279 S-1. Email from Stephen Kershner regarding contacting representatives was forwarded to directors. It is very important to let our legislators know our feelings about moving library funds to the arts. It is especially important to contact Daniel Acciavatti who represents Armada, Chesterfield, Lenox, New Baltimore, and Richmond.

B. SLC Trustee meeting and Library of Michigan Trustee Workshop.

The next SLC trustee meeting will be on June 3rd at Roseville Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Eileen Palmer will speak about PLFIG and the new advocacy network. Directors are encouraged to attend. Register by calling Marilyn (286-5750).

Library of Michigan is having trustee workshops this summer. The closest ones are at Genesee District Library in Flint on July 19th and Farmington Community Library on August 16th. Cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch.

VI. Member libraries' announcements/concerns.

Thank you to Sterling Heights for hosting the meeting.

CHE- Emily Post's great-granddaughter presented a program on Manners for Children. Very good program.

FRA- Budget cuts. Library may be closed on Saturdays after July 1st. Book budget will be cut 10%.

SCS- Budget cuts. Book budget cut 50%. Electronic databases cut entirely. Open House and dedication of Local History Center went very well.

LWM- Gearing up for Summer Reading Club.

ARM- Getting new carpeting and flooring.

MCL- Plan to install walls around the Internet Training Center. Carolyn Deis is retiring Aug. 1st.

LEN- Successful trip to the DIA.

EPL- Working on the budget. Replacing three computers in children's room and adding online children's databases. Friends raised between \$32,000 and \$35,000 for the garden.

TPL- There will be a Mother's Day concert in the library. Opening a teen resource center. Troy Historical Society plans to move an 1836 church to the historical village and restore it.

WPL- Miller Branch will reopen at its new location on May 12th. The official grand opening will be June 14th.

V. C. Hyperion Demonstration.

Kristen Valyi-Hax (SLC), Debbie Larsen (Mount Clemens Public Library), and Lorraine Campbell (Troy Historical Society) gave a demonstration of Hyperion, a pilot project on digitization. It will be up the end of July or beginning of August. Other libraries may begin inputting in September or October.

VII. Public Participation.

No public participation.

VIII. Next meeting date.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2003 at the Roseville Public Library.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.