

Adult Services Committee Annual Report 2005-2006

Monthly Meetings

The committee met ten times during the year, each time at a different TLN member library. Some of the main topics of discussion during these meetings included marketing and public relations, personalizing library service, outreach programs, teen/adult crossover programming, blogging, genealogy, express services, controversial books, movies in the library, programming and libraries for the visually impaired.

There were several guest speakers including: Bill Harmer from Baldwin Library Teen Services, Eli Neiburger from Ann Arbor District Library, Ira Rabideau from Oakland County Library and Susan Pritts head of bibliographic services for TLN.

Tammy Turgeon, Director of the Suburban Library Co-Operative and Interim Director of TLN was a guest in August. She was interested in group purchases of online databases and suggested the committee explore database trials and evaluations. TLN's Jim Flury helped with this process.

In addition the meets were used to keep librarians informed about activities at each library, up to date on the latest ideas on library service and otherwise be an exchange place for information.

Workshops

The committee produced two workshops during this time. In October 2005 a workshop titled *Business and Investment Reference Collections* was sponsored with presenters Judy Field and Darlene Ursel. The second workshop was in September 2006 and was titled *Social Software: Connecting Libraries and Patrons, Fostering Online Communities*. Presenters were John Blyburg from Ann Arbor District Library, Kathy Petlewski, Webmaster at Plymouth District Library and Nick Zaher of Ann Arbor's Neutral Zone. Rosemary Mirsky was the chair of this workshop, with help from Sally Arrivee and Wallace Hayden. Over 60 people attended. The Plymouth District Library did an excellent job in hosting both workshops.

Website

The Committee's web site can be accessed from the TLN homepage and allows the viewer quick access to meeting schedules, agendas and minutes. It also contains links for special collections and equipment and a book club title exchange. Holly Hibner maintains the site.

Officers

The co-chairs during these 12 months included Margie Harrison, Sallie Brodie and Wallace Hayden. The secretary was Karin Conle. Officers for 2006-2007 are co-chairs Sally Arrivee and Karin Caporale and secretary Cathy Buehner.

Wallace Hayden and Sallie Brodie