

# **Adult Services Committee Annual Report**

**2007-2008**

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## **Monthly Meetings**

The Adult Services Committee met eight times this year at various TLN members' libraries and twice during two field trips to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum in Ann Arbor and to the Walter Reuther Library in Detroit. The field trips allow adult services librarians a glimpse into special libraries that enhance their knowledge of sources and materials otherwise outside the public library purview.

Topics discussed at the meetings included "how does your library do computer classes?" weeding reference and other collections; has electronically delivered information influenced reference purchase/budgets? Janet Loveland, of Cranesbill Books and Toys in Chelsea talked with the group about how bookstores market and create memorable displays. Maria Zemke of Commerce Township Library helped us with non-fiction reader's advisory suggestions. Sarah Ormond of Baldwin Public Library discussed finding grants for public libraries. A presentation on Roving Reference as it's done at West Bloomfield Public Library was given by Mary Killian, Head of Adult Services at WBPL. Finally, media in libraries—demand, budget, security and display was discussed by the group. Discussions at the monthly meetings are lively and provide an opportunity to share information with each other and are extremely helpful and insightful to the members.

## **Fall Workshop**

The ASC Fall Workshop 2008 theme was *Connecting through Better Communications in Libraries* and was held at the Plymouth District Library on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 and was attended by 45. This year's workshop featured an excellent array of speakers, including Eva Davis, Canton Public Library, Director; Kathy Irwin, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Senior Associate Librarian; and Josie Parker, Ann Arbor District Library, Director. Topics included internal library communication, statewide MLA communication, and communicating through 2.0 technologies. Lawrence Marble, Salem-South Lyon Public Library; Maureen Davey, Berkley Public Library; and Marilyn Kwik, William P. Faust Public Library/Westland co-chaired this event. Lawrence, Marilyn, and Maureen worked to put together a manual for future workshop co-chairs to facilitate the planning and execution of this task.

## **Equipment and Member Lists**

The comprehensive equipment list previous AS Committees put together was updated this year. Member libraries sent Maria Danna, Auburn Hills Public Library, their updates of equipment each library owns and or provides to the public that Maria compiled into an Excel spreadsheet. Terminology and technology changes prompted this overdue update that is now posted on the TLN ASC link on the TLN Homepage and is being maintained by ASC webmaster Cathy Buehner of Highland Township Public Library. At the same time, it was deemed necessary to update the ASC member contact list and that was completed in October, 2008.

## **2007-2008 Officers**

Co-chairs for this year were Denise Konchel, Baldwin Public Library, and Rosemary Mirsky, Royal Oak Public Library and Secretary Marjorie Sadler, Plymouth District Library. In September, officers for 2008-2009 were elected and serving as Co-Chairs next are Wallace Hayden, Bacon Memorial Library, Wyandotte and Linda Pride, Redford Township Public Library and Secretary Maria Danna, Auburn Hills Public Library.