

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative
Multitype Committee
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Present: Judy Bosshart, Lauren Matacio; Dennis Kreps, Gail Powers-Schaub

The committee began with an examination of its charge – generally fostering collaboration and resource sharing within all types of libraries. It can also focus as a venue for sharing, and a body for evaluating new opportunities that will affect multiple types of libraries.

Going forward the committee feels that it can best fulfill this focus by sponsoring or co-sponsoring one event or speaker per year. It was determined that an event or speaker in conjunction with the April Council meeting would work well. For this year, the committee would like to co-promote the Alberta Brown Lecture with the West Michigan Chapter of SLA. Stephen Abram is a potential speaker. Gail and Judy will follow up with Leslie Burke (SLA) and Laurel Grotzinger (WMU).

The committee would like to expand its membership, so it was decided to invite a hospital librarian and a couple of public librarians to participate. Gail will follow up.

Meetings of the multitype committee can take place before the Council meetings, as has been done in the past.

Gail surveyed the group about their interest in/need for OCLC cataloging services – there was no need for services from the co-op in this group.