North Central Library District
DAC Meeting
September 10, 2008

The meeting of the District Advisory Council was called to order at 10 AM, Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at Lock Haven University in the Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center. The presiding officer was Melissa Rowse. Members present were Diane Whitaker-Annie Halenbake Ross Library, Germaine Werner-Annie Halenbake Ross Library, Carol Roinick-Sullivan County Library, Tracy Carey-Union County Library, Janice Trapp-James V. Brown, Melissa Rowse-Montgomery House, Barbara McGary-NCLD, Tara Fulton-Lock Haven University, Karen Temple-NCLD, Anne Kruger-Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Charles Ormsbee-NCLD, Pam Ross-Snyder County, Jennifer Johnston-Selinsgrove Library, Bonnie White-Thomas Beaver Free Library, and Shelby Kinsey-Blossburg Memorial Library.

Tara Fulton, director of the Stevenson Library at LHU, spoke about encouraging interaction between public and academic libraries.

- LHU has many subscription databases. Community members can call the reference desk and speak with librarians that have an expertise in certain subject areas
- Current feature DVDs are available for a three day loan
- Multimedia resources are available for walk in patrons
- University archives has regional information
- LHU has collaborative programs with the public schools
- Digital collection of a regional historical wrestling collection

Barbara McGary spoke about a district LSTA grant. The grant would involve hiring a professional research group to do a needs assessment for the entire district. The purpose would be to develop new services to meet communities. The projected budget for the project is $50,000. The funding decision will be made in April 2009.

Anne Kruger spoke about the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania libraries strategic plan. The purpose of the plan is to rebrand libraries and promote POWER Library and ASK HERE PA. Reports to the state need to be turned in on time. The next PA One Book title is *If You Were a Penguin!* Matt Kane is not available to answer state aid questions. State aid questions should be directed to Anne.

With 44 libraries in the district, Barbara McGary also emphasized turning in reports to the district on time. Barbara has also requested that you send a paper copy of the annual report with attached financials for the year. See mandatory state report timeline in packet.

Karen Temple spoke about guidelines for Keystone Grants. The rules have changed. Libraries considering applying for a Keystone grant are required to attend a workshop or webinar. Also, a letter of intent is due by January 30, 2009. Karen requests that libraries considering a Keystone Grant contact her first.

Charles Ormsbee discussed listentobooks.org, downloadable audio books. This is a new service provided by the NCLD for all libraries. The launch date is September 30, 2008. Libraries will be given promotional materials. Libraries will use the same login as Power Library.

Karen talked about the new Continuing Education (CE) guidelines for library staff. There is online training on the NCLD website.

NCLD Strategic Plan 2008-2010 is still in the draft stage, but will be finalized by vote this fall. Barb McGary reminded the group that 5 year plans are obsolete. Libraries should focus on 2 to 3 year plans.

Melissa reminded us that the PALA annual conference is being held in Valley Forge, PA, November 8-12, 2008. PALA members are encouraged to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.