

## **Professional Engagement**

### **Report on work of the Continuing Education Committee of the Minnesota State Library Advisory Council**

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The committee met on December 17, 2008. This committee is a newly formed committee. Some members have been very active in the coordination of continuing education activities for Minnesota library employees in the past, but a broader scope has been identified by the Library Advisory Council. I joined this committee to represent the needs of school library media specialists.

The current committee was formed as a response to the CE Summit Report completed by the State Library Advisory Council in May, 2007.

In response to the work done at the 2007 Summit this committee is charged with identifying a format for coordinating and communicating the continuing education opportunities offered by a variety of providers in Minnesota.

Participants worked through a Practical Vision workshop with two facilitators.

An Action Plan was developed with task teams formed to accomplish the following tasks:

- Outline a CE plan
- Identify providers, survey current offerings
- Develop a survey for current library staff
- Identify features of WebJunction that will enable communication
- Analyze gaps in current offerings
- Explore funding opportunities – current and alternative

The next meeting of the committee will meet via web conference.