

**Maryland Library Association
Children's Services Division
Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia
January 10, 2005, 10 am**

In Attendance: Kit Bloom, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Linda Berg, Montgomery County Public Library, Davis; Janis Cooker, St Mary's County Library, Lexington Park; Sally Majoros, Baltimore County Public Library, Arbutus; Kathy MacMillan, MD School for the Deaf, Columbia; Sharyn Yenser, BCPL Randallstown; Vera Shode, BCPL Rosedale; Julie Dietzel-Glair, Frederick County Public Library, C. Burr Artz; Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Howard County Library, East Columbia; Susan Maranto, HCL Savage; Sophia VanSchaick, Harford County Public Library, Edgewood

Minutes

Corrections: Under Fall Conference (Kids Are Customers): the correct author names are Colby Rodowski and Elisa Carbone.

Under New Business: Andrea will have sketches of the graphics for the Fall Conference in October but not the completed graphics.

Fall Conference (Kids Are Customers)

After looking into all the conflicts with possible October dates, it was decided to ask Kathy Kirchoefer to look into booking the Meeting Place facilities for October 27. Conference job assignments are: Julie, chair; Kathy K, Vera and Nancy are facilities; Sharyn and Janis will handle registration; Susan, Linda and Sophia will work programs

It was reported that DLDS is happy to hear that we will be having a presentation about juvenile graphic novels. BWI Books has a lot of information about graphic novels.

To Do: Kathy K will look into booking the Meeting Place for October 27.

Susan???? will look into BWI Books graphic novels info with a view to contacting them to co-present.

Blue Crab Award

Kathy K was unable to attend and so could not report. She has been doing a lot of Blue Crab work online to keep the committee's travel time to a minimum.

Janis asked whether the committee had considered creating a Blue Crab Award sticker to be used in libraries. It was considered a good idea and will be passed on to Kathy K.

To Do: Susan will look for the plates and get them to Janis by February.

Janis will ask Kathy K about a more central place to keep the plaques.

Julie will pass on the suggestion about Blue Crab stickers to Kathy K.

Western Maryland Workshop

The schedule for April 11 will be

1. MLA CSD meeting 10 am – noon
2. Workshop
 - 1 pm A+ presentation Irva and HCL/public school panel (1 hour)
 - 2 pm Harry Potter Janis and Sally (45 min)
 - 2:45 – 3 pm break
 - 3 – 3:45 pm Storytime Spectacular Kathy K and Sharyn (45 min)
 - 3:45 – 4 pm Evaluations

We will bring Summer Reading Program 2005 talk table handouts.

*To Do: Susan will contact the MLA office about contact hours and filing the PDP.
Irva will look into bringing the Lemony Snicket element for the A+ presentation.
Committee members will bring SRP 05 handouts.*

MLA Annual Conference, May 4-6, 2005

Julie is working on travel arrangements with David Milgrim and Sara Pennypacker. AV requirements have been submitted. We are waiting to hear about room assignments. Julie has looked into requesting copies of the award-winning books and other titles for the author talks.

Other/New Business

By the February meeting we will need to have identified the new president of the Blue Crab committee.

Go Around

Kathy MacMillan She found out that she had a book contract the same week that she found out she was pregnant. Her first book will be “Try Your Hand at This” published by Scarecrow Press. It will include a section on the background of ASL and some sample storytimes and ways to use sign in storytime. Alice Hagemeyer, an expert in the field will write a forward and wrote Kathy after reading a section that it was the first book on the subject that didn’t make her (Alice) cringe. Besides James Xavier, Kathy will be busy with ASL for librarians, interpreting, subbing at CCPL, Stories by Hand and storiesbyhand.com.

Sharyn Yenser Randallstown has had Pam the Kinder Singer perform for an audience of 25. She is considering having her back for a different audience. They are getting new periodical shelving. Her son will be participating in a model UN in NY; he’s one of only 1000 students invited from the US.

Vera Shope She has been with BCPL for 2 years. Before that she was at elementary public schools for 12 years and CCPL for a few years. BCPL Rosedale is where BCPL has its early childhood office, which the committee looks forward to seeing in person at some point.

Nancy Randallstown is one of the branches that will be hosting a slam poetry event.

Julie Frederick County Public Library has a children's supervisor, Sharon Quinones. A mural is being painted in the C. Burr Artz branch. She and her husband enjoyed his birthday in the Keys and have bought a boat.

Irva East Columbia too is having a mural painted. The afterschool homework center is opening. HCL is sponsoring a spelling bee.

Sophia Winter Reading has begun in HCPL. Edgewood as usual has had many registrations. The Grossology program that she was going to present 1/11 has had nobody sign up yet so may have to be cancelled. The branches are sharing their ideas for Summer Reading programs and activities.

Susan 2 Savage staff members are attending LATI so there are schedule difficulties. Susan is preparing for her baby program. She and her husband are going to the Richard Johnson Inn, a B&B, in Fredericksburg for a weekend.

Kit An LBPH will be going to the BSO to attend a rehearsal. Kit's sister, Amanda Welsh, has published a book "The Identity Theft Protection Guide"

Linda MCPL is getting ready for a program "the Library is for Lovers". There will also be a Chinese New Year program.

Sally Library cart drill team practice has been put into the schedule as they prepare to be in a local parade in the summer. They will be hosting a daycare providers expo. They have had themed storytimes in December and Sally recently did a "sniffles and sneezes" program.

Janis The NASA exhibit will be at Lexington Park an extra week. Over 500 people came to hear the 3 presentations done by the astronauts. Mike Rose had 150 people. The only poorly attended program was on Sunday when the branch is not usually open and it still drew 20 people. The space storytimes have been well attended as well. Janis has been invited to sit on the Carnegie Committee to choose the best juvenile video. Janis's daughter got engaged over the Christmas holidays.

Next Meeting

February 14, 10 am, BCPL Randallstown

Agenda and Directions

Introductions

Minutes

Fall Conference

Blue Crab Award

Western Maryland Workshop

MLA Conference 2005

Topic of the Month

Other/New Business

Go Around

Directions:

From Towson via the Beltway (I-695): Take Exit 18 (Liberty Road) toward Randallstown. The fifth traffic light is Old Court Road. Liberty Court Shopping Center is at this corner. Just beyond the traffic light is the entrance to the shopping center. The library is in the shopping center, to the right.