

**CSD Minutes**  
**January 28, 2008**  
Denton Library—Caroline County

**Attendance**

Janis Cooker, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Nancy Feierstein, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Karen Hoffman (recorder), Kathy Kirchoefer, Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Susan Modak, Julie Ranelli, Delia Ullberg, Sophia VanSchaick.

Meeting was called to order at 10:03.

The minutes were approved—moved by Irva, seconded by Delia.

**Executive Board Meeting**

Budget—Irva reported that Kids Are Customers did well—coming in a little under cost.  
New MLA group—Health Information Providers—will be an interest group, not a division.  
MLA Conference will have an on-line component with videotaping, podcasts, and online discussion sessions—available for one year to everyone who registers for the conference.  
Conference book is due out soon.

**Blue Crab '07**

Rosa's email update:

- Submitted remaining conference forms to MLA—two authors will be attending
- Mailed plaques to two authors not coming to the conference
- Mailed reimbursement form to MLA for engraving/mounting and packing/ mailing plaques (\$163.52)
- Took digital photos of plaques for the committee and Blue Crab chairs
- Passed on copies of the MLA tax exempt certificate for new Blue Crab chairs
- Sent copies of Blue Crab pamphlets to pass out at the Eastern Shore and Western Maryland conferences

**Blue Crab '08**

Susan reported that all is going well; good new books keep coming in; they've begun using the comparison grid. They have not been able to find school librarians able to come to their committee meetings.  
Julie gave her MLA letterhead stationery to write to publishers.

**Blue Crab '09**

Janis has written a letter welcoming her committee members. Julie gave her MLA letterhead stationery to use.

**Blue Crab—logo**

How?--

Irva discovered, after asking Margaret and polling other nonprofit groups, that we would not need to copyright a Blue Crab logo. Opening a contest to school children to design a logo would be good advertising. MLA is willing to pay for one or two prizes (e.g. \$50 savings bonds) to the contest winners since we are such a profitable MLA division. (We're budgeted to bring in \$11,000 this year, compared to PLA's \$7000.)

Who?--

Susan (Blue Crab '08) and Janis (Blue Crab '09) will ask their committees if they would like to design the contest rules and publicity. If they feel it's too much to do, we'll choose a separate group to have it ready for the beginning of next school year.

### **Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '08**

Eastern Shore Conference is today! Lori Bonnington and Jeanne Holsey of the Howard County Early Intervention Office will offer practical strategies for including young children with developmental delays in group story times. Patricia Steelman will introduce the Schneider Family Book Award Committee and its books. Fifteen people have registered; we may have some walk-ins. We'll put hand-outs in the folders at break time and set up chairs and tables after our meeting. Lori needs a table for her laptop PowerPoint presentation; there's a pull-down screen here in the meeting room. We'll also use a table for Schneider Family Award books, a table for registration, and two tables for food. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks, drinks, or baked goods.

Western Maryland Conference is April 14. We need to bring paper goods, drinks, and food that day too.

### **Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '09**

We'll discuss next year's conferences at our March 10th meeting—after we read today's evaluations. It's good to bring a January conference to the Eastern Shore, but it comes very close after Kids Are Customers. We need to choose conference topics, perhaps after we ask library development offices what programs they're already planning.

### **MLA Conference**

All our forms are submitted. We are sponsoring:

- Pre-conference on Wednesday, May 14, from 1-4 PM—Valerie Bayne Carroll from Wolf Trap presenting Baby Artsplay—moving, dancing, and singing with babies and toddlers.
- Three sessions—Blue Crab Award and author signing
  - Big Ideas in Math and Science
  - Promoting School Readiness

### **Kids Are Customers '08**

Beth Shapiro (MASL) seems sure that MLA and MASL will be connected in some way by July, 2008, so CSD and MASL could work together in an October conference at Turf Valley on October 16 & 17, 2008. Julie Dietzel-Glair will arrange a meeting for Beth, Julie Ranelli, Robyn, and Margaret Carty before the March 10 CSD meeting to finalize the possibilities. (Perhaps the CSD sessions and author could be on Thursday, October 16, and the MASL author on Friday, October 17.)

In case CSD is on its own, Irva has researched some KAC venues—

Great Room at Savage Mill (\$600+ a day, their caterer, and no room for break-out sessions)

Other Barn in Columbia (\$1400, our caterer, big upstairs room and two small rooms downstairs)

The Meeting House (more and more expensive, charge for janitorial services+)

Possible speakers:

Jennifer Holm (Baby Mouse) is available, might negotiate \$1000 cost for local organization)

Pamela Duncan Edwards and Henry Cole—author/illustrator duo

Deborah Wiles (could be available in 2009 if we ask now)

### **Old Business**

Changing MLA by-laws to allow one or two Blue Crab Committee members to serve two consecutive terms—whether as the new committee chair or member-at-large? Irva will ask Margaret if CSD writes the by-laws or MLA.

### **New Business**

None

### **Go Round**

Susan Modak—82 attendees came to a baby program at tiny Noyes Library (MCPL)—probably triggered by a mention on a local blog.

Delia Ullberg—children’s manager position is open in Reston, VA—anyone interested?

Karen Hoffman—BCPL now has floating collections—any books or AV items returned to a library branch stay at that library branch. Mike Rose’s Sleight of Hand teen magic lessons program was a delight. He provided instructions and props—teens got to keep the props.

Betsy Diamant-Cohen facilitated a “show-and-tell” meeting in which Pratt’s children’s librarians shared how they repeat the same storybook six different ways in preschool storytimes. She has been named to the PLA Committee—Preschool Children and their Families.

Becky Lindberg/Nancy Feierstein—Randallstown (BCPL) had two programs—Ickity Bickity Boo for preschoolers, and Slight of Hand Magic Show with Mike Rose. BCPL had its first system wide Summer Reading Club orientation meeting for staff.

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County storytimes began January 14, with huge numbers. All three branches will have a Dr. Seuss program on March 1. Gordon Korman will do Books Alive on April 7. Weird Weather science program is February 12 and 22. Wiggle Giggle toddler storytimes are every week.

Julie Ranelli—enjoyed ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia, participating and observing book discussions. Queen Anne’s County’s “Go Live” Day did not happen; they’re still on a DOS-based system..

Robyn Lukow—Frederick County is holding a teen program called Promability on February 23—a prom-themed fashion show with local high school student models. They’ll also have 3 tie-in programs—make-up and hair design, ballroom dance lessons, and dress redesign. Attendance at their new 0-6 storytime has been slowly growing; they’ve renamed it “Rhyme Time” and focus on rhymes and songs.

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—Howard County Miller and East Columbia branches have a new “service plan”—no information desks, but “Call Centers” to answer phones and transfer to correct staff and “Floaters” on the floor with walkie-talkie type phones/earphones and strategic kiosk computers to do shelf checks, etc. The will change from Dynix to Koha in April. Barry Polisar will entertain at their Summer Reading Celebration on June 7.

Kathy Kirchoefer attended ALA Midwinter to finalize the ALSC Notable Children’s Recordings notables list.

Sophia VanSchaick—RFID is coming to all Harford County libraries. The Project LEAP (Learn Explore and Play: Science is Fun) program at the Edgewood Branch had over 80 people. Fifty+ children attended the rescheduled LEGO Robotics program. HCPL staff are using an online program to share programming planning and brainstorming on their wiki. Author Amy McDonald came to Abingdon. The library will work with Edgewood Alliance in an expanded Summer Fair because of BRAC.

Julie Dietzel-Glair—attended ALA Midwinter and is serving on the Melcher and Bound-to-Stay-Bound Scholarship Committee. Her office has a new intern and office assistant.

**Next meeting**—March 10, 2008—Randallstown Library—8604 Liberty Road (Baltimore County)  
(This location may change—stay alert for further news.)

From west 695 take Exit 18 (Liberty Road) west 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.

**CSD Meeting Agenda—March 10,2008**

Introductions

Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Blue Crab '07, '08, '09

Eastern/Western Conference '08, '09

MLA Conference

Kids Are Customers '08

Go Round

Break

Old Business

New Business

Discussion topic: Customer computer problems