

CSD Minutes—January 26, 2009  
Denton Library—Caroline County

**Attendance**

Janis Cooker, Carol Dean, Nancy Feierstein, Karen Hoffman, Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Susan Modak, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Julie Ranelli, Diane Rebertus, Sophia VanSchaick

10:05—meeting called to order

After introductions, the minutes were approved.

**Executive Board Meeting**

- MLA's website, [www.mdlib.org](http://www.mdlib.org), now includes a link to "Capwiz,"—a legislative action center.
- MLA has approved Blue Crab 2009-2010 as a line item in their budget--\$300 under CSD Programming for Blue Crab brochures and plaques, and \$700 under Conference Committee to cover author travel expenses.
- We want to keep our CSD website up-to-date. Please information and suggestions to Becky Lindberg ([blindber@bcpl.net](mailto:blindber@bcpl.net)) to pass on to the webmaster.
- MLA President-elect Jim Fish is asking "What would we like to see from MLA?" and "What do our colleagues need?" Most Maryland librarians don't realize how hard MLA works in the legislature.

**Blue Crab '08**

The Blue Crab Award is now on the MLA website. (Point of note—the 2008 committee should be listed before the 2007 committee.)

Blue Crab brochures have been sent to a distribution point to be forwarded electronically to every school media specialist in Maryland.

Susan is pricing Blue Crab plaques--\$30 for the wood, \$20 for engraving. Discussion—can we afford to give every winner a plaque, or just the author who comes to the conference? We decided that it would be better in this slower economic time to order just one plaque and give the other winning authors a nice framed certificate. (Not to be kept as a precedent for richer years. Or if we get a great sponsor.)

No word yet from Milkshake—about being a sponsor or including a plug for Blue Crab Award books.

Blue Crab babies—welcome to Diane Benner's daughter, Lilian, and Julie Tobiason's son, Jack!

**Blue Crab '09**

The committee is making great progress. They meet again in March and hope to pick their winners in April. Congratulations for Faith Ward's baby girl!

**Blue Crab '10**

Kit Bloom has agreed to be facilitator of Blue Crab '10, with Catherine Hall, Eileen Kuhl, and Krista McKenzie on the committee. We suggested that they announce on the CSD website, "The 2010 committee is now forming. Please contact Kit Bloom ([kbloom@prattlibrary.org](mailto:kbloom@prattlibrary.org)) if you'd like to join." They'll have their first meeting in June, 2009.

## ALA Winners

We huddled around Janis Cooker's laptop to hear the Newbery and Caldecott winner announcements. Hurrah for *Graveyard Book* (Neil Gaiman) and *House in the Night* (Susan Swanson)!

## Eastern Shore Conference—Denton, MD--January 26, 2009 (possible snow date—February 9); Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009

We're expecting 34 + at this afternoon's conference. We'll stuff the folders when we break for lunch. Joe Stover from Charles County will present 50 favorite books for storytime, a "greatest hits" of fingerplays, and songs to get kids up and moving. Elizabeth Rafferty, Youth Specialist for Baltimore County Library, will explain how tweens' needs are unique and share homemade kits for library programming, along with demonstrations of successful programs that bring tweens into your library.

## MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009

Conference brochures are being printed.

Our conference programs are good to go--

Wednesday—pre-conference—Janet Lloyd—Bringing In Boys with Books

Thursday --

11:00-12:00—Blue Crab Award announcements and author Wong Herbert Yee

Mr. Yee will sign books afterwards.

2:00-4:45—Alternative Baby Programs--Kate Rossini—Baby Yoga

Eileen La Dino—Tiny Fingers (baby sign language)

This session includes an ice cream break. ☺

Friday--9:15-1030—Kathy MacMillan—Box Full of Tales

MLA needs volunteers to work 1-2 hours at the registration table and the book store. Please let Robyn know if you can help.

Susan volunteered to pick up Mr. Yee at the Salisbury Airport at 5:00 on Wednesday and take him back to the airport by 6:00 Thursday.

Please plan to stay at the Clarion if you are going to the conference—room rentals help subsidize the cost of the event.

New this year—a possible miniature golf tournament.

Next year's conference will be April 21-23, 2010. Anyone is welcome to serve on the conference planning committee.

## Kids Are Customers '09

We chose Westminster Best Western for Kids Are Customers, October 15, 2009. They have a nice facility—a ballroom that holds 200 people, with break out rooms—and a low cost of \$500 plus \$23.00 for each person (continental breakfast and cold lunch)—about \$3000. We decided not to go back to the Meeting House; its staff is still unorganized and unhelpful, even on the phone. In 2010 perhaps we can again plan a joint conference with MASL.

Sophia contacted Tedd Arnold to speak, but he is only available on October 22. Perhaps we can ask him next year. (This year he would cost \$500, if a nearby school would book him for \$1800 and expenses.)

Other ideas for speakers—Irva will ask about a Smithsonian speaker and a collage illustrator lead she has. Becky will ask Phyllis Naylor. Julie will ask Laura Schlitz.

Program ideas suggested—

- Carol—homeschool programs
- Deborah—accessible crafts
- Janis—speed networking
- Susan—Nancy Nuttle from Music Together
- Betsy—fashion show

## **Old Business—Blue Crab**

### **Blue Crab by-laws**

We will vote on adopting the amendments to change the Blue Crab by-laws at our March 9 CSD meeting. Karen sent emails to everyone on the CSD interest list and to Marylib.

### **New Business**

On March 9 we will set up meeting dates and topics for future CSD meetings.

Julie, Karen, Kathy K., Kathy M., Kit, Sophia, and Susan will meet after the March 9 CSD meeting to organize Blue Crab documents.

### **Go Round**

**Becky Lindberg**—Randallstown/Baltimore County—teen (tween) chess club tournament, Mike Rose magic workshop for teens

**Carol Dean**—Anne Arundel County—storytimes; Black History Month performers; “crafternoons” using leftover craft materials. Good luck with teen programs—Twilight, manga, duct tape, anything with “snacks and glitter.” Advertised in schools, put bookmarks in graphic novels

**Diane Rebertus**—Cecil County—spring series of storytimes beginning in February and March; Jill Hutchinson did great job presenting workshop for children’s librarians

**Irva Nachlas-Gabin**—East Columbia/Howard—had a Chinese New Year lion dance through the library. Howard County will be filling open positions/no staff cuts this fiscal year

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary’s County—partnering with schools; Super magnets-January 20; Ben Carson Story-Feb. 25; Books Alive with Ginjer Clarke-April 6; Side by Side Reading stations set up

**Julie Ranelli**—Queen Anne’s County—has anyone done any Lego programs? Mock Caldecott winner was *Too Many Toys* by David Shannon. Mother Goose on the Loose in January; preschool storytime in February.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/Baltimore County—beginning toddler storytimes for older babies

**Nancy Feierstein**—Randallstown/Baltimore County—Urban Pirates interactive storytime-lively and fun—[www.urbanpirates.com](http://www.urbanpirates.com); middle school artwork on walls

**Robyn Lukow**—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—160 came to Winnie the Pooh/Tigger party. Storytime performer pilot program a success—Jenni Joy does bi-monthly programs at two branches.

**Sophia VanSchaick**—Bel Air/Harford County—lots of regular programming with good attendance

**Susan Modak**—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—re-imagining Noyes in budget slowdown; Mother-Child Mother Goose training; Open House to honor Noyes benefactor in April

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hoffman

**Next meeting— March 9, 2009—Noyes Library for Young Children—Montgomery County**