

**Maryland Library Association
Childrens Services Division
Prince George's County Memorial Library System – Laurel
Monday, February 09, 2004 9:30am – 12 pm**

In Attendance: Sally Majoros, BCPL Arbutus
Julie Dietzel-Glair, FCPL C. Burr Artz
Nancy Feierstein, BCPL Randallstown
Susan Maranto, HCL Savage
Kit Bloom, LBPH
Betsy Diamant-Cohen, EPFL Central
Kathy Kirchoefer, PGCMLS, New Carrollton
Kate McCarthy Bond, Montgomery Co Germantown
Sharyn Yenzer, BCPL Randallstown
Sophia VanSchaick, HCPL Edgewood

Kit Bloom: LBPH will be presenting a Fairy Tale program. Discovery Toys will do a program about which toys would be most suitable for the blind and physically handicapped.

Kit will be going to Denton and Salisbury to promote LBPH's services to possible patrons on the Eastern Shore. Helen Chappelle and Ed Okonowicz will be speakers. The Omelet Man will be doing food.

Betsy Diamant-Cohen: Pratt and other Baltimore agencies are having programs and displays about the Great Fire.

She is getting ready for the month long fairy tale festival in April.

She had an article published in Public Libraries on Mother Goose on the Loose. She made a point of mentioning the website that Kathy K created in the article.

Betsy is doing an independent study on childrens' use of the internet in public libraries. Kathy K mentioned an article she had read about a study that showed that children from middle class families use the public libraries' pcs for information far more than children from poorer working class homes who use them for games. We discussed what we observed in our branches.

Kathy Kirchoefer: She was trained to do circulation last week because she frequently is the person-in-charge and needs to understand these procedures before she can help solve any problems.

Kate McCarthy Bond: The new Germantown branch is going to have self checkout and a mechanical book drop system. They also will be getting timeout software, eg Cybrarian. They will be increasing the charge for printing. Patrons will need a library card in order to use the pcs.

Betsy noted that Pratt will use SAM for printing.

Sharyn Yenzer: One BCPL branch, White Marsh, has RFID self checkout.

Randallstown's Friends group is sponsoring a Read On Write On book report contest.

She has tried to schedule baby programs at different times but attendance is still poor. BCPL will be celebrating Dr Seuss for 4 weeks, getting a different local notable to read each week. She thought it would be very appropriate for Jim Fish, BCPL's director, to read One Fish, Two Fish but she has not heard back.

Sophia VanSchaick: She reported again that there was no definite date for the opening of the new Abingdon branch but May looks likely at the moment. She enjoyed the knitting program that she presented in Jan but it was a surprise to her that she had agreed to do the program for adults as well as children. There was a discussion of different things that could be done with knitting programs: eg knitting and book discussion, stitch and bitch, etc.

Sally Majoros: She has been working on Rosemary Ross's retirement party. Arbutus branch will be focusing on YA programming. In April they will be having "Get Ready for Prom". Local businesses will be doing demos and sharing tips. The local schools decorate the branch for Summer Reading. Last year they made astronauts. This year they will make fairies. The County Executive will read Green Eggs and Ham for the Dr Seuss celebrations. The Friends group has become active again. They are doing a display of Arbutus Then and Now, and they're staffing the History room. Arbutus has received lots of wonderful musical instruments to be used for dropin storytimes. Other branches can request that Arbutus send them over too.

Julie Dietzel-Glair: FCPL's Emmittsburg branch was just remodeled and the staff had to move in over the past 2 weeks in the bad weather. They have received a Police Activity League grant and are discussing how to use it. The county commissioner has said that every dept's budget will be cut 3%. FCPL will stop bookmobile service, rather than cut staff. Patrons who are unhappy with the change will be given the addresses of the county councilors.

Nancy Feierstein: The books on teen health issues bought with the health grant have arrived and been shelved in the YA area. They don't seem to be used much. Sharyn suggested placing some of them on the tables. Summer Reading club co-ordinator training has already happened. Nancy expects that they will be trained early in the future as well. There is an opening at Randallstown for a beginning librarian. Sally spoke about the quality of the LATI projects done by the latest group of graduates.

Susan Maranto: HCL has put 2 staff members in charge of the A+ partnership with the public schools. The staff members will be promoting and organizing the various activities listed in the A+ brochure. HCL's baby programs are very popular. They usually have 15 or more couples. She suggested going to hospitals to promote the programs.

Minutes

Betsy had suggested Marilyn Hage as a presenter for baby sign
Nancy is in charge of refreshments for Puppetry 101.

Executive Board Report

Kathy reported that it was a rather quiet board meeting. The preparations for the Annual Conference seem to be well in hand.

Fall Conference

Kevin O'Malley hasn't confirmed with Sharyn yet.

Kathy K, Sally and Nancy, the Facilities committee, will be contacting The Meeting Place. The arrangements for refreshments will be similar to last year, Nancy bringing the bagels and Advantage Catering bringing lunches and coffee.

Sharyn and Julie are the registration committee.

Kit, Betsy, Kate and Sophia are the program committee.

Susan is the Conference chair.

Because of a work commitment of Kathy M's we would like to consider other dates – something between October 12 and October 21. We would very much like to have the Kathys present the prop shop program together.

The registration cost will stay the same as last year - \$60 for MLA/MEMO members, \$90 for nonmembers.

The programs: theme: Hands On!

Prop Shop

SRP talk tables with a make and take area

Betsy will talk to Port Discovery about demonstrating their hands on activities

Betsy will contact Kelly McCoy about the UMUC instructors and baby sign.

1st annual Blue Crab Award announcement – whole Blue Crab committee should be in attendance.

Blue Crab

We need a chair for next spring. Kathy K is considering it. Sharyn, Susan, Sue Gibbs and Debra Nelson are possible committee members.

Western Maryland Workshop

No activity

Puppetry 101

Kathy M hasn't heard from MLA about the list of attendees.

We agreed to change the beginning of registration from 8:00 to 8:30. Attendees will be notified when Kathy M and Nancy call them to ask for their lunch choices.

Susan will call Katie to confirm the final details.

2004 MLA Annual Conference

Division of labor: Milk Shake: Susan will handle introduction, Crab writeup, and evaluations.

Moving to the Beat of a Different Drummer: Kathy K will do introduction, Crab writeup and evaluations

Mother Goose on the Loose: Sharyn will do introduction, Crab writeup and evaluations.

Sally will do buttons and Kathy K will wear a princess headdress and carry a wand and hand out kisses to anyone asking about CSD.

New Business

Betsy needs someone going to ALA to staff a table on homeschooling and Sally's Grossology program (Sally can't).

Next Meeting

Monday, March 8, 9:30 am

Harford County Public Library, Edgewood Branch

From I-95: Take Exit 77A (Rt. 24 South). Follow Rt. 24 to Rt. 755 (Edgewood Road) and turn left. Take Rt. 755 to Hanson Road and turn left. Library is on the right.

From Rt. 40: Take Rt. 40 to Rt. 755 South (Edgewood Road). Take Rt. 755 to Hanson Road and turn left. Library is on the right.

Just because I need all the help I can get when I'm lost in the wilds of Maryland: You may notice a sign saying Rt 755 Edgewood Road just after the 77 A exit on 24 South and you could go right and eventually get to Hanson Rd. But you'd have to cross Rte 7, 40 and 24 at long lights so I recommend ignoring the first turnoff to 755 and go through 3 lights (the directions above) on 24 S, etc. As it says above make the left at 755 (4th light).

At the Hanson Rd corner, there's a Texaco on the right, a Royal Farms on the right past the light, Edgewood Plaza on the left and we're on the left past the light. So again as the directions say make the left at Hanson and a right into our parking lot. Continue around past the drive thru window and park in the back area. Our door is the peach/tan solid one and I'll try to prop it open but if not there is a doorbell. (The glass doors are for the Community College classrooms and we don't open those or know when someone is using them.)

AGENDA

Introduction and Go-Around

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Other/New Business

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