

**Maryland Library Association
Childrens Services Division
Harford County Public Library, Edgewood Branch
Monday, March 8, 2004**

In Attendance: Julie Dietzel-Glair, Frederick Co Public Library; Janis Cooker, Saint Mary's County Memorial Library; Sharyn Yenzer, BCPL Randallstown; Sally Majoros, BCPL Arbutus; Nancy Feierstein, BCPL Randallstown; Kit Bloom, LBPH; Sophia VanSchaick, HCPL Edgewood; Susan Maranto, HCL Savage; Kathy MacMillan, Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia; Wendie Old, HCPL Joppa

Introduction and Go-Around:

It was decided to create a list of regular attendees with phone numbers distributed to those getting email to make it easier to contact each other in the event of weather; lateness, etc. Sophia will distribute.

It was decided to change the beginning of the meeting time from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Susan will inform the MLA office.

Kit Bloom: LBPH will be participating in Pratt's fairy tale festival in April. LBPH will be having a demonstration by a rep from Discovery Toys of appropriate toys for blind and physically handicapped children. They are weeding their large print collection and are looking for an appropriate site to donate their weeded materials to.

Sophia VanSchaick: The Winter Reading Program has gone well again in Edgewood, registering about 550 adults and 60/70 YA. Program attendance at several children's programs seems to have picked up after a downturn.

Susan Maranto: HCL has been busy preparing for Summer Reading, prizes have been ordered, etc. They will be having a program "Could You Survive?" based on Survivor. She is planning a "Welcome to Whisperville" program with quiet games, stories, etc. HCL participated in a school fair and had 52 people sign up for library cards.

Julie Dietzel-Glair: FCPL will be posting a new job: Children's Supervisor, head of children's services for the county system.

Janis Cooker: 155 children came to their Dr Seuss program. Saint Mary's Co gets huge numbers for all levels of storytimes. Their Totally Teen program is successful. They will be having a local author speak at the library for National Library Week.

Kathy MacMillan: Her article on collection development, choosing ASL access materials will be published in the March SLJ. She will be an interpreter for the Children's Theatre of Annapolis's production of Charlotte's Web.

Sharyn Yenzler: Jim Fish, BCPL director, will read 1 Fish, 2 Fish for the Dr Seuss celebration. She attended the Performer Showcase in Howard Co. Randallstown has selected 5 guest presenters to do Friends sponsored programs for Summer Reading.

Sally Majoros: 106 children attended Arbutus's Dr Seuss celebration. Paul Sarbanes was unable to attend as scheduled but the program went well. Sall is on the cover of the local paper at The Cat in the Hat. The circulation manager made a 12 foot Cat out of last summer's rocket decoration. Arbutus is getting ready for the teen prom program on 3/24.

Nancy Feierstein: She was The Cat in Randallstown for Dr Seuss. Every branch got a kit with the costume. The Executive Director of the Liberty Road Business Assoc. came as the celebrity reader to New Town Elementary School as The Cat. It was a reward to the students for turning in their library card registration forms.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board did not meet and so there is no report.

Fall Conference

Kevin O'Malley is confirmed for Oct. 14. His email is komalley@comcast.net. We are on tract according to the timeline. The cost of the workshop will be the same as last year. We will prepare contracts for our speakers. The program committee will contact Junior Editions about selling books.

Other presentations will be: Prop Shop (Kathy K and Kathy M), Summer Reading Talk Tables (Sharyn, Janis?); Blue Crab presentation (committee), Port Discovery's hands on programming (Betsy). Kathy M will try to find a speaker for baby sign. She knows of someone who can present. "Time for Sign"

Blue Crab

Kathy Kirchoefer is still considering taking on the chairmanship of this committee. The committee made a slight change in their rules to eliminate foreign books published simultaneously in the US. They will not meet in March but they will meet in April.

Puppetry 101

When Kathy M last checked 28 people had registered. Extra lunches are being ordered. Kathy M has spoken to every one who registered. She will introduce Katie. Susan will pick up the MLA packet.

Western Maryland Workshop

Puppetry 101 may be reoffered at Western Md this fall if Katie would be agreeable.

2004 Annual Conference

Milk Shake wants to do 1 or 2 songs and then speak to librarians about how they prepare programs, etc. They would appreciate any ideas about what we want them to present.

Kit's program notes are good.

Sharyn and Susan will email each other about who will be introducing what.

We discussed the blinkees – what, how, etc.

Kathy M will also wear a princess hat to hand out CSD kisses.

Sally's buttons will be a basic comment – “Ask me about CSD” or similar.

New Business

Wendie asked about MLA CSD co-sponsoring Montgomery County's Celebration of Children's Literature. Kathy M believes that she was approached about it and since it meant very little effort from CSD that she agreed.

Wendie announced that her newest book “The Groundhog Day book of facts and fun” will come out in 9/04.

Next Meeting

Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia

April 5, 2004 10:00 am! (note changes!)

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- **From I-95 North/South**

Exit on # 43
Exit RT 100 West
Exit to Snowden River Parkway
Turn left on RT 108 (First Traffic
Lights)
Columbia Campus is on your left
hand side

- **From I-70**

Exit to RT 29 South
Exit to RT 100 East
Exit to Snowden River Parkway
Turn left on RT 108 (First Traffic
Lights)
Columbia Campus is on your left
hand side