

CSD Minutes
March 10, 2008
Rosedale Library—Baltimore County

16 Members present

Kit Bloom, Naomi Butler, Janis Cooker, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Nancy Feierstein, Catherine Hall, Karen Hoffman (recorder), Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Deborah Margolis, Susan Modak, Julie Ranelli, Diane Rebertus, Vera Shade, Sophia VanSchaick, Sharyn Yenzer

Meeting was called to order at 10:06.

The minutes were approved—moved by Betsy, seconded by Nancy.

Executive Board Meeting

There was no word on the February Executive Board Meeting—we'll hear in April about the February and March meetings. MLA ballots have been sent out.

Blue Crab '07

Margaret Carty wants to meet with Irva and Julie to talk about Blue Crab expenses.

Blue Crab '08

Susan reported that all is going well. They've looked at over 400 books and hope to choose this year's winners by the end of their last two meetings in March and April. Susan will ask her committee if they are willing to work on contest rules and publicity for a September school age contest to create a Blue Crab logo.

Blue Crab '09

Janis has mailed welcoming letters to the six school and public librarians on her committee—Wanda Nelson (Prince George's County), Mou Chakraborty (Salisbury University), Naomi Butler (Western Maryland Public Libraries), Tara Leberz, Jennifer Rothschild (Prince George's County), Melissa Da, and Faith Ward (Garrison Forest School). She's planning their first meeting in June or July, 2008. Susan will send them a list of publishers to start them off.

Blue Crab—general

Rosa Hernandez has offered to make an outline of Blue Crab procedures that can be passed to each year's new committee. Sophia, Susan, and Janis have agreed to add what they know; we'll ask Kathy Macmillan as well. Karen will compile all the information they gather.

We will make copies of the Blue Crab notebook—one for MLA, one for each of the current teams.

Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '08

Eastern Shore Conference was a success. Eighteen people attended and gave us an overall rating of 4.5 out of 5. Lori Bonnington and Jeanne Holsey of the Howard County Early Intervention Office offered practical strategies for including children with developmental delays in group story times. Patricia Steelman described the ALA Schneider Family Book Award and its award-winning books. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks, drinks, or baked goods.

Western Maryland Conference will be April 14. We will need to bring our lunches, and snacks/baked goods for the conference. Betsy will bring the registration materials that she will pick up from the MLA office, and bottled water and soft drinks. Nancy will bring paper goods. Nancy and Becky will be in charge of the

registration table. Julie will ask Irva if there are enough nametags and handouts left over from the Eastern Shore conference to use. Naomi will provide hot water urns, instant coffee, cream and sugar.

We voted to continue an Eastern Shore conference next year—it should definitely be on the same day as their Eastern Shore Children’s Librarians meeting! Librarians there were grateful to have a workshop close to home. Our planning is doable because our Eastern and Western Maryland workshops are identical. We need to ask what programs they would like, so we don’t repeat topics they’ve just covered.

MLA Conference

All our forms are submitted.

Robyn will introduce the 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.

Rosa will introduce the Blue Crab Award winners at Thursday’s luncheon and the following Blue Crab program. (If you are going to MLA, please check off Blue Crab on your registration form—conference rooms are assigned by registration totals!)

Vera will introduce Big Ideas in Math and Science on Thursday afternoon.

Janis will introduce Promoting School Readiness on Friday morning.

Julie will email presenter information to everyone who is introducing.

The Blue Crab authors will be arriving on Thursday morning. (Rosa will pick up Pat Trattles at the airport; **we need someone to take her to the airport on Friday—perhaps Susan Modak.**) MLA pays for the authors’ luncheon and overnight lodging. There will be too few CSD members available to offer to take them out for supper.

Kids Are Customers ‘08

We discussed combining our KAC conference with the MASL (Maryland School Librarians) conference, October 16-17, 2008. (Our conference would be October 16.) We can reserve the Wedgwood Ballroom and lobby at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City for \$4000 and serve a hot buffet lunch for \$25 apiece. The ballroom will have round tables seating 8-10 people; the lobby can be used to set up the lunch buffet and for break-out sessions. Margaret Carty believes that if we change our fee to \$90-members, \$130-non-members, and \$65-students, we will make enough money. (People will probably be happy to have a hot lunch and the chance to visit MASL’s 40 vendors.) Robyn and Julie Dietzel-Glair were impressed when they toured the site in January.

Questions—

--Could CSD participate in the morning coffee and Danish?

--AV equipment and assistance? (internet connections are \$100 @, with 2 complimentary connections)

--How could CSD and MASL members network or attend each other’s sessions?

--Could we combine sessions? (perhaps by next year?)

Betsy moved that we combine our conference with MASL; Janis seconded. The vote was YES, we would like to combine. Robyn will tell Beth Shapiro of MASL. The contract will go to the MLA office. We’ll watch the MASL website for their conference details.

(Side note--Nancy will be delighted not have to make her annual 6:00 AM bakery run.)

BREAK

Brainstorming for KAC presenters:

--Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi—book talking with pizzazz (their new book is coming out in August)

- Gloria Bartus—energy activities between books in story times
- Jill Hutchinson—Wiggles and Giggles—motion in toddler storytimes
- Jeannine Finton—Project LEAP—very popular in Harford County
- Susan Modak—Blue Crab winners (ask her how much time her committee would like)
- Summer Reading Club crafts and activities--still valuable? Yes! Each county gets only one manual; people learn from seeing and doing in person. (Bring names of crafters and presenters to April's CSD meeting.)
- afternoon panel—partnerships between school and public librarians: e.g. SRC partnering; St. Mary's County-Black Eyed Susan K-3 partnership; Library for the Blind and Maryland School for the Blind; Howard County A+ partnership; MASL—cultural differences between school and public libraries
- Vera Shade—how to pick a quality website
- Paige Painter-Boyer—St. Mary's LATI—open ended questions on labels in front of books

Possible speakers:

- Jennifer Holm (Baby Mouse) is available; we have paid \$1000 for an author before
- Pamela Duncan Edwards and Henry Cole—author/illustrator duo
- Deborah Wiles (could be available in 2009 if we ask now)

Jennifer Holm said YES. 😊

Old Business

Irva and Julie will talk to Margaret Carty about changing Blue Crab by-laws, the cost of Blue Crab authors at conference, how to ensure presenters meet the requirements needed for CEUs; can we use corporate sponsorship (e.g. Barnes and Noble support)?

New Business

June 9 is a Jewish holiday, so we voted to change our CSD meeting to June 2. Julie will check with Irva and then tell Becky to pass on the change to our website.

Julie is pregnant—due September 6! 😊 Irva will take her place at the September and October executive board meetings.

Go Round

Naomi—May 3 will be Washington County Reading Day at Valley Mall—with books, displays, and activities from 10-2. Authors Alan Patz, Carolyn Reeder, and Mary Quattlebaum will be there.

Janis—St. Mary's successful storytimes are continuing until May 10; Gordon Korman will not be coming in April; SRC starts June 9; Spanish storytimes start in May.

Kit—Southeast Branch is enjoying school partnerships, starting a home school parents' network, and starting activities for the tween age group.

Becky—Randallstown had a teen t-shirt silk screen printing March 7. Coming attractions—March 22—Science Spectacular with “Eric Energy”, March 29—“Butterfly habits and Habitats”

Nancy—excellent performance at Randallstown by African American storyteller, Fellisco Keeling (retired Pratt librarian)

Vera—Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration had appearance by Cat in the Hat. Author, Stormy Friday (Signal's Airport Adventure) is coming May 14 to celebrate Children's Book Week. Vera will be a first time grandmother in June.

Sharyn—Arbutus has been using a Clifford big head costume at storytimes and at an outreach at a local school's pizza night—ten day's rental for only \$160. Otto the Auto came free from AAA. That Yo-Yo guy will perform tonight.

Diane—Cecil County is excited about the new collaborative SRC materials. Two new branches, Chesapeake City and Perryville are up and running; circ is “over the top.”

Sophia—in Harford County, eight very happy kids celebrated George Washington Carver's birthday with peanut butter science activities. Each branch now has a staff member who is a school liaison and passes information to local schools. Guest presenters for Summer Reading include Tracey Eldridge, Mike

Rose, Lisa's Environshows and Rick Waterhouse's insect mystery program. They won't be able to have a community fair, only a library event.

Deborah—Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is doing Mother Goose on the Loose and bringing it to Olney in Montgomery County. SRC programs will be The Bug Guy from University of MD, Walters Art Museum, and Zebra Kids (African American drumming and Anansi tales (\$300 for 90 minutes)).

Betsy—is travelling to Pratt branches, observing preschool storytimes that now repeat stories for six weeks, using different formats. January's sharing sessions really worked—librarians are enthusiastically using ideas they've shared. Betsy's sister, Celia (artist/teacher), will be in the U.S. from August-October, available to do library programs--telling a story with audience participation and drawing the story as it develops. If you'd like to book her for SRC or early fall, please email Becky—betsydc@gmail.com

Karen—Beowulf and Wonder Bunny did a fun program at Pikesville—masterful balloon creatures were all over the branch workrooms the next day.

Robyn—Frederick Count Library is sponsoring downtown Frederick's April 5 "First Saturday" night. After 5:00 pm local authors will be stationed at street booths, signing books. Book characters will roam the streets. Library staff will present four "fantasy branches" at downtown spots, including American Girl Branch and Shakespeare Garden Park.

Julie—Queen Anne's County continues its monthly Book Trek program (based on an Ohio librarians' ALA presentation in 2007). Children from kindergarten to 5th grade use their passports to travel to other countries in stories, crafts, and food—China in February, Ireland in March. (Girl Scouts have a passport pattern if you need one.) Mother Goose on the Loose continues with near-capacity attendance.

Susan—Noyes Library for Young Children staff went to Pratt to observe Mother Goose on the Loose. They are changing from a local to a broader community program focus. Four hundred came to their Valentine's Day program. Outreach includes Read Across America.

Catherine—Washington County is beginning a Mother-Daughter Book Club April 26, with Jennifer Holm's Penny from Heaven. They are partnering with 4-H—Literature in the Garden—children will earn a Junior Master Gardener Certificate. Weeklong evening activities in Turn Off TV Week (April 20-26) include a storytime, game night and a poster contest. Valerie Tripp is coming March 16.

Topic of the month

Michele Presley gave us a guided tour of Storyville—BCPL's early learning center for children 0-6. Wonderful!

Next meeting—Western Maryland Conference, April 14, 2008

CSD meeting 10-12:30; conference in the afternoon

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If you get off 70 at the exit toward Hagerstown- you will be on 65 S. Potomac St. - follow through to Wilson Blvd. - make a left onto Frederick St. - make a right onto Commonwealth Avenue - then a left at the first turn where you can park - and then go in the front door.

Come in the front door and register. The Board of Ed Room is the first room on the left.

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