

CSD Minutes—March 9, 2009
Noyes Library for Young Children—Montgomery County

Attendance

Becky Lindberg, Carol Dean, Catherine Hall, Diane Rebertus, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Julie Ranelli, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Kirchoefer, Kit Bloom, Krista McKenzie, Nancy Feierstein, Naomi Butler, Robyn Lukow, Sharyn Yenzer, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Vera Shade

10:09—meeting called to order

After introductions, the minutes were approved; Irva moved, Julie R. seconded.

Executive Board Meeting

Executive Board meets next week, no report yet.

Blue Crab '08

Susan plans to have a local craftsman inscribe the one plaque they need.

Blue Crab '09

Janis' committee will meet March 23 to narrow down more selections. They should have their decision by June.

Blue Crab '10

Kit's committee will start in June. They've contacted publishers; the books are beginning to arrive.

Blue Crab Website

Take a look at the changes to the Blue Crab page on the MLA website— www.mdlib.org Do you have any other suggestions? Notice that theses are pdf files.

Eastern Shore Conference—Denton, MD--January 26, 2009 –Tunes, Tots, and Tweens

We made \$1156.00 at the Eastern Shore Conference.

Participants gave the conference an overall rating of 3.97 out of 5; facility-4.65, content-3.94, relevance-4.10, Joe Stover-3.86, Elizabeth Rafferty-4.17. They were divided equally—50% thought the program was too short/

unprepared; 50% liked the extra audience participation involved. Julie has asked the presenters to beef up their presentations for the April conference—Joe Stover to include more songs and fingerplays and more recent books, and Elizabeth Rafferty to include a hands-on craft.

Participants also asked for a cover sheet with speaker contact information.

Suggestions for future programs—music (without guitar) for pre-k programs, tween programs, how to market programs, 3rd-5th grade book talks, using teen volunteers.

Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009

Julie will pick up registration packets from MLA. Nancy will bring paper goods, Susan will bring cold drinks, Robyn will provide coffee. We will all bring snacks to share.

MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009

We're all set--

Wednesday—pre-conference—Janet Lloyd—Bringing In Boys with Books (Robyn will introduce)

Thursday --

11:00-12:00—Blue Crab Award announcements and author Wong Herbert Yee (Susan will introduce)
Mr. Yee will sign books afterwards.

2:00-4:45—Alternative Baby Programs--Kate Rossini—Baby Yoga (Sharyn will introduce)
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 (Carol will introduce)

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

Kids Are Customers '09

Kids Are Customers will be at the Westminster Best Western on October 15, 2009.

We've asked illustrator Henry Cole (*And Tango Makes Three*) to be our main speaker.

Other possible presenters--

- *Mark McKinney and his supervisor (AA County)—homeschooling tips and ideas (Carol).
- *Nancy Nuttle—Music Together—parents are children's first music teachers (Susan)
- *Kathy Isaacs—Reading the World—current multi-cultural books (Julie R.)
- *Blue Crab presentation (Janis)
- *Howard County Marketing Dept—how to market children's services and materials (Irva)
- *Jennifer Ralston (Harford County)—Newbery Award (Sophia)
- *panel discussion of Newbery Award—Julie D-G??
- *find an editor or agent to talk about getting a book published
- *modeling a book talk—Krista McKenzie and Vera Shade
- *online book talking—Amanda (Caroline County)
- *technology—e.g. Photo Story 3—free downloadable program to make slide shows or videos (Vera)
- *Lisa McKinney—teaching

Breakfast will include coffee, tea, Danish, yogurt, and bagels.

Lunch is “build a Dagwood sandwich” with salad, cookie, and drink.

Unless we think of a solution, it’s just too expensive to serve afternoon coffee.

Best Western requires a registration total 30 days before the conference (possibly negotiated to 15 days). We may need to offer early bird registration at a lower cost, and a higher cost late registration.

Julie and Catherine are making a new looking-for-sponsor letter. Right now we are line-item listed in MLA’s budget--\$300 general, \$700 conference.

Break

History and tour of Noyes Library for Young Children

Old Business—Blue Crab

Blue Crab by-laws

We unanimously voted to adopt the amendments changing the Blue Crab by-laws.

Robyn will notify Elizabeth.

New Business

We chose possible locations and topics for future CSD meetings—to be confirmed at our next meeting:

June 8, 2009—Anne Arundel—West County Library—school age programs for boys and girls (Carol)

July 13, 2009—BCPL—Perry Hall Library—tour new “green” library (Sharyn)

August 10, 2009—Howard County Library—branch to be named—school outreach (Irva)

September 14, 2009—PGMLS—New Carrollton Library—SRC wrap-up (Kathy)

October 15, 2009—Westminster Best Western—Kids Are Customers

November 9, 2009—Frederick County—Thurmont Library—tour of Thurmont Library (Robyn)

December 14, 2009—Pratt—Southeast Anchor Library—storytelling (Kit)

January 11 (or 25), 2010—Caroline County—Denton Library—Eastern Conference

February 8, 2010—Cecil County—Perryville Library—sharing resources on a shoestring (Diane)

March 8, 2010—Montgomery County—Germantown Library—teen volunteers (Susan)

April , 2010— —Western Maryland Conference

Black-Eyed Susan 2009 nominees will be announced by March 16.

Go Round

Becky Lindberg—Randallstown/Baltimore County—has started impromptu storytimes (usually two books) whenever they notice clusters of childre; continuing chess for tweens

Carol Dean—Anne Arundel County—Dr. Seuss programs, storytime series; Meet the Presidents school age program, duct tape craft program. Family game days, game nights, and “craftafternoons” are offered monthly. “Worm your Way into Spring”—program with master gardeners.

Catherine Hall—Washington County—girls’ book club; Battle of the Books; Very Hungry Caterpillar 40th anniversary; first-week-of-the-month drop-in crafts used to decorate the library.

Diane Rebertus—Cecil County—launching a new website on March 6 - cecil.ebranch.info
April 25—8th annual Story Day and School Readiness Fair with Milkshake and ice cream snacks (partnering with Judy Center)

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—well attended Baby Booster programs—how encourage parents to participate with their babies? Two babysitting courses.

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard County—Children’s Discovery Fair in late April—all children’s agencies, pre-schools, etc. will participate. Seventeen county employees trained as passport acceptance agents—East Columbia will become a Passport Acceptance Agency

Julie Dietzel-Glair—Children’s Office/Pratt—Golden Book Legacy exhibit at Central Library through May 9. Julie is taking a 6-week online ALSC class about the Newbery Award.

Julie Ranelli—Queen Anne’s County—Fridays in March-Mother Goose on the Loose; Thursdays in April-preschool storytimes. April-possible retro gaming (a.k.a. board games) for Mental Detox Week (turn-off the tv)

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/Baltimore County—school outreach visits are paying off—permission to go to a few schools and do booktalks.

Kathy Kirchoefer—New Carrolltown/PGMLS—had well attended Seuss programs last week; looking forward to Terrific Tuesdays for school age kids again this summer with lunch on the lawn. Diane Benner and baby Lillian are doing well.

Kit Bloom—Southeast Anchor/Pratt—streamlined pre-school programs; large game activities with Pitfall. Fairy Tale Festival in April with Fairy Godmother Tea party, Preschool Princess Ball and four schools coming for programs.

Krista McKenzie—Oakland/Ruth Enlow (Garrett County)—Over 100 kids in attendance at March 2 Dr. Seuss Pajama Party with crafts and books to give away. Might be presenting on Homeschoolers at ALA in Chicago. Writing club has been asked to participate in Cultural Book Exchange. Lapsit numbers have tripled. Completed 28 Days of Advocacy on YALSA Blog. Starting MLS in fall.

Nancy Feierstein—Randallstown/Baltimore County—beginning impromptu storytimes on the floor; preschool story time moved to the meeting room. Chimes School (special needs) came to visit.

Naomi Butler—Western Maryland Regional Library—May 2--Washington County Reading Day-Jim Aylesworth and lots of Maryland authors at the Hagerstown Valley Mall. April 1-3--SoMIRAC (State of Maryland International Reading Association Council) at Hunt Valley Marriott! April 21-22--MICCA (Maryland Assn. for Educators Using Technology, formerly Maryland Instructional Computers Coordinators Association) at Baltimore Convention Center. Please send Naomi or Krista any good databases for children.

Robyn Lukow—C. Burr Artz/Frederick County—starting a new Wiggle-Giggle program for 2-5 year olds—movement-based with lots of music.

Sharyn Yenzler—Arbutus/Baltimore County—Biscuit storytime with Sally Majoros-60 children; Valentine’s Day craft and stories-42 attendance. Working with special needs children at Del Rey School (younger children with MS), Maiden Choice School, and every Monday-Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers. Went to Performers Showcase—would anyone like to borrow the CD she brought back? Halethorpe School Night in April—doing “Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?” with teachers. Going to training on FaceBook and MySpace. New public computers this week.

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford County—observing a presentation at John Archer, the special needs school. “Abraham Lincoln” came to the branch.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery County—second series of ten Parent & Child Mother Goose programs; Childcare Provider Workshop-“Using Music with Children.” Montgomery County Public Schools Teen Parent Conference-“Building Baby’s Brain” for teen parents; video conference with Moldova Children’s Library. “Abraham Lincoln” came to their Valentine program

Vera Shade—Chestertown/ Kent County—moving back into remodeled children’s area—lower shelving, new stuffed animals, child-friendly furniture. Monthly craft programs-“Create @ Your Library.” Taking ALSC course-Tech Savvy Booktalks.”

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

**Next meeting— April 20, 2009—C. Burr Artz Library—Frederick County
followed by Western Maryland Conference**