

**Maryland Library Association**  
**Children's Services Division steering committee meeting**  
**Monday, April 5, 2004**  
**Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia**

**In attendance:** Janis Cooker, Saint Mary's County Memorial Library, Sally Majoros, Baltimore County Public Library Arbutus; Kathy MacMillan, MSD Columbia; Kathy Kirchoefer, Prince George's County Memorial Library System New Carrollton; Susan Maranto, Howard County Library Savage; Sharyn Yenser, BCPL Randallstown; Kate McCarthy-Bond, Montgomery County Public Library Germantown; Sophia VanSchaick, Harford County Public Library Edgewood

(To accommodate Susan Maranto's schedule, the order of the agenda was changed.)

**Minutes**

Approved with the following changes:

**Executive Board Report**

Kathy K attended:

The 2006 Annual Conference will be in Ocean City again, as no other suitable location could be found.

A new MLA award will be given for paraprofessionals.

The bylaws were discussed.

Registration for the upcoming annual conference is going well.

Kathy K has raffle tickets to sell.

**Fall Conference (Kids Are Customers Too)**

Kathy K has confirmed our room requirements with The Meeting Place in Columbia: the 1 main room and the 2 side rooms.

Kathy M has spoken to Rachel Coleman about baby sign and believes that she would be a better presenter at an annual conference. She also considered "Time for Sign" but believes that their presentation is aimed at schoolage hearing children. She will consider other options though the best choice may be Kathy herself.

Katie George will be asked to do a "Make and Take" homemade puppetry demonstration.

Timetable:

9 am	Welcome and introductory remarks
9:15 – 9:45	Blue Crab Award announcement and showcase of best transitional, etc books
9:45 – 10:45	Choice of 1) Summer Reading Program talk tables 2) Port Discovery hands on programming
10:45 – 11	Break
11 – 12	Kevin O'Malley
12 – 1	Lunch
1 – 2	Choice of 1) Summer Reading Program talk tables 2) Katie George: scissors, tape and glue
2 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:15	Storytime Spectacular
3:15 – 3:30	Evaluations

Summer Reading Program talk tables will be facilitated by: Sharyn Yenser, crafts; Janis Cooker, inhouse programs; Susan Burdette, guest presenters and Amy Alapati, decorating.

**To do:** Susan will contact Kevin O'Malley to confirm the time  
Susan will submit the program approval form to MLA  
Susan will contact MLA re sale table.

Sharyn will submit the flyer to Margaret Carty/MLA office  
Sharyn will bring flyers to Great Books, 4/13 and 4/14

Kathy M will send the flyer for the separate mailing to MLA

Nancy will be contacting the caterers.

Kate will contact Amy Alapati re facilitating the Summer Reading decorations talk table.

Sophia will contact Junior Editions re selling Kevin O'Malley books.  
Sophia will contact Susan Burdette re facilitating the Summer Reading guest presenter talk table.

????? will contact Katie George re puppetry.

**Blue Crab Award**

Kathy M reported: At the last meeting they winnowed out many books. They were able to spend some time reading and then quickly ran through the list of possibilities to narrow it down.

They will probably be making their final decision in June.  
Kathy K has agreed to chair the committee.

### **Puppetry 101**

Kathy M reported:

All the evaluations were positive.  
Participants suggested many ideas for other programs  
It made money.

### **Western Maryland Workshop**

No activity.

### **MLA Annual Conference**

Susan will do the introductions and write-ups for Milk Shake and Mother Goose on the Loose.

Kathy K will do the introduction and write-up for Different Drummer.

Sally's buttons are great.

### **Go-Around**

Kathy K        Though she spent PLA in a Seattle hospital, the staff who attended brought back a lot of ideas.  
Teens hanging around New Carrollton branch are becoming a problem. The police did not respond to her 911 call about the teens loitering around the entrance to the branch.  
Winners of the fairy tale writing contest will be reading their winning entry at the library.  
Gayle Danley will be doing slam poetry workshops: 1 for 8 – 12 year olds and 1 for teens.

Susan        Howard County Library is also having a problem with teens. Maybe this would be an idea for a future program at Kids Are Customers 2 or the annual conference.  
Spring programs are going well.  
An Irish dance troupe performed and were very entertaining.

Sharyn        She had to go to Woodlawn while Randallstown was closed. It brought back memories.  
One of their Dr Seuss events was to have DJ Randy Dennis read a story. The legislative assistant to Ken Oliver read Hop on Pop.  
2 deaf children came to a storytime and the library needed to make arrangements for an interpreter.  
In spite of her sign, they had 1 more barf.

Sophia        Dropin storytimes are a success at their new day and time (Thurs 10:30).

The Rolling Reader, HCPL's bookmobile, is now stationed at Edgewood where it will be a more visible reminder of the service to passersby.

Janis            SMCML is asking for more funding to continue the Totally Teen program. They hope it can either be put in the budget or that the grant can be extended another year.

Storytimes are going well.

They will be having Eileen Doran Smith, a local author, do a presentation for National Library Week.

Librarians are incorporating Early Literacy into their programming. Of the 6 skills, the most difficult is breaking away from the story to address the parents. Various ways of doing this were discussed.

SMCML is working on encouraging families to bring their children to storytime.

On April 21, Lexington Park will begin extending their hours to Wed am and Thurs pm. Hours had been cut because of budget problems.

She attended a training – ASSET – on working with unruly teens. A contact person is Pat Hoffman of Calvert County.

Sally            Arbutus had their prom program which was very successful. 43 attended, mostly teenage girls, for demos and tips re hair and makeup. David's sent over \$900 worth of dresses and 1 tux that were modeled by the Cas.

They've had great attendance at the Dr Seuss programs.

They are beginning a partnership with CCBC – classes on different subjects at different branches. Arbutus will have classes in sign language.

Arbutus branch will host a "morning break" for the other businesses in the industrial park.

For National Library Week, Lansdowne Elem School will have children reading their own stories at the library.

The Friends group is sponsoring a poster contest on local history.

Kate            Germantown will be getting session management software so patrons will automatically be told that their online session is ending. 2 other branches piloted it in Montgomery County. One was pleased. The other branch was noncommittal.

Nicolo Whimsey will be the guest presenter for National Library Week.

Groundbreaking for the new Germantown branch will be April 24.

Wednesday hours have been shortened to 1 – 9 from 10 – 9 because of budget.

**To Do**            Janis will forward Kathy K and Susan M the information about the Asset training taken by SMCML staff.

## **Other Business**

**To Do**            **Committee: Pick dates and locations for next year's meetings.**

## **Next Meeting**

**June 14, 10 am**            **C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick County Public Library**

## **Directions**

*From I-70*

Exit I-70 onto Route 355 North (Market St.). Pass CostCo on the right, the Mt. Olivet Cemetery on the left, the Maryland School for the Deaf on the right. Pass South St. and All Saints St – both are traffic lights. Just after All Saints St., pass Capa Imports on the right and go over the small bridge over Carroll Creek. Turn right down the alley to the Carroll Creek parking deck. The library is directly ahead of you, as you go down the alley to the parking deck.

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**Other/New Business**

