

CSD Minutes—June 8, 2009
West County Area Branch—Anne Arundel County

Attendance

Becky Lindberg, Carol Dean, Catherine Hall, Diane Benner, Eileen Kuhl, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Krista McKenzie, Nancy Feierstein, Naomi Butler, Robyn Lukow, Susan Modak

10:15—meeting called to order

Introductions

Minutes—Minutes approved-Catherine moved, Susan seconded

Executive Board Meeting

Julie is sending our CSD annual report. The Executive Board is in the process of completing a self-evaluation for the year.

Blue Crab '08

A successful Blue Crab year! Mr. Yee's presentation as MLA was great.

Blue Crab '09

The committee has chosen their winners and honor books. ☺ Now they're working on their annotated list—designing it more from a kid's perspective, like a book talk. They will ask one of the non-fiction winners to come to MLA next year (MLA conference—April 21-23, 2010). Janis will ask one of the Blue Crab committee members to attend the 2010 MLA Conference Committee meetings.

Blue Crab needs more PR! If we can't print more than 300 brochures, we need to think of ways to tell the schools and the libraries in Maryland—posters, bookmarks, online copy...!

Blue Crab '10

Kit's committee is set to go. They will have their first meeting June 15.

Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009

We made \$1871.33 at the Western Conference. Our overall rating was 4.43, up from the 4 rating at the Eastern Conference. People enjoyed Joe's songs and stories and Elizabeth's magnets; St. Mary's County has already had a magnet-making program.

Someone suggested that we label our workshops as either beginning, intermediate and advanced, so participants could choose when to come. On the other hand, perhaps each program we present could include beginning to advanced information.

MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009

Our program evaluations were mostly 5's. ☺ Janet Lloyd and Wong Herbert Yee received good feedback. Your Baby is a Genius had mixed reviews—few said too much PowerPoint, not enough to take back to use in the library. Kathy Macmillan's group work and energy empowered the Box of Tales program.

Tips for next year—don't schedule YA and children's workshops against each other, or against a children's author. Have MLA division representatives available to answer questions or encourage membership—perhaps at the registration table.

Kids Are Customers '09

Kids Are Customers will be at the Westminster Best Western on October 15, 2009. Registration deadline will be October 1. We decided early registration fees--\$80-members, \$120-non-members, and \$68-students. Julie will ask Margaret if we can simply add a \$5.00 late fee to all the categories for registrations after October 1.

Our schedule looks like—

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration and breakfast |
| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome |
| 9:15-10:15 | Homeschooling tips and ideas—Mark McKinney and June Bitzel
or
Challenged materials—Sidney McCoy |
| 10:20-10:50 | Blue Crab presentation |
| 10:50-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Illustrator—Henry Cole |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-1:45 | Book clubs—Krista McKenzie
or
On-line book talking—Amanda Courie and Vera Shade |
| 2:00-2:45 | Reading the World—current multicultural books—Kathy Isaacs
or
Awards panel—Newbery (Rachael Vilmar and Jennifer Ralston)/Caldecott (Sue Gibbs?)/recorded books (Kathy Kirchoefer?)—followed by group book discussions |
| 3:00-4:00 | Music Together—Nancy Nuttle |

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

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

Old Business

None

New business

Should we combine 2010 Kids are Customers with MASL at the Hagerstown Clarion? Each of the three rooms available there will only hold 120 people; 153 people attended our 2008 KAC. We'd like our conferences to be more actually combined (members able to go to programs in either organization). Eileen will ask when MASL holds their planning meetings; perhaps one of us could attend.

Topic of the month—School age programs

Library/school partnerships—

Naomi presents new books to Allegany County Schools in the fall
 Frederick County Library has input on school summer lists
 Montgomery County Library makes reading lists—school prints them

Programs for school age children—

Krista (Garrett County) has book clubs for children—
 6-8 year olds-every two weeks, talk about author and book, followed by art activity and snack based on the book
 9-12 year olds-once a month with hands-on activities, e.g. Jeopardy
 13-18 year olds-once a month with more advanced crafts, e.g. origami

Catherine (Washington County) processes Scholastic book orders for schools, then uses points to buy books for library programs.

Diane (Prince George's County) reports that children won't come to book discussions or even Saturday storytimes. Only homeschool kids come to Read to Me programs or game programs.

Montgomery County does dog therapy reading linked to elementary school children. Sometimes school age children read in library, earning money for "Read for Fines."

Randallstown Library (Baltimore County) has "book buddies"—high school students who read to younger children, and a chess club for tweens.

Prince George's County teen volunteers from their Teen Advisory Board read to 2nd and 3rd graders.

St. Mary's County family game nights are popular with school age children.

All the counties have paid performer programs for school age children.

Go Round

Becky Lindberg—Randallstown/BCPL— taking over an Infants and Toddlers program that actually had no special needs children; Bubble Lady; chess club; silk screen t-shirt program

Carol Dean—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel—SRC kickoff next week; Health Department doing SunSafety program in several branches with “Alex the Alligator;” big budget cuts on July 1

Catherine Hall—Washington County—Anipalooza—2nd annual anime mini-conference on June 27; weekly 4H arts and crafts program; Saturday calligraphy workshop; SRC kickoff with 7 local artisans; outreach—storytimes/SRC at camps and county fair; Literary Partnership with Scholastic; Nora Roberts gave money for SRC—every child will get a book; making craft kits in paper bags as SRC prizes

Diane Benner—New Carrollton/Prince George’s—Terrific Tuesday storytime—crafts, science, music, drama; Library on the Lawn—children bring lunch and listen to stories on the front lawn; moved two performers to morning to make it easier for preschoolers to attend

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—fewer baby programs in summer, more preschool programs; using iPod/docker for music in storytimes

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—continuing baby and toddler storytimes in summer; family game nights; family movies, six professional performers; St. Clement’s Island Museum living history; in Tourist Bureau passport (visit 10 sites); as Sneaks visits places in county, newspaper “Where is Sneaks” game has drawing with winner every week; computer classes for kids; drawing program. Teen reading club, teen movies, gaming; computer classes for game making; drawing manga

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/BCPL—Arbutus Library created a community scavenger hunt looking for Sneaks posters in local stores, businesses are delighted, library is noticed, big prize drawing for lucky winners

Krista McKenzie—Oakland Library/Garrett—serving on Advisory Board for YALSA Journal; presenting homeschooling at ALA 2009; presenting both advocacy and Teen Book Clubs at ALA 2010; 80 children registered for SRC; Children’s Hour group about to complete their travel through 50 states (next year’s theme is science); attempting to begin tween/teen programs in a box; starting at Drexel in the fall

Nancy Feierstein—Randallstown/BCPL—Itsy-Bitsy Yoga, the Bubble Lady, Portraits like Picasso; Betsy telling stories at today’s BCPL official SRC kick-off at North Point Library with County Executive Jim Smith

Naomi Butler—Western Maryland Regional Library—Cumberland Valley Library Association went to southern Maryland to see new libraries, will visit northeast Maryland next; strengthen connections with school systems and MASL and with county and state reading councils

Robyn Lukow—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—SRC began May 1—over 3000 children signed up so far; using Evanced SRC software for the first time; kids receive an extra prize for using the online software to log books; grand prize is trip for 4 to Busch Gardens with \$300 cash

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—Germantown Library will be featured in a Today Show segment on Thursday, June 11, showing busy library use in the recession.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—July 13, 2009—Perry Hall Library/BCPL—tour of a new “green” library