

**Maryland Library Association
Children's Services Division Steering Committee
Baltimore County Public Library – East Columbia Branch
July 10, 2006**

In Attendance:

Naomi Butler, WMPL
Sophia Van Schaick, HCPL
Janis Cooker, SMCL
Julie Dietzel-Glair, FCPL
Betsy Diamant-Cohen, EPFL
Rosa Hernandez, PGCMLS
Delia Ulberg, FCPL
Nancy Feierstein, BCPL
Sharyn Yenser, BCPL
Jamequa Rednund-Summerall, ECO - HCPL
Wanda Nelson, Nimitz Library

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Betsy Diamant-Cohen. We introduced ourselves and told where we worked to the 2 new people in attendance. We welcomed Jamequa and Wanda and explained the purpose of CSD.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Things to remember:

Baltimore Book Fest – Sept. 29 – October at Mt. Vernon Square!
Janis Cooker will not be at the meeting in August. Sharyn will take minutes.
Sharon or Sophia will send address and phone tree list to Janis Cooker to update.
Betsy sent email to three potential members.

Executive Meeting – There was no meeting but Irva will attend for Betsy in August.

Blue Crab:

Sophia reported that the Blue Crab Committee is contacting the publishers and authors of the winning books. Good news is that the publisher of one of the winners will pay for the winning author to come to MLA. We also explained the process of the Blue Crab for the new attendees.

We also discussed the lag time and the dates in which the Blue Crab committee works with. We also discussed a Blue Crab sticker for the books that win. MLA could endorse this. We need to email Margaret Carty with the budget etc and the executive committee will look at the feasibility. Janis will send Blue Crab page to Sophia.

Another question was asked about publicizing the award to media centers across the State. We try to get them involved and we also collaborate with MEMO, October 19 -20, at Hunt Valley, and encourage them to come to KAC. Maybe one of this committee could go to MEMO and talk about Blue Crab and CSD. Betsy may be able to do this.

Rosa now has 9 members and their new committee will have their first meeting on July 20. We clarified that the books must be published not printed in the USA.

Kids Are Customers:

October 26, 9-4, Oakland Mills Interfaith Center

We will advertise this as the 10 year anniversary of KAC.

We will add room 200 to the current rooms 202 & 100.

We will limit KAC to 100 people.

Include \$300.00 in paperwork for copying.

We must pay \$150 for lobby this year.

Price for participants is \$75 & \$115.

Just want to clarify what we will be asking for in the contract with The Meeting House for KAC, Oct. 26. Room 100, 202, & 200 are booked for us, but I still need to email Kiesha with the details. I will do that Wed.

As I understand it, this is the agenda, room assignment, and other requirements:

- 8:30 - 9:00a Registration (**one table outside Room 200**)
- 8:30 - 9:00a Breakfast (**Room 100; 15 tables with 10 chairs each**)
- 9:00 - 9:15a Intro & Blue Crab Teaser (**Room 100; stage; podium; microphone**)
- 9:15 - 10:45a Summer Reading Spectacular (**Room 100; leave tables & chairs set up**)
- 10:45-11:00a Break
- 11:00 - 12:00p Mary Downing Hahn (**Rooms 202 & 200 without partition; 150 chairs facing forward; stage; podium; microphone**)
- 12:00 - 1:00p Lunch (**Room 100; 15 tables with 10 chairs each**)
- 1:00 - 2:00p Edie Ching, Books for Boys (**Room 202/200 without partition; 150 chairs; stage; microphone**)
- 1:00 - 2:00p Kathy McMillan, Baby Signing (**Room 100; with tables and chairs; stage; microphone**)
- 2:00 - 2:30p Blue Crab announcement & Committee presentation (**202/200 w/o partition, 150 chairs; stage; micropohone**)
- 2:30 - 2:45p Break
- 2:45 - 3:45p Music for Kids, Tracy Eldridge (**Room 100; with tables?? or without tables??; stage; microphone**)
- 3:45 - 4:00p Wrap-up & evaluation (**Room 100**)
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- **Additional Tables: 1 Table for Book Signing & Sale; 2 Tables for MLA Store in Lobby area outside Room 100**
- **Addition Items: Access to Kitchen between Room 100 & Room 202**
- **Chairs, in addition to the sofas, set up around the fireplace**

MLA Conference:

Things to consider are music, books for boys, genealogy, props for storytime, bilingual programs, graphic novels, CBW, Judy Freeman possible preconference for MLA \$2400.00
MLA evals showed that people want these programs
We are doing these in 06. Good music, performers for summer, books for boys, baby sign language, CBW, Props.
Future topics are disabled, reader's advisory, elementary & YA programs, genealogy, bilingual, book talking, graphic novels, lap theater, puppets, working with parents.

Meeting Dates: Topic of Month

August 14 – Abingdon-Harford County
Summer Reading Rehash – Bring ideas and evaluation
September 11 – Elkton, Cecil County
Outreach ideas – programs with biggest draw
October 26 – Kids Are Customers
November 13 – Davis, Mont. County
Dealing with difficult decisions
December 11 – Pratt. LBPH
Caldecott Award Committee – Ellen Riorden
January 8 – Beltsville. PGCML
Bilingual Programs
February 12- Randallstown, BCPL
Dealing with difficult customers
March 12 – St. Mary's, Lexington Park
April 16 – Hagerstown, Washington Co.
May - MLA
June 11 – Abingdon, Harford County

New Business:

Email from Margaret Carty from Lex Langer about law practice
Children & YA Does she want people to get her books or speak. Betsy will contact to clarify.
People would like a storytelling list
MLA published one and has not updated it since 1989.
CSD went to meeting and did not do project
We could call Montgomery County, Howard or BCPL to see if they would share their lists.
Also Young Audiences of MD is a great source for performers.
Howard Co. Arts Council puts on the performers showcase each year.
Ellen Alvorez is a storyteller.

Julie R. wrote an email to Betsy that there was an Eastern Shore Regional Meeting on March 26 in AM and maybe we could do an in-service then. We chose to have it in August or September of 07.

Go Round:

Julie D. FCPL is starting a rotating story box system in the fall. This is to help children's staff have extra time to plan other programs and get ideas from each other.

Rosa reported that they had 150 at an ice cream social sponsored by the FOL.

They had Jali – D who is a drummer, rap to inspire young minds

They also showed a movie (DVD) for teens Corpse Bride.

Betsy said that Sue Trainer has been at Pratt and that Marcy Marxer and Kathy Fink are coming to Pratt. They also had children's services meeting about using Art in meetings. (not crafts)

Regina Wade is retiring.

Burger King gave Pratt a free kids meal for completion of SRC.(read 8 books) Kids need to present their completion certificates. But now some Burger Kings won't honor them.

There is a children's opening at Pratt.

Sharyn

Mark Jester 75 in attendance

Summer reading 1700 kids in registered

Police Athletics League 15 kids

Naomi – Going on a trip to Boston for the Make Way for Ducklings Tour. It is a tri-county group May 12 – 14, 2007. She will send info to us.

Nancy – Trying to finish EL center – Artist should be coming soon.

Jamequa – they are doing 4 week sessions about art. How the artist sees it. Also Jr. Paleontologist digging for bones ages 5 – 7 for both programs. Sherlock Holmes came and led the children through a mystery.

Dalia – 2500 kids and 800 teens in summer reading. Magicians, Forensic Scientist, tacky penguins. She will start helping with Fairfax County EL programs

Sophia – Summer Reading bags came late. Fair rained out and rescheduled 180 – 200 kids. Kick off program very energetic. Teens reading to kids not yet seen it happening but teens are trained.

Janis – summer reading is very busy. Baby club – 279, Clue into reading – 1494, Say What? 334. We also have a Harry Potter Home correspondence course and we have 414 registered. We have had 4 shows with 2049 in attendance.

Next meeting: August 14, 10:00 AM

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Directions:

From Rt. 24 south of Bel Air: East on MD Route 24 (Towards I-95)

Right on wheel Road

Left on Tollgate Road

Pass Emmorton Elementary School on your right

Right at entrance to Library

From I-95: West on Md Route 24 (Towards Bel Air)
Left on Singer Road
Right on Tollgate Road
Left at entrance to Library

Agenda

Introductions

Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Blue Crab

Kids are Customers

MLA 2007

Topic of Month

Mini Conference Eastern Shore?

Other

New Business

Go Round – Please bring info for Janis written on paper. Thanks!