

CSD Minutes
July 9, 2007

Attendance

Janis Cooker, Irva Gabin, Karen Hoffman (recorder), Becky Lindberg, Julie Ranelli, Vera Shade, Sophia VanSchaick, Sharyn Yenzler

Meeting was called to order at 10:04. The minutes were approved as read; moved by Sharyn, seconded by Karen.

Executive Summary

The Executive Board meeting will be held tomorrow; Irva will report at the August 13 meeting.

Blue Crab '06

Sophia reported that she had found three authors' addresses; leaving just Ted Arnold yet to be found.

Blue Crab '07

We watched Rosa's Blue Crab DVD at June's meeting and gave her our suggestions for revision. We haven't heard the status of any of the revisions. She requested seven chairs for her Kids Are Customers, Too session, so we expect the entire Blue Crab committee to be there.

Blue Crab '08

Linda was not here, so no news from this year's Blue Crab committee.

Eastern Shore Conference—January 28, 2008

When—January 28, 2008, afternoon

Where—possibly Denton (Caroline County) after Children's Librarians of Eastern Shore morning meeting. (If Denton does not have a room for our morning CSD meeting, CSD could meet at another library and move to Denton for the conference.)

Name—Eastern Shore Conference

Possible workshops—Fingerplays and flannel boards and/or baby storytimes and/or graphic novels

Possible presenters—Susan Morris, Saroj Shoting, Marisa Conner (BCPL), Evelyn Moessinger (Harford), and participants sharing baby storytime or fingerplay tips
Please email Irva any other presenter ideas.

FYI—Rachael Vilmar is new coordinator for Eastern Shore

Western Maryland Conference

When—April 14 (okay with dates of Great Books Workshop—April 1-2, 2008)

Where—we will ask Naomi

Topics—regional librarians have asked for information about graphic novels

Technology—perhaps we can podcast with MLA distance learning technology

MLA, 2008

When—May 14-16, 2008

Where—Clarion Hotel, Ocean City (the one Maryland venue that fits our mid-sized convention size, offers us discounted rates, and treats our vendors well)

Theme—MLA committee is meeting July 11 to plan the theme

Possible presenters—Dorothy Stoltz--Carroll County research project for early literacy; the St. Mary's County WOW program

Jim Gill—musician--\$1500

Dan Ream—children's websites, safety, etc.—fee-\$450-\$950

Think of ideas—forms for presenters are due in September!

Kids Are Customers Too

When—October 25, 2007 (Registration deadline—October 11)

Where—The Meeting House, Columbia, Maryland

Main speaker—Lulu Delacre (she said yes!)

From her list of topics (www.luludelacre.com/events), we chose Celebrate!—describing the books Arroz con Leche, Rhymes from Latin America, and Salsa Stories, with dancing and even food (if we help make it)

Workshops—Blue Crab

Ellen Riordan—Caldecott Committee

Summer Reading Club—national theme—Bugs

programming ideas—Priscilla Dyson, Sue Gibbs

crafts—Vera Shade (Kent), Rita Snyder (Howard County die-cut queen)

decorations—Julie Tobiason, Robyn Luckow (Frederick)

Estimate of expenses

Howard County may sponsor some of the photocopying

Irva will make a mock-up of the program for our August meeting

Betsy will pick up the registration items two weeks before the conference; Becky and Karen will put together the folders and name tags to be ready the morning of the conference. Irva will see if Office Depot really is selling folders for \$.01 @

Betsy will bring a laptop and projector from Pratt.

Irva will check about a microphone.

Nancy has contacted the caterer.

Junior Editions would love to attend; please tell them what books to bring by September. They'll need tables to display books and a table for book-signing..

MLA store will need 2 tables.

Registration will need 2 tables.

New business

IFAP (Intellectual Freedom) and PSD are sponsoring an all-day program—Harmful to Minors—presented by Carrie Gardner, October 1, 2007, at Anne Arundel West County Branch—and are asking if CSD would like to co-sponsor. The workshop deals with censorship of children's materials—is it ever justified or appropriate, how can a library provide access to all materials in the face of community pressure or threats, and do these materials actually harm minors?

Co-sponsoring means that we would give them permission to use our name, and that someone from CSD would register to attend and help set up and clean up.

After discussion, we decided this was a topic related to children. Since registration is limited to only 24 people, it wouldn't compete with Kids Are Customers later that month. Karen moved to accept, Sharyn seconded, we voted yes. Julie Ranelli and/or Vera Shade will see if they can attend.

This Month's Topic—Juvenile Non-Fiction

Sophia—Pirateology (Steer); Phineas Gage (Fleischman); Race to Save the Lord God Bird (Hook)
Children's Miscellany (Morgan and Barnes); Why Do Rabbits Hop? (Holub.)

Karen—What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? (Jenkins and Page); You Wouldn't Want to Sail in the Spanish Armada (Malam); Duncan Cameron's Shipwreck Detective (Platt)

Julie—Gotcha for Guys—Nonfiction Books to Get Boys Excited about Reading (Baxter and Kochel); Jane Cobb, who wrote I'm a Little Teapot, is writing a new baby rhymes book

Irva—Gravity is a Mystery (Branley) contains incorrect information. Be alert; even beautiful nonfiction books can be untrue.

How display and entice children to read non-fiction?

- St. Mary's County and Harford County put beginning nonfiction in their I-Can-Read sections.
- Use nonfiction in displays.
- Use simple subject headings in the stacks—e.g. 'Trains', not "Transportation"
- Use nonfiction in storytimes and book talks.

Go Round

Janis –St. Mary's—Harry Potter Home Correspondence Course is very successful—kids make a potion, a magical creature, a scavenger hunt, add to an online story. . . .

Summer reading is very busy

Successful programs—Uncle Pete with Kids, Thomas Lily

Activated Storytellers national touring group--\$1000, high maintenance

Patrick Jones—excellent interactive DVD, Moment of Truth, from presentation at BCPL on customer service, esp. to teens.

New manager at Lexington Park

Julie—Queen Anne—Summer reading Camps July 9-20 for ages 7+, partnering with Girl Scouts

Starting summer series of Mother Goose on the Loose, holding registration to 15 babies

Celia Yitzhak—Journey through Color, July 23

23 things—Maryland Libraries Learning 2.0—participating in blogs with guidance from ESRL (esrlparticipants.blogspot.com)

Irva –Howard—East Columbia has become "Event Central."

Summer Reading Celebration, June 2—music, book talks, crafts, storytimes—over 1000 people, hundreds of SRC sign-ups.

Muggles Midnight Madness, Friday, July 20—9 pm to 12:30 am—magician, craft,

Harry Potter movie. At midnight, books will be available for checkout and sale.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7—small community fair with storytimes, town meeting picnics, etc.

Read for the Record—Thursday, September 20—this year reading Ferdinand the Bull to as many people as possible in one day. Partnering with schools and Head Start and petting zoo. Fido for Freedom will bring in "reading dogs" to help read.

Sophia—Harford—Flat Tales (HCPL mascot) coloring page

Daisy the Pig with Farmer Minor, Wednesday, August 1, at Edgewood—a real potbellied pig

Summer Fair—145 kids and teens—moon bounce, snowballs, games, bubbles, craft.

Summer Reading—still too many “things”—prizes, incentives, etc.
Evelyn Moessinger (Bel Air) will be retiring in October.

Karen—Baltimore—Art Open House/Mike Rose Magic Show, June 6—SRC kick-off and celebration of students from local schools who made artwork to decorate the branch for SRC
Celia Yitzhak will illustrate story Betsy Cohen tells to preschoolers, Tues., July 24.

Vera—Kent—Puppet making workshop
Small tin boxes crafted into suitcases to hold mementos or stories from trips
SCR kickoff with Tracey Eldridge
Storytime with visit from Cornelius the Crocodile to celebrate Leo Lionni’s birthday
Mother/Daughter Tea
Bubble Lady
September—Big Rigs Storytime—with big machines in the library parking lot

Sharyn—Baltimore—SRC registration over 1800
Summer Reading Club Fair with Tom Lilly and Wonder Bunny
Programs—Tracey Eldridge; Wild Life Adventures; Betsy and Celia
Black Cherry Puppets—not as good as they used to be
Drop-in Storytime attendance averaging 80
New murals and tables in children’s area
Adult book club participating in the Big Read (Fahrenheit 451)

Becky—Baltimore—Game Day—children grades 2-5 bring games and play after library scavenger hunt
Pet Day—children ages 4-12 bring their stuffed animals—stuffed animal show,
responsible pet care talk, pet crafts, prize bags for everyone

Agenda for August 13, 2007 meeting at New Carrollton Library

Introductions
Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Blue Crab '06, '07, '08
Eastern Shore Conference
Western Maryland Conference
MLA Conference
Kids Are Customers '07
Other
New business
Topic of the Month—Summer Reading—bring stuff to share

***Directions to New Carrollton
7414 Riverdale Rd., New Carrollton, MD 20784
Tel : 301-459-6900***

From the Beltway (495):

Take exit 20B (Route 450/Annapolis Rd.) West towards Bladensburg. Merge onto 450/Annapolis Road.. After about two blocks you will come to a traffic light at Riverdale Road. Turn right onto Riverdale Rd. At the second traffic light on Riverdale Road (Lamont Drive) turn right.. You will see the library on your left. Make the first left turn into the library parking lot.

From 450/Annapolis Rd.:

Turn onto Riverdale Road from 450/Annapolis Road. It is located just west of the intersection for the Beltway, near the Shoppers Food Warehouse. It is a right turn if you are traveling west on 450, a left if you are traveling east. Follow directions above..

From 410/East-West Highway, PG Plaza, and Hyattsville:

Go east on 410/East-West Highway Right after you pass the Baltimore Washington Parkway, 410 will veer off to the right, but you should stay straight on East-West Highway, which will become Riverdale Rd. After you cross Finn's Lane, watch for the next traffic light at Lamont Dr. Turn left onto Lamont Dr. You should see the library on your left. Make the first left turn into the library parking lot.

From 295/Baltimore-Washington Parkway:

Take the exit for 410/New Carrollton. Turn east (towards New Carrollton) on 410/East-West Highway (a right turn if you are traveling north, a left turn if you are traveling south). After just a few blocks, 410 will veer off to the right, but you should stay straight on East-West Highway, which will become Riverdale Rd. After you cross Finn's Lane, watch for the next traffic light at Lamont Dr. Turn left onto Lamont Dr. You should see the library on your left. Make the first left turn into the library parking lot.

From Good Luck Rd.:

From Good Luck Rd., turn south on Lamont Dr. (a right turn if you are coming from Kenilworth Avenue, a left if you are coming from Hanover Parkway. You will see the library on your right just before Lamont Dr. ends at Riverdale Rd. Turn right into the library parking lot.

Or mapquest from your starting point.