

CSD Minutes July 14, 2008
Lexington Park Library—St. Mary's County

Attendance

Naomi Butler, Janis Cooker, Carol Dean, Nancy Feierstein, Catherine Hall, Karen Hoffman, Becky Lindberg, Julie Ranelli, Delia Ullberg, Sophia Van Schaick

Meeting was called to order at 10:20. The minutes were corrected, and then approved—moved by Janis, seconded by Becky.

Executive Board Meeting

The Executive board is planning their workplan for the year and gathering rosters of division officers and members.

Blue Crab '08

Susan Modak was not here, so no official report. Committee needs to send confidential list of winners to Junior Editions and print this year's pamphlets.

Blue Crab '09

Janis reported on their successful first meeting. They've listed 22 books on a Library Thing account, but are looking for ways to make that account private before continuing. Janis asked if the committee could order 12-24 plaques at one time. Julie will ask MLA how it would fit into the fiscal year budget. It does make sense to order at least 12 at a time.

Blue Crab '10

We need to begin thinking who will be the chairman of the 2010 Blue Crab Committee.

Eastern Shore Conference—Denton, MD--January 26, 2009

Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009

The meeting room at Frederick is confirmed. It has a projector, cordless mike, and internet connector. We should let them know if we need a laptop and speakers.

Program ideas:

- Kathy MacMillan has written a new book—Box Full of Stories (no connection to ASL)
- Joe ?? from Charles County does excellent 45-60 minutes programs—humorous, also plays guitar
- Julie R. will ask Elizabeth Rafferty—Youth Services—Baltimore County
- making book purses

MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009

Robyn Lukow and Angelique Simmons will attend the first planning meeting in September.

Kids Are Customers--2008

Robyn, Irva, and Julie met with Beth from MASL. CSD can now use both the Wedgewood Ballroom and Merriweather Room for their sessions. Slight changes to the schedule:

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:15-10:00 Activities between Storytimes—Gloria Bartas ([introduction—Betsy ?](#))

10:00-10:45 2 choices—Wiggle Giggle—Jill Hutchison (introduction—Janis)
 Project LEAP—Jannine Finton (introduction—Sophia)

10:45 Break

11:00 Author Jennifer Holm (introduction—Robyn)

12:00 Lunch

1:00-1:30 Vendor time

1:30-2:30 Breakout sessions—Art Box—Ann Trent (introduction—Irva)
 Booktalking—Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi (introduction-Nancy)

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:15 Blue Crab

3:15-4:00 MASL/CSD panel*—Effective School and Library Partnerships

4:00-4:15 Evaluations

After 10:00, CSD members can jump into any Thursday MASL sessions. The MASL conference schedule will be online in September (www.maslmd.org), and MASL will give us an insert for our packets. Next year CSD and MASL will try to mesh their session times better.

CSD members can register for Friday's MASL conference--\$100 members/ \$125 non-members. Thursday night rooms are available for \$125—double occupancy.

***Panel topics and possible panel members**

Library card sign-ups—Sharon Grimes—Lansdowne Elementary (contact: Cindy Farmarco—Lansdowne Library/BCPL)

Summer Reading program—Robyn—Frederick County schools and library make list together

Black-Eyed Susan award—Sue Gibbs—Lexington Park/St. Mary's—library and elementary school partnership

Possible poster sessions in lobby:

Deborah Margolis—Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Paige Painter-Boyer—Side-by Side Reading

others. . . ?

Lunch choices—chicken salad on croissant, tuna salad on croissant, roasted veggies on ciabatta

Do we need a meal ticket person to verify lunch choices?

CEUs—4 ½ possible—a generic form with honor system—you cross off sessions you don't attend

Publicity: Save the Date flyer is already out.

Becky will design a 12th Kids Are Customers flyer for our one annual MLA mailing

Registration will be in the August Happenings (Irva has already begun purchasing folders :)

Possible vendors needed to sponsor CSD breakfast costs (\$1200-\$1500)

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database—Bethesda, MD

BWI

Mother Goose—Vermont Center for the Book

Topic of the Month—Baby Storytimes

Sue Gibbs—Lexington Park Branch—shared how St. Mary's County libraries do baby storytimes for babies ages 2-12 months. Children's librarians put all the makings for their 20-25 minute themed programs in tubs—including 25 copies of a board book title, music playlists on an iPod with speakers, themed toys, and printed sheets of nursery rhymes. They always start with "Open, Shut Them," read the book together, and go down the

list of activities and rhymes until it's time to sing good-bye to close. If there is time before the toddler storytime usually scheduled next, parents and babies are invited to stay to socialize.

They rotate the fourteen program "boxes" around the branches.

We shared books and rhymes we enjoy using in our own baby storytimes. Julie will print a list of our favorites and ask Bob to post it on our CSD website.

Old Business

Blue Crab By-Laws—on page 2, under the sixth requirement of Award Committee Makeup and Selection, we discussed crossing off the words "and may not serve on concurrent blue Crab committees," leaving the sentence to only read "Committee members will serve a 2-year term." Karen moved that we change it accordingly; Catherine seconded, passed unanimously. Julie will send our changes to MLA Executive board for approval.

Blue Crab sponsor brainstorming--

BWI

Junior Editions

Independent Booksellers

Phillips

McCormick Spice Company (Old Bay)

J. O. Spice Company, Baltimore (crab seasoning)

Blue Crab logo contest—Irva has made timetable; committee looking for a budget, working with Beth from MASL. (Jennifer Glidden from Capstone Press would like a copy of our new Blue Crab logo when we have one—jglidden@capstonepress.com)

New Business

Naomi suggested that we consider the possibility of joining the State of Maryland Reading Council spring conferences.

Why are CSD meetings not listed in issues of Happenings?

Future CSD meetings:

August—C. Burr Artz—performers

September—Edgewood—3-5 year olds' program enhancements

November—Western Maryland—Naomi will check which branch—children's graphic novels

December—Pratt—Betsy will check which branch—members' storytelling

Go Round

Julie Ranelli—(Kent Island/Queen Anne's Co.)—just finished two weeks of Buggy Summer Reading Camp (fun 1½ hour sessions with 25 kids). Ray Owen Insect Odyssey—July 15. Summer reading ballgames with fireworks—July 18 and 25. Highest number of sign-ups ever at Kent Island Branch.

Nancy Feierstein—(Randallstown/Baltimore Co.)—nice Tracey Eldridge program—"Bugs Don't Bug Me"

Becky Lindberg—(Randallstown/Baltimore Co.)—Joe Pipik's Backyard Puppets Rainbow Show and a popular American Red Cross babysitting training course for ages 11-17.

Catherine Hall—(Washington County)—4-H partnership—Literature in the Garden—8 week junior master gardener indoor program (including stories and songs) for 6-11 year-olds, with certificate at end. That Yo-Yo Guy performing at all branches.

Janis Cooker—(St. Mary's County)—popular baby and toddler storytimes, high attendance at performer programs. Summer Reading—bug picture scavenger hunts set up in branches; butterfly and ladybug habitats (hatch-and-release) a big success. St. Clement's Island Museum—Maryland Animals Great and Small. Lisa Thurston, children's librarian from Charlotte Hall, is moving to Baltimore.

Sophia Van Schaick—(Edgewood/Harford County)—good middle school volunteers this year, well attended programs. “Get Caught Reading” activity—giant butterfly net (hula hoop, broomstick, netting)—“catch” kids who are reading—give them a slip of paper for rewards at information desk..

Delia Ullberg—(Reston Regional Library)—“Master the Art of Reading” summer reading program—3,200 registered so far! Puppet shows, magic shows, animal programs. Reston may begin the Side by Side Reading program.

Naomi Butler—(Western Maryland)—Allegheny County’s Frostburg University gives an award for the library’s summer reading program. (Frostburg U. also has a Children’s Literature Festival in the spring.) Naomi would like to know if any library system offers a “baby” library card.

Carol Dean—(West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel Co.)—summer programs--General Foolishness (Paul Hadfield); Milkshake; History of Hip Hop; Stevens Puppets’ Beauty and the Beast; Up with Kids with Uncle Pete (Peter Kedzia); Unleash the Magic of Reading magic show; 4th annual Wacky Water Fun Festival; and turtle races.

Karen Hoffman—(Pikesville/Baltimore Co.)—Three Bees of Life (Stephanie Catlett) was fun program with stories, face painting and bee balloons. Heard lots of laughing from the meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting August 11, 2008, C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick County