

Maryland Library Association
Children's Services Division Steering Committee
Frederick County Public Library
Frederick, MD
Monday August 8, 2005 10-12:30

In Attendance:

Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Central
Delia Ullberg, Fairfax County Public Library
Linda Berg, Montgomery County Public Library, Davis
Kathy Kirchoefer, Prince George's County Memorial Public Library, New Carrollton
Julie Dietzel-Glair, Frederick County Public Library, C. Burr Artz
Sophia VanSchaick, Harford County Public Library, Edgewood
Rosa Hernandez, Prince George's County Memorial Public Library, Beltsville
Sharyn Yenser, Baltimore County Public Library, Randallstown
Nancy Feierstein, Baltimore County Public Library, Randallstown
Karen Hoffman, Baltimore County Public Library, Arbutus
Ellen Alvarez, Anne Arundel County Public Library, South County
Kit Bloom, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Corrections to Minutes:

Walden books could sell books starting at 12:01 am
Sharon McQueen will do her presentation on her doctoral research.

Fall Conference/Kids are Customers:

The MLA store will be there. Jr. Editions has the conference on their calendar and will work with Priscilla Cummings. Julie has written a confirmation letter to Priscilla Cummings and it has been approved by Margaret Carty. It was decided it would be better to bring our own equipment. Cummings needs an overhead projector. Betsy or Kit will bring one. We are going to have our usual lunch. For breakfast we are adding mini muffins to the (large) bagels. Linda and Sophia have emailed all presenters and are waiting for responses. Betsy contacted Regina and she will be part of the Storytime Spectacular. Sharyn will do the programs. Julie will introduce herself. Julie will coordinate the Crab writeup and submit it. Kathy and Rosa will be timers and coordinators for the Summer Reading Talk Tables. Nancy will do the intro and write up for Jody Sharp. Betsy will intro Priscilla Cummings, Sophia will intro Evelyn Moessinger and Ellen will intro the Storytime Spectacular.

Blue Crab:

People need to contact Sophia with names of prospective members. Kathy will turn the Blue Crab info over to Sophia.

Western Maryland Conference:

The conference is April 10. Julie has been in contact with Naomi. The capacity for the room is 40.

Some topic ideas:

Info about weeding and book selection
Toddler programs
Boys read
Graphic novels for children
Programs for middle school and upper elementary
Sharing ideas for programs or activities. Programs that we have done or hired someone.

Betsy will contact Ruth Anne Champion to present a session on weeding. Ellen will find out the dates of Great Books so that there will be no conflict. After much discussion we decided that April 10 is indeed a Monday.

MLA Conference 2006, May 3-5

Ellen Riorden will do Red Hen Redux which we may co-chair with LMD. Betsy will call Sharon McQueen to see if she is available for MLA dates.

Other Business

Executive Board Meeting – the Baltimore Book Festival is September 23-25. If you want to help contact Julie or the MLA office. The most recent issue of The Crab was the largest ever. It will have to be cut down. They may not be able to post all articles that are submitted.

Reminder

Bring a digital camera to the fall conference.

New Business

The March meeting will be in Arbutus and April in Abbingdon. The November Topic of the Month is Early Literacy and will be in Rosedale. Julie will contact Stephanie Shauck to come to a meeting for a Topic of the Month. At the December meeting at Pratt, Betsy will see if Ruth Anne Champion can speak about her experiences on the Newbery Committee. The September meeting will be at the Davis library where we will get a tour of the Special Needs Library. Julie needs names for officers by October. The date for the St. Mary's meeting will try to be changed to March so that it won't interfere with Summer Reading and more people will be able to attend.

Topic of the Month - SRC

Linda said it was awful. They ran out of prizes and the Steven's Puppets performance was a disaster. The good prizes were Chick Fil A and a free book when then finished. Pratt liked the baby board. Sophia's branch had "guess the riddle" for a prize from the treasure chest. Anne Arundel did "where is Sneaks". PG gave out free video coupons. There was a sign up tree. As children signed up they were given a leaf on which they wrote their name. They then put it on a tree in the branch. When they finished they were given an animal sticker to put on the leaf.

Go Around

Nancy – new shelving in Children’s area. An order was placed for an activity center and puppet theater. Randallstown is getting a major HVAC overhaul, new doors and windows.

Kathy - about 40 attended the Harry Potter party. The Harry Potter correspondence course got mixed reviews.

Sharyn – Kathy McMillan did a program at Randallstown. It got rave reviews.

Rosa – Hal Trapkin’s program was good as was the zoo program. The Wednesday program is still growing. They are getting a new roof.

Linda – they are adding a new to programming – baby programs. Milk Shake and Reptiles Alive were successful.

Sophia – Ed Emberly thumbprint program was not too successful. Science Center program had over 120 attend. She held a Disasters program and she simulated an earthquake by using dowels and made volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar. They marched in the 4th of July parade.

Ellen – A porcupine lost a quill at a program and stuck a child the next week. Nicolo Wimsey was very successful. A 4 week storytime program started in August. They are having a family Harry Potter night in August.

Delia – the summer reading program has gone well. They are having a program this week on spies.

Julie – over 1000 people attended the Harry Potter hoopla. Walden sold 350 books. They showed the 1st Harry Potter movie. There were great costumes and it was a great success.

Karen – they had a Harry Potter program with trivia and quidditch games. 10 returning summer reading volunteers helped with the program. They had a book cart drill team. Their big push is outreach. They have an art open house. Schools and girl scouts provide art for the summer reading theme.

Kit –she is working with the Special Needs library in Rockville for a new library. A new service is Infoeyes, which is a national reference service.

Betsy – she went to the maximum security system in Jessup for prisoners and their kids. They have formed a literacy committee. There is a residential program for women with kids just out of prison.

Next Meeting

September 12, 10 – 12 at the Davis Branch of Montgomery County Public Libraries.

Agenda and Directions

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Directions

North (Rockville/Gaithersburg area)

South on Rt. 270, take right hand spur and exit onto Democracy Blvd. East, pass flashing yellow light and two stop lights to library on right, at Bells Mill Rd. (One block before Old Georgetown Rd.)

North (Rockville area)

South on Rockville Pike to Old Georgetown Rd. Turn right and go about 2 miles, past Rt. 270 interchange to light at Democracy Blvd. . Turn right. Davis Library is on the Left at the end of the first long block; make the first left onto Bells Mill Rd.

South (Bethesda area)

North on Old Georgetown Rd. About 3/4 mile past Beltway to light at Democracy Blvd. Turn left onto Democracy. Davis is on the left at the end of the first long block. Make the first left onto Bells Mill Rd.

East (Silver Spring area)

West on the Beltway to exit for Old Georgetown Rd. North. Go about 3/4 mile to light at Democracy Blvd. (Wildwood Shopping Center on right). Turn left onto Democracy Blvd. Davis Library is on the left at the end of the first long block; make the first left onto Bells Mill Road.

West (Potomac area)

Take Falls Rd. or Seven Locks Rd. to Democracy Blvd. Continue east on Democracy, past Montgomery Mall, past Rt. 270 interchange, to Bells Mill Rd. Library faces Democracy Blvd. at the intersection of Bells Mill and Democracy. This is one block before Old Georgetown Rd.

West (Virginia)

Beltway to Rt. 270 spur. Take first exit off 270 spur to Democracy Blvd. East, pass flashing yellow light and two stop lights to library on right, at Bells Mill Road (one block before Old Georgetown Rd.)