

CSD Minutes August 11, 2008
C. Burr Artz Library—Frederick County

Attendance

Naomi Butler, Carol Dean, Nancy Feierstein, Catherine Hall, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Kirchoefer, Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Susan Modak, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Julie Ranelli, Sophia Van Schaick, Angelique Simmons, Sharyn Yenzer

Meeting was called to order at 10:05. The minutes were corrected, and then approved—moved by Nancy, seconded by Susan.

Executive Board Meeting

Julie Ranelli reported that CSD income makes up 50% of MLA divisions programs budget. We can be on the lookout for some great new library PR marketing—glossy 8 ½ x 11 flyers of library users' testimonials. MLA is now able to track hits on their website—useful for us to track CSD and Blue Crab interest. Our monthly meeting topics are also now on our website—e.g., our recommended baby program resources. MANO (Maryland Assn. of Non-Profits) is offering programs—we can attend at member price.

Blue Crab '08

They've chosen their winners and sent the list to Junior Editions. The flyer (with annotations) is almost done. Susan has two plaques that Rosa gave her.

Blue Crab '09

Janis's committee has found a way to make their Library Thing account private. We're not able to order plaques ahead of time—we just don't have the money. (Margaret Carty is thinking of creating a \$1600 Blue Crab budget as a line item to show to the Steering Committee on August 20.)

Blue Crab '10

We'll tentatively go ahead with Blue Crab 2010, hoping to find a sponsor.

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

Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009

Joe Stover (Charles County—excellent 45-60 minute humorous programs) and Elizabeth Rafferty (Youth Services—Baltimore County—tween programming) are both available for both dates. Julie will contact them; Julie will turn in the MLA program form by the end of August.

Schedule:

10:00-12:00—CSD meeting

1:00-1:45—Joe Stover

1:45-2:00—break

2:00-4:00—Elizabeth Rafferty

4:00-4:15—evaluations and closing

MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009

Robyn Lukow and Angelique Simmons will attend the first planning meeting in September. Program forms will be due at the end of November.

Program ideas—

Pre-conference:

Michael Sullivan (Vermont)—Connecting Boys with Books –www.talestoldtall.com

Amy Brown and Molly Meyers (Ohio)—Bringing in the Boys: Using Multiple Intelligences to Plan Programs that Appeal to Boys.

Blue Crab presentation

Kathy Macmillan—Box Full of Stories (Carol will contact)

Katie George—puppetry (Robyn will contact)

Alternative baby programs, e.g. baby signs, baby yoga (Kate Rossini—Sharyn will contact)

Panel—children's librarians' innovative programs from different counties, e.g. Bookopoly

Janet Lloyd—programs for boys (Harford County) (Robyn will contact)

John Sullivan—science, e.g. How does your food digest? (Robyn will contact)

Kids Are Customers—October 16, 2008—Turf Valley Resort

Irva and Julie both prepared rough drafts of the conference schedule:

8:30-9:00	Registration	Carol, Sharyn, Susan Modak	
9:00-9:15	Welcome	Robyn	
9:15-10:00	Storytime Transitions—Gloria Bartas	Betsy	
10:00-10:45	2 choices—Wiggle Giggle Storytimes—Jill Hutchison		Janis
	Project LEAP—Jeannine Finton	Sophia	
10:45-11:00	Break		
11:00-12:00	Author Jennifer Holm	Robyn	
12:00-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-1:30	Visit the vendors		
1:30-2:30	Breakout sessions—Art Box—Anne Trent	Irva	
	Booktalking Bonanza—Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi	Nancy	
2:30-2:45	Break		
2:45-3:15	2008 Blue Crab Young Readers Award	Susan Modak	
3:15-4:00	*MASL/CSD panel—Effective School and Library Partnerships—moderated by Julie Dietzel-Glair or Susan Stonesifer	Irva	
4:00-4:15	Evaluations and wrap-up	Robyn	

*Panel topics and possible panel members

Library card sign-ups—Sharon Grimes—Lansdowne Elementary Karen will contact

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

If you are introducing presenters—please find out if they are registering for conference CEUs—or just a complimentary lunch. Please send their contact information and lunch choice to Robyn rlukow@gmail.com,

Kate Monagan (MLA) kmonagan@carr.org, and Margaret Carty (MLA) mcarty@carr.org Remind the presenters that any handouts they're planning must be sent to MLA by October 1. Plan to greet them as they arrive at the conference.

Poster sessions in lobby:

Deborah Margolis—Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Paige Painter-Boyer—Side-by Side Reading

MLA has easels to identify the programs in each room. Scott Reinhart and Eric Bodvin from Carroll County will provide technical support with laptops, projectors and CDs.

Robyn will pick up the registration materials at an October 15 MLA meeting and bring them to the conference on October 16. She has people who can stuff the 160 folders that Irva has purchased.

Jennifer Holm is donating five signed books. We will have a raffle—raffle tickets and meal tickets will be included in the folders.

Susan asked for advice on their Blue Crab presentation;

Describe beginning and transitional readers and what makes a good book for them
Make it fun

Still no vendors found to sponsor CSD breakfast costs (\$1200-\$1500)

BWI

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database—Bethesda, MD

Mother Goose—Vermont Center for the Book

Break

Old Business—Blue Crab

Our vote last month changed the wording in the Blue Crab procedural to allow committee members to serve more than one consecutive term. We now need to change the wording in the CSD by-laws.

1. Present to the MLA Planning and By-Law Committee
2. Present to the MLA Steering Committee
3. Announce to everyone in CSD a specific meeting to vote on this change. Two-thirds majority must approve.

Julie will ask if on-line notification and/or an online vote are possible.

Blue Crab sponsors?

BWI is not available

Possible—Borders

Barnes & Noble

PNC

Junior Editions

Independent Booksellers

Phillips

McCormick Spice Company (Old Bay)

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

Robyn will ask PNC. We'll ask one source a month till we find a sponsor. Julie will send Robyn a copy of the proposal to sponsors.

Blue Crab logo—Irva, Robyn, and Susan have created a timeline for a student designed logo contest.

New Business

Future CSD meetings:

January 26—Eastern Shore Conference

February—no meeting

March 9—Noyes Library/Montgomery County—tour of historic children's library

April 20—Western Maryland Conference

May 13-15—MLA Conference

June 8—West County/Anne Arundel County—school age programs

Excellent future topic—using volunteer teens in children's department

Topic of the Month—Performers We Recommend

Spider Lady (Carroll County teacher)—African stories

Bubble Lady—bubbles

Mike Rose—magic

Joe Romano—magic

Stephanie Catlett—stories, face painting, balloons—will custom design program for you

Kate Rossini—baby yoga

Ray Owen—music

Music Together—music for 0-6 year olds

Elizabeth Thornton (Montgomery County)

Yo-Yo Guy

Lisa's Enviroshows (Harford County)—passionate about topic, stays late

Barry Louis Polisar—expensive!

Oregon Ridge Nature Center (e.g.—bug-eater fear factor program)

Flumpa

Kathy Macmillan—parents love her programs!

Celia Yitzak—Israeli children's book illustrator (available in summer)

Forensics 101 (D.C.)

Maryland Science Center

Rainbow Company

Tom Lilly—magic

“big heads”—creative costumes weekly rental, e.g. Pooh, Clifford

Mark Jaster

Milkshake

C. Shells

Joe Pipik's Backpack Puppets

Tracey Eldridge

Gary Lloyd

Please send any additions to this list to Julie jranelli@quan.lib.md.us by August 22.

Go Round

Sharyn Yenzen—Arbutus/Baltimore County—popular programs—Stephanie Catlett's Three Bees of Life; Joe Pipik's Backpack Puppets; Winnie the Pooh big head; Itsy Bitsy Baby Yoga; The Yo-Yo Guy; and a Tweens Club run by young teachers on their circulation staff

Nancy Feierstein—Randallstown/Baltimore County—grant application to redesign library to make a large separate children's area

Becky Lindberg—Randallstown/Baltimore County—C. Shells musical interactive program; Joe Pipik’s Backpack Puppets; Tracey Eldridge’s Bugs Don’t Bug Me

Carol Dean—West County/Anne Arundel—Back to School storytimes; regular storytime series starting up for fall

Angelique Simmons—Quince Orchard/Montgomery—performed three puppet shows—The Dragon Hunt, The Johnny-Cake, and The Three Little Pigs; July school age program—Hawaii vs. Maryland

Susan Modak—Noyes/Montgomery—Noyes Library received a bequest; penny theater troupe performed Sam Who Never Forgets; author talk by Michelle Meadows

Sophia VanSchaick—Edgewood/Harford—success with passive programs, e.g. “I Caught You Reading,” riddles, weekly crafts; planning a “Celebrate Your Dragon Day” in January with dragon decorations, dragon/princess/fantasy activities

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/Baltimore County—SRC bug crafts instead of small prizes went over very well—school age and elementary craft tables were set up in branch, new crafts every two weeks. More and more opportunities for children’s reader’s advisory

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard—story theatre class was very successful—teaching storytelling techniques to sixteen 3rd-6th graders who read 4 folktales, wrote scripts, and really got into acting them out for their parents and other groups. “Kindergarten Here We Come”—45 minute class introducing children to kindergarten, complete with a Headstart school bus. Local school media specialist invited her whole school to the library to celebrate her birthday. Irva’s son, Bernie, passed his qualifying exam and is now in PhD program at Brandeis. ☺

Robyn Lukow—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—is now the Acting Children’s Supervisor for C. Burr Artz. ☺ They’ve started Book Bundles—very popular. Did a buggy science program and a buggy science program for SRC. Thurmont Library opened August 2.

Julie Ranelli—Kent Island/Queen Anne’s—has been asked to be on the 2010 Caldecott Committee. ☺ SRC participation was up 50%; weekly make-and-take crafts (instead of prizes) were very popular; children receive stickers, certificate, and a free book when they finish. Julie will be on maternity leave Sept-Dec.

Catherine Hall—Washington County—starting infant storytimes (6-18 months); new bilingual outreach coordinator; Summer Reading Night with the Hagerstown Suns baseball team; using teen volunteers

Naomi Butler—Western Maryland Regional Library—new tri-county (Washington/Allegany/Garrett) YA group; Janet Lloyd from Harford county will present Boys and Books on September 29; Carolyn Cook from Mt. St. Mary’s College will talk about new children’s books for Garrett, Allegany, and Washington County children’s and YA librarians on January 12.

Kathy Kirchoefer—New Carrollton/Prince George’s—special July weekly programs for children ages 6-9—“Terrific Tuesdays”—stories, games and snacks tied to SRC bug theme. In August—two “Lunch on the Library Lawn” programs—Kathy read stories to children while they ate lunches they brought, (e.g. Rats on the Roof, chapter from Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle. . .). Their teen services librarian was transferred to another library, not to be replaced. “We are trying to figure out how to cover this group in staffing.”

Meeting adjourned at 12:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—September 8, 2008—at Edgewood Library/Harford County. Discussion topic—3-5 year old program enhancements