

CSD Minutes September 8, 2008
Edgewood Library—Harford County

Attendance

Naomi Butler, Janis Cooker, Carol Dean, Nancy Feierstein, Karen Hoffman, Robyn Lukow, Susan Modak, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Sophia Van Schaick, Angelique Simmons, Delia Ullberg, Sharyn Yenzer

Meeting was called to order at 10:06. Julie had a baby girl on Friday, September 5—Eliana Charlotte—6 lbs, 11 oz. All are well!

After introductions, the minutes were approved—moved by Irva, seconded by Sharyn.

Executive Board Meeting

Irva is going to the MLA Executive Board Meeting next week and will report at our next meeting.

Blue Crab '08

They've designed a tri-fold annotated flyer and will email it to MLA. They're planning their presentation for October's Kids Are Customers conference.

Blue Crab '09

They had a very successful 2nd meeting, reviewed The Library Thing, and are on their way. Next meeting is November 10.

Blue Crab '10

Possible committee members—Sophia has volunteered; Kit Bloom, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Lori Guenther; Susan will ask people on the '08 committee

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

Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009

Julie completed the MLA program form; Robyn will send it in. Since this year's attendees earn three contact hours instead of two, we decided to raise the cost: (Nancy moved; Delia seconded; all in favor)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Members	\$25	\$35
Non-members	\$38	\$53
Students	\$21.50	\$30

Joe Stover from Charles County will present 50 favorite books for storytime, a “greatest hits” of fingerplays, and songs to get kids up and moving. Elizabeth Rafferty, Youth Specialist for Baltimore County Library, will explain how tweens' needs are unique and share homemade kits for library programming, along with demonstrations of successful programs that bring tweens into your library.

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

Sharyn will make a flyer to advertise the conference and send to Robyn, possibly early enough to add to the Kids Are Customers flyers

MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009

Robyn Lukow and Angelique Simmons will attend the first planning meeting in September. Program forms are due at the end of November. We are planning a pre-conference on Wednesday, two sessions on Thursday, and one session on Friday.

At our August meeting we brainstormed the following plans:

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.

Conference—

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)

Carol contacted Kathy Macmillan—she is free to present “Box Full of Stories” on Friday, May 15. *Yes—confirm her presentation.

Sharyn contacted Kate Rossini about baby yoga presentation—she is willing, needs more details. (Perhaps 40 minutes--\$100—paired with “baby sign” presenter)

Robyn is still waiting to hear from puppeteer Katie George, Janet Lloyd, and John Sullivan.

Who is contacting Michael Sullivan, Amy Brown, and Amy Meyers about the programs for boys pre-conference?

Presenters get a meal and mileage. Kathy Macmillan may sell her book. Sharyn will investigate getting blue crab t-shirts from the silkscreen store next to her library.

We talked again about a Grants Writing pre-conference. Robyn and Angelique will ask at the planning meeting if anyone has filled the MLA office grants position. (DLDS does workshops for their LSTA grants.)

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

Robyn, Irva, and Karen visited Turf Valley with Beth Shapiro from MASL to see the layout of the conference.

It's a lovely center; we were able to plan for our signs and logistics.

We'll need some “tour guides” to lead people to our two separated break-out sessions. Delia and Kit volunteered. Delia will bring a hat to attract attention. ☺

Angelique offered to be our photographer.

Irva is finishing our conference schedule flyer and acknowledgement list, and a map of the center.

If you are introducing a presenter, please send Karen a list of any AV equipment they need, and if they will need an internet connection!

Please also make sure you have sent your presenter's 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.

Here's the schedule as it stands—

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
3:15-4:00	*MASL/CSD panel—Effective School and Library Partnerships—	moderated by Julie Dietzel-Glair Irva
4:00-4:15	Evaluations and wrap-up	Robyn

*Panel topics and members

School and library partnerships—Nancy Cadigan (BCPL), Nancy Beaverman (BCPS), and Sharon Grimes (BCPS)

Summer Reading program—Robyn—Frederick County schools and library make summer reading lists together

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

Poster sessions in lobby:

Deborah Margolis—Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Paige Painter-Boyer—Side-by Side Reading

So far 55 people have registered. 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. At the conference we will have two registration tables set up in the corner outside the Wedgewood Lobby. Participants will receive a name tag and a folder containing:

CSD program

Turf Valley site map

Blue Crab flyer

hand-outs from presenters

lunch ticket

raffle ticket (for one of the five books Jennifer Holm is donating)

CSD membership flyer

notice about Eastern and Western Conferences

evaluation sheet

Everyone's name tag will be marked with a code for their lunch choice. Carol, Susan, Sharyn, and Delia will help to be sure everyone gets what they ordered.

CEU forms will be handed out as participants turn in their evaluations

Old Business—Blue Crab

Our vote last month changed the wording in the **Blue Crab procedurals** 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.

Where are we in this process?

Blue Crab sponsors—(2007 expenses-\$1500, 2008 expenses-\$2000)

Robyn is optimistic about asking PNC to be a Blue crab sponsor in her appointment next week.

If needed, Karen is willing to ask J. O. Spice Company, Baltimore (crab seasoning)

Blue Crab logo—Irva, Robyn, and Susan are meeting this afternoon

Future CSD meetings:

October 16, 2008—CSD/MASL Fall Conference—Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD

November 3, 2008—Boonsboro Library/Washington County—children's graphic novels

December 8, 2008—Orleans Branch/Pratt Library—members' storytelling

January 26, 2009—Eastern Shore Conference—Denton Library/Caroline County

February, 2009—no meeting

March 9, 2009—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery County—tour historic library

April 20, 2009—Western Maryland Conference—C. Burr Artz Library/Frederick County

May 13-15, 2009—MLA Conference—Ocean City, MD

June 8, 2009—West County Library/Anne Arundel County—school age programs

New Business

We discussed the SoMIRAC (State of Maryland International Reading Association Council) three day conference held at Hunt Valley in April —lots of authors, sessions on books and reading, displays and hand-outs—mainly attended by public school staff. You can learn more about them at www.SoMIRAC.org. We decided it would be wise to attend first, and then perhaps submit a Blue Crab presentation.

Julie recommended a possible presenter for a future CSD program—Kathleen Isaacs, professor of children's literature in the Education Department of Towson University, and the chair of the 2008 ALSC Notable Children's Book [Committee— kisaacs@towson.edu](mailto:kisaacs@towson.edu) Someday we might like to sponsor an overview of the best of children's literature (classic and current) for non-specialists.

Go Round

Angelique Simmons—Quince Orchard/Montgomery—due to staff shortages, they've had to cut back children's programs. Angelique is now in charge of teen programming.

Carol Dean—West County/Anne Arundel—Grandparents' Storytime this week; Bingo for Books; successful summer reading. Storytimes divided into 2's, and 3-5's

Delia Ullberg—Reston Library/Virginia—starting fall programming; summer reading held steady—4700 registered; starting science program for 5-7 year olds

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard—staff will be doing preschool “space” activities at NASA Launchfest at Goddard Space Flight Center. Gearing up for Back-to-School-Nights—her branch visiting 13 schools. National Night Out—buggy craft open house—about 60 families. Opening for Children’s Services Supervisor at Glenwood Branch.

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—fall programs beginning October 6; successful summer—especially Family Wii nights (ages 5-adult) when 3 Wii units combined at one branch on big LCD screen, with board games (Uno, Cranium, trivia cards) set up for people waiting. Most popular-Wii sports, Carnival Games, Mario Party. Many children’s staff changes. Movie license and now movie nights.

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/Baltimore County—found WONDERFUL tool for easily hanging decorations, etc. from suspended ceiling tile framework—a Versa-Tool from Hang-Ups Unlimited. Check out their website— www.hang-ups.com The Versa-Tool really works!

Nancy Feierstein—Randallstown/Baltimore County—SRC statistics down slightly; successful SRC middle-schooler volunteer party. Red Cross Babysitting Course very popular. Expanded early literacy center now contains a toy kitchen, baby dolls and Lego table.

Naomi Butler—Western Maryland Regional Library—hoping for Catherine Hall (Washington County), Connie Wilson (Allegany) and Krista McKenzie (Garrett) to be able to connect to CSD. Really impressed with Janis’ leadership and the 2009 Blue Crab Award team at their first meeting. Will check out Donald Duck Shop in Ocean City (which sells blue crab gifts) as a Blue Crab sponsor.

Robyn Lukow—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—SRC down this year; developing a school-age program with Webkins

Sharyn Yenzer—Arbutus/Baltimore County—SRC registration was down, but kids liked the crafts instead of prizes. Local school Relay Elementary won area trophy for % participation. Winnie the Pooh “big head” accidentally thrown out at Lansdowne Library (and rescued). Arbutus gearing up for 30th anniversary—Bubble Lady, Kaydee Puppets, Toons R Us (teen program), and Family Fun Night with Mark Jaster

Sophia VanSchaick—Edgewood/Harford—very popular passive programs this summer—weekly riddle, weekly hidden object, coloring pages, ANT FARM, and bug binoculars.

Susan Modak—Noyes/Montgomery—received LSTA grant partnering with Family Services Inc. from Montgomery County—doing Parent/Child Mother Goose program from Canada—no props, just multi-cultural oral/listening skills—helping parents share what they know—rhymes, songs, storytelling. Two ten-week sessions—fall and spring—with big celebration.

Topic of month—no time left to discuss .

Meeting adjourned at 12:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—November 3, 2008 at Boonsboro Library in Washington County. Topic—Children's graphic novels.