

**CSD Minutes—September 14, 2009**  
**New Carrollton Library—Prince George’s County**

**Attendance**

Becky Lindberg, Diane Benner, Eileen Kuhl, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Janis Cooker, Julie Ranelli, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Kirchoefer, Kit Bloom, Krista McKenzie, Nancy Feierstein, Robyn Lukow, Sharyn Yenser, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak

10:10—meeting called to order

**Introductions**

**Minutes**—corrections—Sharyn Yenser pointed out that Arbutus has a Wed. Club, not a Wee Club. ☺  
 Frederick County Library’s storytime performer’s name is Jenni Jolly Joy.  
 Sharyn moved, Julie seconded to approve minutes.

**Executive Board Meeting**—Robyn

No Executive Board meeting this month.

**Blue Crab ’09**—Janis

Janis has contacted all this year’s winners and emailed all the honor book authors. She’s waiting to hear from the two nonfiction winners; if neither one can come to MLA, one of the fiction authors can. The brochures and bookmarks are done and sent to Robyn to be printed for Kids Are Customers. At their September 21 meeting, the committee will work out the final details of their presentation.  
 Irva will send Janis the contact for Junior Editions to sell books at the conference.

**Blue Crab ’10**—Kit

The committee is hard at work and amassing books to consider. They’ve lost two committee members—Sharyn Yenser (time conflicts) and Catherine Hall (who has moved to Loudon, VA), but still have a full committee. They are alternating between online Wimba meetings and in person.

**Kids Are Customers—October 15, 2009**

Robyn has given all the introducers information about their presenters—

8:30-9:00	Registration and breakfast
9:00-9:15	Welcome <b>[Robyn]</b>
9:15-10:15	Homeschooling tips and ideas—Mark McKinney and June Bitzel <b>[Carol]</b> or Challenged materials—Sidney McCoy <b>[Robyn]</b>
10:20-10:50	Blue Crab presentation <b>[Janis]</b>
10:50-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Illustrator—Henry Cole <b>[Robyn]</b>
12:00-1:00	Lunch

- 1:00-1:45 Book clubs—Krista McKenzie **[Naomi]**  
or  
On-line book talking—Amanda Courie and Vera Shade **[Julie R.]**
- 2:00-2:45 Reading the World—current multicultural books—Kathy Isaacs **[Krista]**  
or  
\*ALSC Awards panel—Newbery (Jennifer Ralston) / Caldecott (Sue Gibbs) / recorded books (Kathy Kirchoefer)—followed by group book discussions **[Irva]**
- 3:00-4:00 Music Together—Nancy Nuttle **[Nancy]**

Robyn has received all the presenters' technology needs. Scott Rinehart will be our tech support all day—with two laptops and two laptop projectors.

People who requested vegetarian lunches will have a special line on their name tags. Irva will stand in front of the veggie lunch table looking for those symbols. Water will be available all day, but coffee will not.

Robyn showed us the PowerPoint she created to present the day's schedule during registration and breakfast. She will ask MLA to make two signs, listing the sessions in each of our conference rooms.

Irva found 10-cent folders for the handouts at Target. Robyn will pick up the registration materials and have volunteers stuff the folders and assemble the name tags.

Carol, Karen, Krista, Nancy, and Sharyn will come at 7:30 to set up the two tables at the registration area.

We'll start the day with a vote between five Newbery books—"Which one would you recommend to a child?"—

*Bud, not Buddy*—Christopher Paul Curtis

*Criss Cross*—Lynne Rae Perkins

*Good Masters, Sweet Ladies*—Laura Amy Schlitz

*Single Shard*—Linda Sue Park

*Year Down Yonder*—Richard Peck

Everyone will vote during the day by putting candy put into one of five jars. (Sharyn will provide the jars and the candy; Karen will bring copies of the books.) Irva will announce the winner at the end of the ALSC Awards panel.

Nancy Nuttle requested scarves, shakers, and musical instruments for people to use at her session. Julie will bring 90 scarves and shakers; Robyn will bring 30 scarves and shakers. Nancy F., Sharyn, and Krista will each bring "lots" of musical instruments.

Karen will bring box trays for the evaluations and CEUs that the registration committee will be handling at the end of the day.

### **Eastern/Western Conference '10**

Eastern Conference—January 11, 2010 (snow date January 25)—Denton, MD

Western Conference—May 17, 2010—Hagerstown Board of Education Building

We decided to plan a storytelling workshop! Robyn will ask professional storyteller Gary Lloyd; Kit will ask Betsy Diamant-Cohen to be her partner; and Susan will ask Eve Burton from Montgomery County who teaches children how to tell stories.

### **MLA Conference—April 21-23, 2010**

Theme—“Libraries—Essential, Library Staff—Priceless”

Robyn suggested sending conference information to Delaware and Virginia librarians!

Program ideas—

**\*All day pre-conference—Michele Gorman—Graphic Novels for Kids and Teens**—co-sponsored by TSD. Michele is requesting \$2200; Carol is attempting to negotiate a lower fee. (Excellent presenter—complete subject coverage from graphic novel format and development to literary value and audiences.)

### **\*Blue Crab Award**

**\*Sharing Our stories: System-Wide Solutions to Reaching More Children** (formerly known as Programming on a Budget) [a long afternoon session—2 hours and 45 minutes on Thursday afternoon]

\*Frederick County has hired an hourly paid storytime performer—Jenni Jolly Joy—who works 10 hours a week (5 hours preparation, 5 hours performing)—doing puppet shows, singing, playing guitar—to replace some higher priced outside programs. Customers are delighted.

\*Montgomery County hired someone to organize their system wide programs. They have a pilot program combining three libraries in a storytime program round robin

\*Baltimore County trains and uses screened volunteer “Story Timers” for many baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes. [Kathy Casserly can participate]

\*Harford County sends volunteer storytellers to day care centers—“Opening the Gift—Sharing the Gift” [Melissa Harrah can participate]

Jenni Jolly Joy is available to perform. ☺

Susan suggested including a sharing segment where audience members can share *their* system’s ideas.

**\*Children’s Work on a Shoestring**—Jill Hutchinson (or “Programs for Pennies”)

[Let’s remember a LEGO program for next year’s KAC—Julie knows a mom willing to present; Kit knows a mom whose son won a national contest.]

### **11:10 Break**

### **Old Business—Blue Crab PR**

We now have a Facebook account for the Blue Crab Award (and for CSD). Irva wrote a Wikipedia article and is trying to post it. Robyn will make a Blue Crab wiki.

Susan suggested writing the Blue Crab Award announcement in the form of a press release. Janis will ask her committee.

Irva is looking for ways to add the Blue Crab Award lists to websites that list regional awards.

Eileen asked for an updated address list of collection development departments in Maryland.

Krista has a friend, with a list of all the youth co-coordinators in every state, who is willing to send out news of the Blue Crab Award. Krista also suggested attaching a list of resources and activities to the award announcement (as ALSC does for their award books), enabling teachers and book club leaders to readily use the winning books.

We decided to divide into groups to work on resource extensions for the four Blue Crab winning books as soon as they're announced at KAC. We'll bring our ideas to the November 9 CSD meeting.

Beginning fiction—Janis, Kathy, Kit

Beginning nonfiction—Julie, Sophia, Susan

Transitional fiction—Diane, Eileen, Krista

Transitional nonfiction—Irva, Karen

### **New Business**

Nominations are due in November.

Vice President—Diane Benner, Eileen Kuhl, and Krista McKenzie will consider

Secretary—Karen is willing; others are welcome

Nancy Feierstein will be retiring November 30, after 35 years. She passed on archive notes to Robyn for the CSD file at MLA. She will pass on the CSD paper goods to Susan at the November meeting.

### **Topic of the month—SRC wrap-up**

We shared SRC thoughts and stories about prizes, sign-ups, performers, and game boards. Don't use noisy or messy prizes (ask Irva about glow-in-the-dark goop). E-vanced online registration proved mostly successful. Try dipping marbles in tempura paint and rolling on paper attached inside a cardboard pizza box (good for Halloween, too, with white paint and black paper). Programs—Mountain Musers (dogs from Montana!) were great; New Carrollton enjoyed Terrific Tuesdays—especially the cooking program.

### **Go Round**

**Diane Benner**—New Carrollton/Prince George's—ended summer reading with Art Contest judging and Art Show—42 participants and 50+ attending art show; started baby storytime in September, Daddy and Me storytime and game night.

**Eileen Kuhl**—White Marsh/BCPL—two programs at Macy's; participated in the Franklin Square Health Fair with storytelling and giveaways.

**Irva Nachlas-Gabin**—East Columbia/Howard—executed her first passport as the passport acceptance office opened at East Columbia Branch. HCL has introduced a new collection based on the Fountas & Pinell Guided Reading Levels; books are shelved in Level order—helps parents and teachers find appropriate reading for kids. Staff will visit 13 back-to-school nights in six evenings. Irva will be demonstrating the HCL Chesapeake Bay presentation that they take to the schools at the MDSDE STEM Conference later this month.

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary’s County—homeschool workshops; Mo Willems programs; science forensic program; family Wii nights; storytimes; tweens-teen read and gaming.

**Julie Ranelli**—Kent Island/Queen Anne’s—fall storytimes and Mother Goose on the Loose beginning next week; two LEGO programs filled up within a few days.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/BCPL—outreach connections are working—middle school librarian sent us his list of featured books for the school year! Local elementary school wants to partner with us.

**Kathy Kirchoefer**—New Carrollton/Prince George’s—adding some new programs—Daddy and Me, Play Day at the Library, Terrific Tweens. Upcoming special programs—Fancy Nancy party, Fall Festival Fun for Toddlers. Furloughs and reduction in hours.

**Kit Bloom**—Southeast Anchor Branch/EPFL—Enoch Pratt had a successful summer reading game and two successful programs with the National Aquarium.

**Krista McKenzie**—Accident/Garrett—Krista starts her duties as branch manager at Accident on October 1; will still be doing teen services at Oakland Branch. Thirty-four children attending Children’s Hour. Received a grant to fund a First Card program for kids birth-8—they’ll receive backpacks with a free book, stickers, activity pages, and a congratulations certificate. SRC attendance up county-wide 37%. Mo Willems simulcast on October 6.

**Nancy Feierstein**—Randallstown/BCPL—chess club for tweens and teens continues to be successful; kids liked Critter Caravans’ Pleeze and Squeeze Show.

**Robyn Lukow**—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—Percy Jackson party at C. Burr Artz on October 16. Local fencing group performing in September; system-side “September Library Card Sign Up Contest.”

**Sharyn Yenser**—Arbutus/BCPL—to coincide with release of Wild Things movie, we’re getting a Wild Thing big head for two storytimes. Next week—make and take storytime with Baltimore County schools to introduce parents to the Resource Center in Baltimore County—also Parentmobile. Doing storytime at Delrey School (children with multiple disabilities) and four back-to-school nights.. Developing story boxes. September 21—Spin Me a Shadow shadow- puppet program. Will start Polaris ILS in December. Broke ground for new library which will open in September, 2010.

**Sophia VanSchaick**—Bel Air/Harford—since we didn’t have a SRC assistant to supervise volunteers, we did it ourselves—good kids.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hoffman

**Next meeting—November 9, 2009—Thurmont Library—Frederick County**  
**Topic: tour of Thurmont Library**