

## CSD Minutes November 19, 2007

### **Attendance**

Naomi Butler, Janis Cooker, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Nancy Feierstein, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Catherine Hall, Karen Hoffman (recorder), Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Kathy Macmillan, Susan Modak, Julie Ranelli, Delia Ullberg, Sophia VanSchaick, Sharyn Yenzer.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00. The minutes were approved—moved by Betsy, seconded by Sharyn.

### **Blue Crab '07**

At Kids Are Customers in October, the successful '07 Blue Crab Committee announced this year's winners, showed the Blue Crab recruiting DVD they had made, and passed out 2007 Blue Crab brochures. They also posted the winners on the MLA website and sent brochures to Follett Publishers. They have 190 brochures left over for the Eastern Shore Conference, Western Maryland Conference, and MLA.

Two remaining questions:

\*What is actually inscribed on the plaque? Sophia will email again to find out.

\*Ed Gordon, a book jobber, would like permission to bundle up Blue Crab books and sell them at a discount. Who can give him that permission? Margaret Carty at MLA said it was up to CSD—Irva will check.

### **Blue Crab '08**

Susan Modak (Montgomery), the new chair of the '08 committee, reported that she and Diane Benner (PGCMLS), Cynthia Jobling (Howard), Kim Preis (BCPL), Lynn Scott (Pratt), Julie Tobiason (Frederick), and Rose Ann Ulrich (Pratt) are off to a great start. Ruth Champion, a Pratt selector, came to their October meeting to talk about critically evaluating books. They have a criteria chart, a suggested list, and a list on Librarything.com. All they're missing is a school librarian to join them by January. Betsy has an idea of someone she could ask. If you have anyone to suggest, please email [Susan—  
susan.modak@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:susan.modak@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### **Blue Crab '09**

The '09 committee has an impressive number of volunteers (possibly due to this year's recruitment DVD). Janis Cooker (St. Mary's) is the committee chair—with Naomi Butler (Western Maryland), Mou Chakraborty (Salisbury University), Dee Krasnansky (Carroll County Library), Tara Lebherz (Frederick County Library), Wanda Nelson (PGCMLS), Jennifer Rothschild (PGCMLS), Vera Shade (Kent County Library), Cindy Woodruff (Gilman School).

The team members need letters to be sent to their supervisors. Irva and Julie R. will draft a letter for Irva to send to Janis' supervisor, and then Janis will send a letter to her team members' supervisors.

### **MLA—May 14-16, 2008**

All the paperwork is in process for the preconference and the three sessions we are sponsoring at next spring's MLA convention. (See September minutes for details of the workshops.)

We've been asked if we would also sponsor a virtual conference. MLA has signed a contract with Learning Times for a virtual conference, which will develop an "online community" for the conference, including podcasts, discussion boards, blogs, and four live sessions each day. We support the idea but would like to understand more what that means and how it works.

Julie R. will be attending the site visit meeting in Ocean City on November 30. She will advocate for a better location for the Blue Crab session.

## **Executive Board Meeting**

Stan has resigned as MLA office assistant. Krista Holly will take his place.

MLA's successful "Leadership Day" will be highlighted at ALA.

Because the MLA cruise to Canada was successful, they are planning a cruise to Bermuda in the fall of 2008.

MLA accounts are right where they should be at this time of year.

The Special Session in Annapolis augers some lean years ahead in library funding

Bob Kunz reported that the new MLA website is great—with lots of possibilities—including video and audio files, listservs, rss feeds, and even wiki access for the conference. (Our Blue Crab video was the first video on the website.) Becky Lindberg is our CSD website contact—she'll check the page regularly and send changes and additions to [webmaster@carr.org](mailto:webmaster@carr.org)

## **Kids Are Customers '07**

Julie R. reported that all but one of the sessions received an evaluation of at least 4 out of 5. The most popular were the Summer Reading presentations and Ellen Riordan's Caldecott Committee description.

Thoughts for next year:

The person introducing the sessions should list the objectives for that session.

More break-out sessions; there was too much sitting.

More hands-on

Get a lavalier microphone (perhaps MLA could buy one that every division could use)

A more recognized author

Recycle paper and cans; turn in badges

More water

## **Kids Are Customers '08**

Place—Irva is looking into a new venue—Best Western in Westminster, Belmont Center, Howard Community College. . ?—she'll report back.

Date—possibly October 23, 2008

Possible authors—Kevin Sherry, Deborah Wiles, Judy Schachner (Skippyjon Jones), Jennifer Holm (Baby Mouse)

New possibility—MLA has been meeting with the officers of MASL (Maryland Assoc. of School Librarians—formerly known as MEMO) to discuss the means and possibility of becoming "sister organizations." (IF CSD combined with MASL in a 2-day October conference, we would have a larger audience and the opportunity for great authors and 25-30 vendors. BUT we would also have to use their dates (e.g. October 16-17, 2008—days when school is not in session) and plan sessions useful to both public and school librarians.) Julie Dietzel-Glair has been appointed to the task force Marion Francis is creating to establish a means for MLA and MASL to work together. We expect to know enough to make a decision about KAC '08 by our January CSD meeting..

## **Eastern and Western Conferences**

Eastern Shore Conference—January 28, 2008, Denton Library, Denton, MD—1-3:30 after Eastern Shore Children's Librarians Meeting (and CSD meeting)--\$25-members, \$38-non-members

Western Maryland Conference—April 14, 2008, Hagerstown Board of Ed., outside entrance—1-3:30 after CSD meeting--\$25-members, \$38-non-members

Lisa Bonnington and her colleague, Jeanne Holsy, from Howard County have agreed to do an hour presentation on strategies for planning and modifying story times for pre-schoolers with special needs.

Irva will also contact Mairhi Quodomine who could talk about autism. Kathy MacMillan will contact Deborah Margolis from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Julie Ranelli will contact Patricia Steelman from the Schneider Family Book Award Committee.

Robyn will design the flyer for the conferences. Irva will ask MLA that this be our one free mailing this year.

Irva will send MLA our objectives.

Registration—Karen, Sharyn, Nancy

Drinks—Betsy

Paper goods—Nancy

Everyone—REGISTER for the conference you would like CEUs for

Pack a lunch

Bring a healthy snack or baked good for conference refreshments

### **New business**

Officer slate for this year's election—Vice president-Robyn Lukow, Secretary-Karen Hoffman, Blue Crab

Chairman-Janis Cooker

### **Topic of the month—Reviewing for Journals**

Julie Ranelli and Kathy MacMillan shared their experiences and tips for reviewing children's books in journals. From Cover to Cover by Kathleen Horning gives the basics you'll need. School Library Journal and Children's Literature accept volunteer reviews and are a good place to start. Learn the difference between annotating (describing) and reviewing (giving judgment), be honest, and if you give a negative review, include another positive book as a substitute. Journals will usually send you four books a month to review; they will be yours to keep. (Ask for a copy of Julie's information packet if you missed this meeting.)

### **Go Round**

Sue Gibbs has been appointed to next year's Caldecott committee. ☺

Julie Ranelli has been selected to attend the Bill Morris Seminar for Evaluating Materials at ALA Midwinter.

Queen Anne's County hired their first children's library aide in October!

Edgewood Library in Harford County is the test branch of Project LEAP (Learn Explore and Play): Science is Fun. In October they had two chemistry programs, including "Ewww! Gross!" in November two microscope programs, and in December Grand Opening: Lego and Robotics.

Pratt celebrated Children's Book Week with a series of art workshops with author Laura Seeger and an all-day celebration in Central Hall.

Frederick County Library will host a spelling bee competition for the first time in the spring.

St. Mary's County celebrated Children's Book Week with six literary stations with books and activities and a program in every branch.

Randallstown Library (BCPL) had a performance by Jessie and James and the Gang—comedy and performing dogs—[www.jessieandjames.com](http://www.jessieandjames.com)—Scott and Joan Houghton

Arbutus Library (BCPL)-- 301 people celebrated annual Family Fun Night with the bluegrass band "Highstrung," Magician Joe Romano, putt-putt golf, crafts, and games. Special needs students and second graders came for tours and stories. Lansdowne Middle School will present their Holiday Highlights program in December.

Howard County storytimes and programs are now called "classes" to emphasize their educational function. Librarians and media specialists will meet together for the first time to create summer reading lists for kdg--high school. The Federal Reserve educational division will be doing financial literacy programs for various age levels. The Army Chemical Research Lab will do a chemistry program for elementary children.

**December agenda building (New business)**

Change the Blue Crab by-laws to allow one member to serve two years to give continuity  
Create an official Blue Crab logo? Who would design?  
Choose topics for next year's CSD meetings  
Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '09

Next meeting—Monday, December 10, 2007 is at the lovely new Pratt Library:

**Southeast Anchor Library**  
**3601 Eastern Avenue**  
**Baltimore, MD 21224**  
**410-396-1580**  
**443-984-3942 (FAX)**

Please use mapquest for directions from your locations.

**Agenda**

Introductions  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
Blue Crab '07, '08, '09  
Eastern/Western Conference '08  
MLA Conference  
Kids Are Customers '08  
Go Round  
Break  
New business  
Tour of Southeast Anchor Library