

CSD Minutes—November 9, 2009 Thurmont Library—Frederick County

Attendance

Becky Lindberg, Buff Kahn, Carol Dean, Eileen Kuhl, Janis Cooker, Jeff Ridgeway, Karen Dull, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Kirchoefer, Nancy Feierstein, Naomi Butler, Robyn Lukow, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Susan Walters, Wanda Nelson

Meeting called to order—10:05

Introductions

Minutes—

Robyn moved, Janis seconded to approve the October minutes.

Executive Board Meeting—Robyn

All divisions are busy planning programs for the year.

Blue Crab '09—Janis

This year's brochures and bookmarks are online. Sign up on the Blue Crab Facebook account Julie Ranelli has set up. Sarah Campbell, author of this year's winner, *Wolfsnail*, will be coming to speak at MLA, from Jackson, MS.

Blue Crab '10—Eileen

The committee is moving along--alternating their book discussions between meeting online on Wimba and in person. Because publishers are sending them picture books by mistake, they have been looking for their own titles. They have 80 books so far, listed on a Library Thing account.

Kids Are Customers—October 15, 2009--evaluation

This year's conference had an overall rating of 4.5, and was called by many "one of the best!" Participants particularly liked the hands-on presentations, the variety of break-out sessions, Henry Cole's presentation, the flow of the day with breaks, and the all day coffee (!).

Notes to remember next year—give all presenters microphones

arrange for a book seller six months before the conference

We will try to link the hand-out flyers from previous KAC workshops to our website, and announce on our CSD flyers that they are available.

Kids Are Customers—2010

MASL (contact person—Elizabeth Napier) is very interested in pairing with us for the 2010 conference at the Hagerstown Conference Center. Do we want to pursue this? Originally we did not fit into the Conference Center. Is Hagerstown too far?

MASL's and our planning schedules are very different—we would need to plan together. Eileen will ask the school librarians on her Black Eyed Susan committee how far their planning has gone. Perhaps 2011 would be a better option.

IF we go ahead with our own conference, Carol will look into using the Westminster Best Western again. Schools (on students' days off) are exciting possible venues—Margaret suggested the new Prince George's County high school. Perhaps the new Baltimore County school on Ebenezer Road. Please email Carol with other location suggestions— cdean@aacpl.net

Program idea for KAC '10—sensory storytimes (Connie Matthews, Mt. Lebanon, PA)—as mentioned in the October, 2009 *School Library Journal*.

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

A storytelling workshop!

January—professional storyteller Gary Lloyd; our own Kit Bloom and Betsy Diamant-Cohen; and Eve Burton from Montgomery County who teaches children how to tell stories.

May— professional storyteller Jane Dorfman; Kit and Betsy; and Eve.

All of us will bring food items for the conferences; Susan will bring cold drinks. Naomi will also provide donuts and a fruit tray at the Hagerstown May workshop.

*A special extra at the January Denton conference! Children's Librarians of the Eastern Shore (CLES) has invited us to their mock Newbery discussion at their Denton meeting on January 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.—for lively discussion and possible CEUs. ☺ We will move the start of our January CSD meeting to 10:30 so that any of us can attend.

**See the attachment for more information.

MLA Conference—April 21-23, 2010

Theme—"Libraries—Essential, Library Staff—Priceless"

We've changed our pre-conference—Michele Gorman was too expensive and not able to do an all day session.

*Now we have a **morning session**—***National Children's Museum**—free literacy activities (with free materials)

***And an afternoon session—Programs for Pennies –Jill Hutchinson and Krista McKenzie**

Thursday 11:00-12:00

***Blue Crab Award** (not in the room under the swimming pool!)

Thursday 2:00-4:45

***Sharing Our Stories: System-Wide Solutions to Reaching More Children** (formerly known as Programming on a Budget)

*Frederick County's hourly paid storytime performer—Jenni Jolly Joy—who works 10 hours a week (5 hours preparation, 5 hours performing)—delighting customers with puppet shows, singing, playing guitar—to replace some higher priced outside programs.

*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's Kathy Casserly screens and trains volunteer "Story Timers" for many baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes.

*Harford County's Melissa Harrah sends volunteer storytellers to day care centers—"Opening the Gift—Sharing the Gift"

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

Friday morning

Graphic Novels—Diamond Book Distributors (working on a speaker). See their website www.noflyingnotights.com

Other conference information—

Pub Quiz will be back with Michael Gannon and a live auction.

Thursday morning speaker—Alan Zweibel—writer for SNL, winner of Thurber prize, author of *Clothing Optional*.

Banquet speaker—Rafael Alvarez, writer for the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Wire*.

Friday morning speaker—Sebastien Gendry—laughter yoga

We should send conference information to Delaware and Virginia librarians!

Break

We celebrated Nancy Feierstein's 35 years of children's work (including two terms as CSD president) with a cake and a framed photo of us from last March's CSD meeting at Noyes Library for Young Children. ☺

Old Business—Blue Crab PR

We now have Blue Crab and CSD Facebook accounts. Irva is trying to attach a Blue Crab Wikipedia article.

The groups who worked on resource extensions for the four Blue Crab winning books brought their activities.

Robyn asked that they send electronic copies to her email—rlukow@gmail.com

Beginning fiction—Janis, Kathy, Kit

Beginning nonfiction—Julie, Sophia, Susan

Transitional fiction—Diane, Eileen, Krista

Transitional nonfiction—Irva, Karen

New Business

CSD Nominations--

Vice President—Eileen Kuhl, Krista McKenzie, and Susan Modak

Secretary—Karen Hoffman

Karen will now send minutes directly to Bob Kuntz, the MLA webmaster—rkuntz@carr.org

Go Round

Becky Lindberg—Randallstown/BCPL—Baltimore County Domestic Violence Department. did a storytime on domestic violence featuring Rainbow fish, with a craft table for children.

Buff Kahn—Carroll County—Come Learn w/ Me @ Your Library—Lego’s programs, early literacy centers, preschool science programs, Kidworks, Black-Eyed Susan event with elementary schools in planning stage for April.

Carol Dean—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel—storytimes going well; big attendance at Halloween programs; ongoing low maintenance programs—Babies in Bloom, chess club, Family Game Day, Crafternoon

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—two nature programs (ask her about the boa), short booktalks for homeschooling group; in November holiday parade with Sneaks; customer appreciation day, baby and toddler programs; guessing game—“How Many Acorns?”

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—holiday programs in December; Stories and More—St. Mary’s College students run a two hour drop-in storytime each Friday; family movie and game nights; Mo Willems program in October—“Stories with Pigeons”; Wiggle Giggle storytime added at Charlotte Hall; evening storytime once a month

Jeff Ridgeway—Hagerstown Library— new children’s librarian-Dawn Borgardt; Battle of the Books registration (15-16 teams); new bilingual storytime Tuesday evenings; Friends of the Library storytime on Saturday; Hagerstown Library getting ready for two-year renovation; movie nights/holiday movie craft; young authors contest; college prep student program to introduce databases at high school; invited to yearly school media specialist meeting; monthly home schooling programs; began monthly school visits October-May, 3rd grade/preschool

Karen Dull—Halloween party had good attendance, even on Halloween afternoon; doing a survey to see what type of storytimes people want and when

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/BCPL—November gaming program and a family game night

Kathy Kirchoefer—New Carrollton/Prince George’s—new director coming soon; terrific tweens program making duct tape wallets; Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Nancy Feierstein—Randallstown/BCPL—BCPL starting three boxes of ready-made programs; tween book club will be run by homeschool mom; magician Joe Romano program okay.

Naomi Butler—Western Maryland Regional Library—Cumberland Valley Library Association; committee forming for Reading Day at Valley Mall, May 1, 2010; Western Maryland teen interest group; authors coming to BookTenders bookstore outside Philadelphia December 4 & 5

Robyn Lukow—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—over 100 people came to successful Percy Jackson party on October 16 (librarians dressed up like Greek gods; craft tables/stations to match); Wiggle Giggle program so popular, it’s dividing into two 20 minutes sessions; over 50 pre-teens and teens attended Twilight prom program; Frederick County is moving to floating collections.

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford—break in baby storytime schedule led to a drop in numbers; successfully used a “Whatzit” box at storytimes at John Archer School for children with severe disabilities—surprises help build trust; floating collections started last week; homeschooling bulletin board may be added to home web page

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—Noyes Library received \$80,000 legacy; fall Open House; Infants/Toddlers twice a year to all new people; ASL series; Hispanic health fair, 9 new ELS machines

Susan Walters—Randallstown/BCPL—Book Buddies—younger children read to middle school age kids (relaxed, non judgmental, similar to Karma Dogs); branch renovation will have a glassed-in storytime room, entire children's area will be relocated near that room.

Wanda Nelson—Ft. Meade Post Library—fall festival two hours on Saturday evening at post pavilion, gave away 250 goodie bags and free books

Topic of the month—tour of Thurmont Library

Janet Vogel gave us a tour of Thurmont Library. What a lovely place—with a built in program room closet puppet stage; architectural details from barns, covered bridges, and the Catocin Furnace; even an outside deck.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—December 14, 2009—Southeast Anchor Branch—Enoch Pratt
Topic: storytelling