

**CSD Minutes**  
**December 10, 2007**  
Southeast Anchor Library--Pratt

**Attendance**

Kit Bloom, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Nancy Feierstein, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Karen Hoffman (recorder), Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Naomi Butler, Julie Ranelli, Stephanie Shauck, Sophia VanSchaick.

Meeting was called to order at 10:08. The minutes were approved—moved by Irva, seconded by Sophia.

**Executive Board Meeting**

No meeting to report until January.

**Blue Crab '07**

Rosa reported in an email that the Blue Crab plaques will be ready in two weeks—two will be sent out in January, 2008. She is sending in the Blue Crab MLA conference forms. They will order 20 copies of the two winning Blue Crab titles. It seems that the book jobber who asked for permission to bundle up Blue Crab books to sell at a discount is free to do whatever he likes.

**Blue Crab '08**

Stephanie Shauck will ask Jayne Moore to put information about the committee's school librarian opening on the school/library media supervisors' listserv. Perhaps a school librarian will apply to the committee before January.

We discussed the following additions to the Blue Crab notebook (Karen will send them to Susan Modak):

1—At the beginning of a committee's term, the CSD president will write a welcome letter to the Blue Crab chair's supervisor; the Blue Crab chair will write letters to the committee members' supervisors.

2—At the end of the committee's work, the CSD president will write thank you letters to the Blue Crab committee members. The Blue Crab chair will write thank you letters to his/her team.

**Blue Crab '09**

Irva will send a welcome letter to Janis' supervisor. Janis will send letters to her committee members.

**Eastern Shore/Western MD Conferences**

Eastern Shore—The Eastern Shore conference flyer (thank you, Robyn!) was sent out in the mail. The conference will be announced in January's Happenings. The snow date will be February 11 (if confirmed by Lori, the first presenter from Howard County). Handouts from the three presenters are due by the second week of January.

Patricia Steelman (presenter from DC) needs an escort over the Bay Bridge for the afternoon session. Irva will see if anyone currently offers this service. If not, one of us may need to drive her to the conference (it's about 40 minutes from the Bay Bridge to Denton).

Western Maryland—Naomi will provide water and coffee at Hagerstown. CSD members will bring snacks or baked goods.

## **MLA Conference**

There's been a preconference change! MLA no longer has anyone who does LSTA grants! So—Betsy will contact Valerie from the Wolf Trap Institute today about a possible afternoon preconference using music in programs for babies and toddlers. [Late-breaking news—Valerie Bayne Carroll will do Baby Artsplay as a half-day MLA preconference (1-4 PM) on Wednesday, May 14.]

## **Kids Are Customers—2008**

Julie Dietzel-Glair has contacted Beth Shapiro of MASL about combining our fall conferences, but Stephanie warns that legal by-laws, tax status, etc. make any MLA/MASL coordination unlikely before FY'09. Irva will continue her search for a new venue for next year's KAC. We must decide basic details at our January 28 meeting. (Naomi added that the State of Maryland reading group has a conference in March at Hunt Valley.)

## **Go Round**

Five out of seven of Howard County's annual staff awards this year went to children's and YA staff—for the Teen Idol program, the Teen Time afterschool club, social studies classes for preschoolers, bilingual storytimes, and longtime exceptional service to children—an indication of the appreciation for youth services in the system.

Randallstown Library (BCPL) had a successful teen jewelry making program (GEMS)—even boys attended. They will be doing t-shirt silk screening next. When Campfield Early Development School couldn't get money for buses to visit the library, library staff took stories there.

Pratt Southeast Anchor Library has been embraced by the community! Schools keep contacting the library, SRC statistics have tripled, people flock to the many programs—200 to Star Wars, 600 to see the Harry Potter bus. They do two Mother Goose on the Loose programs every week and one in Spanish—Buena Casa Buena Brasa. New American parents from Buena Casa Buena Brasa asked if they could share a Thanksgiving meal at the library because, if in America you eat with your friends, the library staff were their friends. Spanish-speakers, English-speakers, and people from Asian and Middle Eastern backgrounds brought dishes for a potluck lunch after storytime—a fulfillment of the original mission of the public library to create knowledgeable American citizens.

Harford County had a LEAP ribbon cutting on December 5. The LEGO robot program was cancelled because of snow. They are having difficulty labeling their drop-in storytimes. Sophia attended a one hour fantasy “Webinar” online training. She recommends [www.mirrorstonebooks.com/resources](http://www.mirrorstonebooks.com/resources) for programming ideas.

Julie Dietzel-Glair attended the 0-3 Conference in Florida. Pratt celebrated Children's Book Week with at least one program at every branch and 300 people at their final event.

Frostburg University is hosting a Children's Literature Festival, April 25-26, 2008, with Deborah Wiles.

Frederick County Library's storytime programming is growing by leaps and bounds—with new 2's, babytime, 0-6, and bilingual sessions. Storytimes are being moved to the community room for more space. They've added a full time bilingual staff member. A wonderful Antarctic program was attended by 70+ people and featured on the front page of the local newspaper. Staff programmed their book clubs to support the Antarctic theme.

Queen Anne's County Library is moving to Sirsi Unicorn software in January. They are in the first draft stage of architectural plans for an expanded Kent Island Library in 2010.

## **Old business**

We don't need to make SRC activity lists; the ideas in the new SRC book are more than enough.

2008 meeting dates, locations, and topics

January 28—Eastern Shore Conference—Denton Library (Caroline County)

March 10—Randallstown Library (Baltimore County)—computer behaviors—Sophia

April 14—Western Maryland Conference—Board of Education Bldg. (Hagerstown)

May 14-16—MLA Convention (Ocean City)

June 9—Miller Library (Howard County)—writing articles for journals—Betsy

July 14—Lexington Park Library (St. Mary's County)—baby storytimes (0-2 olds)

August 11—C. Burr Artz Library (Frederick County)—performers

September 8—Edgewood Library (Harford County)—storytimes (3-5 year olds)

October 16 or 23 (tentatively)—Kids Are Customers Conference

November 3—(TBA)—KAC wrap-up, children's graphics

December 8—(Pratt branch to be announced)—members' storytelling (perhaps a longer meeting)

## **New Business**

We discussed changing the Blue Crab by-laws (originally approved by MLA Executive board) to say--  
-- one or two committee members should be allowed to serve two consecutive years to give continuity. No  
consensus was reached if the continuing member would then be the next year's chair or just a member-at-  
large.

--a member from the Blue Crab committee should attend the CSD monthly meeting.

Irva will ask Margaret how to draft any changes.

If we decide to make a Blue Crab logo, who should create it? Betsy suggested that if we asked elementary  
and teen art teachers for entries from their students we would gain awareness as well as a logo.

Irva will ask Margaret about any legal issues and details involved.

## **Tour of Southeast Anchor Library**

### **Agenda Building**

Eastern Shore/Western Maryland Conference '09

**Next meeting**—January 28, 2008—Denton Library (Caroline County)

Snow date-February 11

**Denton Library  
100 Market Street  
Denton, MD 21629**

**Tel: 410-479-1343**

Please use your favorite map webpage to find directions from your location.

## **Agenda**

Introductions  
Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
Blue Crab '07, '08, '09  
Eastern/Western Conference '08, '09  
MLA Conference  
Kids Are Customers '08  
Go Round  
Break  
New Business

(PS –At the end of his/her term, the CSD president writes to the manager of each CSD member—usually asking for supervisor names and addresses in June.)

