

CSD Minutes—December 8, 2008  
Orleans St. Branch—Enoch Pratt

**Attendance**

Kit Bloom, Naomi Butler, Janis Cooker, Carol Dean, Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Nancy Feierstein, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Kirchoefer, Eileen Kuhl, Becky Lindberg, Robyn Lukow, Deborah Margolis, Krista McKenzie, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Julie Ranelli, Diane Rebertus, Angelique Simmons, Sophia VanSchaick

10:00—brief tour of Orleans Street Branch.

10:10—meeting called to order

After introductions, the minutes were approved.

**Executive Board Meeting**

MLA Legislative Days in 2009 will be May 11 and 12. MLA will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Maryland Life* magazine.

MLA has accepted the proposed change to our Blue Crab by-laws. Margaret has approved the money to purchase Blue Crab plaques.

**Blue Crab '08**

Susan Modak is on vacation. The Blue Crab Award booklists are now on the MLA website (!), both under “Divisions-CSD” and “Annual Awards.” The committee has created an account on Library Thing—should they keep it open for general view? Discussion—only if it does not contain their comments on the books or selection process.

Milkshake wrote that they would be thrilled to add Blue Crab to their video. Perhaps they would be interested in being a sponsor?

Eileen reported that Baker and Taylor will add Blue Crab winners to their list and website.

**Blue Crab '09**

Janis' committee is making great headway on their list (130 books so far). But they're having trouble finding transitional nonfiction—please send them any titles you can recommend. Are poetry and graphic novels eligible? We decided-yes. Their next meeting is in January.

**Blue Crab '10**

Kit Bloom has agreed to be facilitator of Blue Crab '10. Catherine Hall, Eileen Kuhl, and Krista McKenzie would like to serve on the committee.

**Eastern Shore Conference—Denton, MD--January 26, 2009 (possible snow date—February 9);  
Western Conference—Frederick, MD—April 20, 2009**

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.

We've changed the schedule slightly:

1:00-1:15—Welcome and objectives  
1:15-2:00—Joe Stover  
2:00-2:15—Sharing  
2:15-2:30—Break  
2:30-4:00—Elizabeth Rafferty  
4:00-4:15—Evaluations and closing

We're expecting about 20 people at the Eastern Shore Conference.

CSD members, please bring a vegetable, fruit, or dessert dish to share. Susan Modak will bring water, diet soda, and juice. Nancy will bring paper goods. We will use Denton's coffee maker—Naomi will bring coffee supplies.

Robyn will introduce Joe Stover; Julie Ranelli will introduce Elizabeth Rafferty.

For the Denton conference, Julie Ranelli will pick up the registration materials for Irva and Susan at the registration table. Julie Dietzel-Glair will pick up the registration materials for Kathy and Karen at the Frederick conference.

Joe Stover has no AV needs; Elizabeth Rafferty needs a laptop projector. Julie Ranelli will ask if Denton has one. Irva has 40 folders leftover from KAC that we can fill with handouts and a list of CSD meetings, after our morning meeting

### **MLA Conference—May 13-15, 2009**

We are planning a pre-conference on Wednesday, two sessions on Thursday, and one session on Friday.

Wednesday pre-conference—Janet Lloyd—Bringing In Boys with Books

Thursday --

11:00-12:00—Blue Crab will introduce this year's Blue Crab Award winners and present author Wong Herbert  
(The session will not be held in a suite--hoorah!)

2:00-4:45—Alternative Baby Programs--Kate Rossini—Baby Yoga  
Eileen La Dino—Tiny Fingers (baby sign language)

Friday--

9:15-10:30—Kathy MacMillan—Box Full of Stories.

### **Kids Are Customers '09**

Brainstorming program ideas—

--authors—Pamela Duncan Edwards/Henry Cole; Laura Vaccaro Seeger; Katy Kelly; Tedd Arnold

--easy crafts

--accessible crafts—Deborah Margolis

--programming on a budget

--homeschool—Jill Hutchinson

--speed networking—Janis Cooker (great as a break-out activity)

--librarian fashion show

--Dress for Success librarian makeover

--Eric Carle Museum staff—analyze whole picture book

--From Cover to Cover Wisconsin author (Julie will find out when she might be in our area)

--Nancy Haile (Carroll County)—Great Picture Books

Where—we need big ballroom, break out rooms, catering, wi-fi, 150+ people at banquet tables

Frederick Holiday Inn  
Westminster Best Western  
Port Discovery  
Hampton Inn  
Mt. Washington Conference Center (Deb Margolis)

When—(not with MASL in 2009, perhaps in 2010)

October 22, 2009?

### **Old Business—Blue Crab**

#### **Blue Crab by-laws**

Elizabeth suggested that we amend Article V, Section 2 of CSD Bylaws to avoid all operational detail and stick only to matters of governance. (In this way minor procedural changes would not need a lengthy bylaws agreement; the committee would have more freedom.) It would read simply--  
“Section 2 MARYLAND BLUE CRAB YOUNG READER AWARD COMMITTEE. The Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Award committee is established each year to identify and promote the best fiction and non-fiction books published at the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading level and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. The chair of the committee is elected by the CSD Steering Committee. The chair shall appoint an additional 8 members to serve on the committee. Committee member names will be submitted to the MLA President for approval.”

The Executive Board approved this change. The CSD members will vote on this change at the March 9 CSD meeting. We will announce the changes by email (and regular mail, if needed) to all the members on our CSD list. And also on Marylib.

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

After months of discussing ways to raise money for Blue Crab, we would like MLA to consider making Blue Crab a line item in our CSD budget. We are good program planners, but not skilled fund raisers. We are the most successful division meeting our MLA budget, surely MLA could help us with this. Julie will ask Margaret.

**Blue Crab logo**—the timeline for the logo contest is in place.

### **New Business**

Our slate of officers for next year –President—Robyn Lukow; Vice President—Carol Dean; Secretary—Karen Hoffman

**Break—11:20**

### **Go Round**

**Becky Lindberg**—Randallstown/Baltimore County—Stephanie Catlett did an excellent program just for them—“The Turkey that Wanted to Read.” They have an ongoing chess program for teens (attended by 8-11 year-olds). They’re planning a book club for teen boys.

**Betsy Diamant-Cohen**—Port Discovery—Becky is going to become the Early Childhood Specialist at Port Discovery and is also hoping to expand Mother Goose on the Loose around the country. Becky's sister, Celia Yitzhak, will be available to present summer reading programs ("Instant Illustrations" or "Journey through Illustration") from July 23-August 10. You can email Betsy at [betsydc@gmail.com](mailto:betsydc@gmail.com)

**Carol Dean**—Anne Arundel County—most branches are doing holiday programs. They're having success with game nights (trivia and bingo). A colonial re-enactor came to do a special colonial game program.

**Deborah Margolis**—Library for the Blind or Physically Handicapped—has applied for an ALSC BWI summer reading grant. They're doing a pre-k-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Monkeys/Caps for Sale storytime for students receiving vision services in a public school (jointly with Pratt Library). They are available to do programs with you. They are doing an accessible Mother Goose on the Loose at LBPH and Olney. MICA students are helping to redesign their children's area. March—Emerging Technology for Reading Disabilities.

**Diane Rebertus**—Cecil County—April-Month of the Young Child. Story Day with Milkshake duo—Lisa and Mikel.

**Eileen Kuhl**—White Marsh/Baltimore County—Great Books for Kids Conference will be March 31 and April 1, 2009. Look for details on the BCPL website in January. Most programs at White Marsh are for babies and preschools—lots of young children

**Irva Nachlas-Gabin**—East Columbia/Howard—new Miller Branch has been approved—two stories with historical society—projected opening—Fall, 2010. East Columbia has a new branch manager—Suki Lee, formerly of Borders in D.C. Central Library is currently displaying the Hubble telescope photos which were part of the Walters Art Museum map exhibit. Children's Discovery Fair at East Columbia on April 25, 2009.

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary's County—holiday programs next week; Spanish storytimes with Headstart at Judy Center. Author Ginger Clarke on April 6, 2009. Heritage Festival in April. Laptop Lab Grant.

**Julie Dietzel-Glair**—Enoch Pratt Children's Office—on ALSC Scholarships Committee and Co-Chair of ALSC Organization and Bylaws Committee—going to ALA Midwinter in Denver.

**Julie Ranelli**—Queen Anne's County—Julie's maternity leave is ending, she'll be back at work December 17.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/Baltimore County—has been able to visit every public and private school in the Pikesville district with balloons and chocolate—making contacts with school librarians. Got to meet Laura Schlitz and Kit George (*Bob the Dolphin*) at Park School.

**Kathy Kirchoefer**—Prince George's County—on ALA Notable Children's Recordings Committee—going to ALA Midwinter in Denver. Doing monthly visits to high school in a program for teen parents. Had a baby shower for Dianne Benner. Local middle school has a monthly book selection (The Principal's Choice) that all their students must read; unfortunately the school selects titles the library doesn't have enough copies of.

**Krista McKenzie**—Ruth Enlow Library/Garrett County—bringing in local authors and artists for teen creative writing /art club. Attendance is growing in all their book clubs. Krista has been appointed to Legislative Committee for YALSA—will be attending ALA Midwinter in Denver. As a part of her new partnership with Garrett County Partnership for Healthy Women and Children she's begun working with the MD Out-of-School Time Network. Also in partnerships with Health Department, high schools, and Meadow Mountain Youth Rehabilitation Center.

**Nancy Feierstein**—Randallstown/Baltimore County—library is doing a needs assessment focus on bringing in babies to storytime. Successful team programs in chess and gaming. Her daughter is getting married in two weeks.

**Naomi Butler**—Western Maryland Regional Library—brought fliers for Children’s Literature Festival, April 24-25 at Frostburg University. (We could do a session at this festival.) Author luncheon with Washington County Board of Ed. 11:00-4:30 on March 4. New director is Joe Thompson.

**Robyn Lukow**—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—Bookfest on May 2—three regional branches hosting coordinated author/book events. Katy Kelly (Lucy Rose books) will be speaking. Planning to start a teen reader’s theater to compensate for the number of teens who want to volunteer at the library.

**Sophia VanSchaick**—Bel Air/Harford County—Sophia is settling in to her new branch assignment, doing previously planned programs.

**Storytelling**—Deborah Margolis told “Uncle Ry and the Moon” from *Zen Shorts* by Greg Muth  
Karen told the “Little Red House with No Doors or Windows and a Star Inside”  
Betsy told *Angela’s Airplane* by Robert Munsch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting— January 26, 2009—Denton Library/Caroline County—followed by Eastern Shore Conference