

## **CSD Minutes—December 14, 2009**

### **Southeast Anchor Branch—Enoch Pratt**

#### **Attendance**

Carol Dean, Diane Rebertus, Dorothy Stoltz, Eileen Kuhl, Faith Ward, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Kit Bloom, Krista McKenzie, Robyn Lukow, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Susan Walters, Wanda Nelson

Twelve separate counties represented!

#### **Meeting called to order**—10:05

#### **Introductions**

#### **Minutes**—

Corrections—Carol Dean’s email address is [cdean@aacpl.net](mailto:cdean@aacpl.net) . Our MLA Wednesday pre-conference is called “Quality Programming for Pennies”—National Children’s Museum presenting in the morning, and Jill Hutchinson and Krista McKenzie in the afternoon. Bel Air Branch Library participated along with Aberdeen and Abingdon in October 8th’s “Read for the Record.”

Janis moved, Susan seconded to approve the corrected November minutes.

#### **Executive Board Meeting**—Robyn

Membership and budgets are holding steady. *The Crab* will now only be sent online—in full color, including pictures. MLA officer elections will be held online in January. February 10 is MLA Legislative Day in Annapolis, from 5:30-7:00 PM. MLA is offering a Mediterranean cruise May 18-30, beginning in Rome.

#### **Blue Crab ’09**—Janis

Everything is done. Sarah Campbell, author of *Wolfsnail*, will be flying from Jackson, MS, on April 19 to speak at MLA. Susan Modak will look up the wording on last year’s Blue Crab plaque to give to Janis. Susan will work with Janis on the wording and printing of the certificates for the winners who are not attending the MLA conference.

#### **Blue Crab ’10**—Kit

The committee is hard at work online and in four face-to-face meetings, one of them this afternoon. They’ve noticed that there are fewer new transitional books being published, perhaps because of the economy.

#### **Blue Crab ’11**

At our January meeting we will need to firm up the 2011 Blue Crab Award Committee. Kit knows two people who are interested. Faith recommended Melissa Da from Mt. Washington Elementary. Robyn will ask Amanda from Lexington Park if she’d like to be chair.

#### **Kids Are Customers—2010**

Partnering with MASL? MASL would like to collaborate with CSD, but they’ve already locked in their keynote speaker and Hagerstown location for 2010, and their Ocean City venue for 2011. Besides the fact that this is the first year they are not using a conference planner, their conference fees of \$120 for one day (\$175 for overnight) is steeper than our usual fee of \$80 for members. The consensus is that we would like to partner with MASL, but we feel that we should actually plan together! Perhaps we could develop a joint committee for 2012. (Dorothy suggested doing a joint conference every few years, if not every year.)

If we go ahead with our own conference, we will need to set a location. Carol says the Westminster Best Western is open on our date. Irva will look into using a Howard County school (on students' day off). Wanda will look into the Oxon Hill Branch in Prince George's County. Susan will look into the University of MD at Shady Grove. Please email Carol with other location suggestions— [cdean@aacpl.net](mailto:cdean@aacpl.net)

Brainstorming for program ideas:

Susan M.—Cultural and Linguistic Competency presented by Lindsey Allard, Silver Spring, MD—  
inclusiveness, equity, sensitivity at a preschool level

Janis—"Ready by 5"

Irva—time management

Carol—displays—Cynthia Bischoff, Anne Arundel County

Susan M.—how to get grants and community partnerships

—social networking

—sensory storytimes (Connie Matthews, Mt. Lebanon, PA)—October, 2009 *School Library Journal*.

Julie, Dorothy, Delia—Legos programs

Sophia—Karma dogs

Delia—getting started using music in programs at a basic level (Michele Irvine at Herring Run, Pratt)

Jeff Kinney

Any author in town

### **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 Jane Dorfman; our own Kit Bloom and Betsy Diamant-Cohen; and Eve Burton from Montgomery County who teaches children how to tell stories.

**CSD members please bring food items for the conference;** Susan will bring cold drinks.

\*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 *eight* CEUs. Email [Rachael@esrl.org](mailto:Rachael@esrl.org) if you plan to take part. We will start our January CSD meeting at 10:30.

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

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

### **Wednesday pre-conference is now "Quality Programming for Pennies."**

Wednesday morning—National Children's Museum—free literacy activities (with free materials)

Wednesday afternoon—Jill Hutchinson and Krista McKenzie

### **Thursday 11:00-12:00**

**Blue Crab Award**

### **Thursday 2:00-4:45**

**Sharing Our Stories: System-Wide Solutions to Reaching More Children**

**Friday morning****Graphic Novels—Diamond Book Distributors—Janna Morishima**

Other conference information—

\*Some sessions will be audio recorded for the MLA website, including our Graphic Novel session

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

\*Please tell Robyn if you can donate any items for the silent auction.

**Break**—11:10 to move our parked cars ☺

**Old Business**—

Blue Crab extension activities are now on our website. (If you haven't submitted your activities, please email Carol.)

**New Business**—

We answered questions for Janet Vogel, MLA Membership Chair, about why we joined MLA

Deborah Margolis (formerly of Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped) is now living in Michigan and has begun giving presentations about reaching out to families who have a child with a disability, especially for summer reading. Karen will ask her about fees, transportation costs, and presentation length, for a workshop involving children's programs anytime.

**Go Round**

**Carol Dean**—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel—Polar Express holiday program in several branches; lots of branches running gaming events, both video and board games; regular baby programs and storytimes.

**Diane Rebertus**—Cecil County—no programs in January; February begins spring semester of classes (eight-week sessions); 11<sup>th</sup> annual Story Day with Milkshake

**Dorothy Stoltz**—Carroll County—Carroll County conducted a study in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 to determine whether their early literacy training for home child care providers made an impact on children's school readiness. The study assessed 3 and 4 year olds and showed a statistically significant increase in comprehension, concepts about print and phonological awareness. The two-year study was funded by LSTA grants. Pierce Co. (Tacoma) Washington library recently received a grant from the Boeing Family Foundation to replicate the training and the two-year study. It'll help increase the scientific knowledge base for public libraries. Currently the CCPL project is the only scientific-based study conducted by a U.S. library using treatment and control groups.

**Eileen Kuhl**—White Marsh/BCPL—"Mutts Gone Nuts"—dogs doing tricks with humor; a school visit for 56 first library cards was cancelled, but will be rescheduled; reading program with Chik-Fil-A (there are now two younger cow mascots—a calf and a heifer)

**Irva Nachlas-Gabin**—East Columbia/Howard—Bobbie Hinson, author of *The Knot Fairy*, *The Sock Fairy*, and *The Bellybutton Fairy* came to speak, we had fairy crafts; planning a training for new children's staff on math programs to be presented in May;

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary's County—holiday programs this week; Three Kings storytime in January; storytimes begin January 11; online newsletter

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/BCPL—toddler storytime attendance is dwindling, but school outreach is paying off in finding books for teachers, 4<sup>th</sup> grade book talks, and even a link with local private school doing research paper assignments!; BCPL just switched to Polaris computer system

**Kit Bloom**—Southeast Anchor Branch/Pratt—PAWS program—children read to qualified service dogs

**Krista McKenzie**—Accident Branch/Garrett—launched a county-wide First Card Program from a grant (every child under eight gets a backpack, sticker and free book); launching a new county website; implementing new quarterly newsletter and monthly “What’s New” for children and teens; bedtime storytimes every month; increased homeschooler programming; implementing new performer contract; county-wide reading day with *The Giving Tree*—programs at all library branches and schools

**Robyn Lukow**—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—annual holiday “Belsnickling” program on December 12—children made paper plate masks and paraded downtown, singing carols, then returned to library for milk and brownies and watched a holiday dance routine by middle school girls from Dance Unlimited. Partnering with Maryland School for the Deaf to place one of their high school students as a volunteer in our department, making storytime props

**Sophia VanSchaick**—Bel Air/Harford—Firefighter Pam presented two programs (Pam is a page at Bel Air Library and also a Baltimore County firefighter); county is planning for summer reading

**Susan Modak**—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—was able to purchase multiple copies of Richard Scarry’s *Big Book*

**Susan Walters**—Randallstown/BCPL—just started a Tween Book Club with *Diary of a Wimpy Kid #4*—the Friends Group bought copies to give to the kids; Needs Assessment committee is working on trying to increase attendance at baby programs.

**Wanda Nelson**—Ft. Meade Post Library—joint program with Post Chapel at Fort Meade—Christmas tree was lit, then librarians read books and served refreshments.

### **Topic of the month—Storytelling**

Sophia told us the story of Angus MacAskill, the Cape Breton Giant.  
Irva told us the story of “Gittel’s Hands.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hoffman

**Next meeting—January 11, 2010—Denton Library—Caroline County** (snow date, January 25, 2010)  
**Followed by the Eastern Shore Conference**