CSD Minutes—January 9, 2012
Denton Library– Caroline County

Attendance
Eileen Kuhl, Ellie Lease, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Kim Preis, Nancy Haile, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Tara Lebherz

Introductions

Minutes—Kim motioned, Tara seconded to approve the corrected December minutes.

MLA Executive Board Meeting
Meets next week.

MLA Conference—May 9-11, 2012—Clarion Resort, Ocean City

Pre-conference—Storytime Extravaganza—Amanda and Tess -introduced by Tara or Eileen
Thursday—Mock Newbery presentation—Rachael Vilmar -introduced by Susan
  --Blue Crab ’11 author—Lola Schaefer -introduced by Wanda
  --Early Literacy—Dorothy Stoltz -introduced by Susan?
Friday—National Children’s Museum—science, math, nature in crafts -introduced by ?

The committee is proofreading the convention program; it should be coming out soon.

Send Irva irva.gabin@hclibrary.org crab items and ideas for CSD’s silent auction basket! Janis has a crab keychain.

Blue Crab ’11—Wanda Nelson
Author Lola Schaefer is set to come to MLA.

Blue Crab ’12—Tara Lebherz
The committee is weeding down their selections. They will be ready to announce the winners at the Southern/Western Conferences (March/April). They hope to have brochures ready by Southern conference; Eileen will check how long it takes to print them.
Tara has reworded the Blue Crab google document to show the change in the schedule.

Blue Crab ’13—Marisa Conner
The committee is forming.

Blue Crab—general
We now announce Blue Crab winners earlier—at Southern/Western conferences, and invite the winning author(s) to speak at Kids Are Customers.
We’re looking for someone to be a Blue Crab mentor/overseer—to guide the Blue Crab committees when they have questions.

**Eastern Conference/Mock Newbery—January 9, 2012—Denton Library/Caroline County—9:00-12:30**
Fun workshop this morning—our Newbery pick—*Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt
There may be changes in next year’s conference CEUs.

**Southern/Western Conference**
**Southern—March 12, 2012—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County—12:30-4:00**
**Western—April 9, 2012—Urbana Library/Frederick County—1:00-4:15**

Nancy Haile—picture book art—how to look at a picture book (45 minutes)
Beth—picture book apps (with hands-on Nooks and iPads); playing with art materials involved in picture books (45 minutes)
Blue Crab presentation (30 minutes)
MLA members--$35; non MLA members--$53

Kim will pick up registration materials and has offered to stuff folders. Janis offered to bring more eBook readers.

SMRLA will provide water and coffee at the Southern Conference; Susan will bring sugar, creamer, napkins, and plates. Tara will provide water and coffee for the Western Conference.

**CSD members, please bring baked goods and snacks to share with the participants of both conferences.**

**Kids Are Customers—October 18, 2012**

Program ideas—
Irva--health and wellness programs; Kim—nutritionist programs at Lansdowne Library
Blue Crab author(s)
Julie Dietzel-Glair—preview her interactive book
Autism
Shout Out of favorite blogs, apps, internet sites
B&T—publishers’ fall book presentation (like the Baker & Taylor conference February 3)

**Break**
Sophia will share her delicious bar cookie recipe!

**Old Business—**

**Newsletter—**
The winter newsletter will be out soon!

Future meetings— [*locations have been confirmed]*
*June 11—Arbutus (BCPL)—tour of green building
July 9—Miller Library (Howard County)—tour of new building
*August 13—Pikesville (BCPL)—positive parent handling
*September 10—Lexington Park (St. Mary’s County)—summer wrap up
*October—Kids Are Customers
*November 5—Noyes Library for Young Children (Montgomery County)
December 10—Bel Air Library (Harford County)—storytelling

**New Business**

Nancy Haile proposed the idea of a daylong conference based on Black Eyed Susan books—with three discussion groups and a speaker. The idea needs to be discussed with the BES committee and would need MLA approval.

MSDE announced that Maryland was one of nine states to receive the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge. As part of the collaboration between MSDE and MAPLA, libraries will be asked to form a Library Family Advisory Council to meet twice a year. This can be a gathering of parents after storytime or whatever will work for each library. Libraries will also be asked to have information kiosks available for MSDE early learning brochures. DLDs will be in touch soon with more information. If any questions—you can contact Dorothy Stoltz dstoltz@carr.org

The Publishers of Maryland Life have published a new quarterly publication called M.Y. Voice, done in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education and top educators across the state. "M.Y." stands for "Maryland Youth." What makes M.Y. Voice unique is that it targets middle school students, but more importantly than that, all the content is created by Maryland middle school students. While primary distribution for this publication is to every public middle school in the state, every public library will get copies, as well -- approximately 50 copies for each branch.

**Go Round**

**Eileen Kuhl**—Parkville/Baltimore County—Urban Pirates a delight! Candy and Cupcake winter program.


**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary’s County—Cosmic Adventure-- traveling planetarium program from Frederick--very successful. Book Feast on May 13. Winter/spring programs starting up.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/Baltimore County—intern ASL interpreters through Hearing and Speech Agency of Baltimore at preschool storytimes once a month—fun watching ASL for “arrrrr” at Urban Pirates program. :)

**Kim Preis**—Arbutus/Baltimore County—Baltimore County planning to use only part time staff for storytimes and baby programs.
**Sophia VanSchaick**—Bel Air/Harford County—planning summer reading programs. So many babies attending Diaper Gang storytimes, they’re now offering back to back sessions. Her daughter is engaged.

**Susan Modak**—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—foot traffic and circulation are up at Noyes. Her ukulele is a great addition to storytimes and spur of the moment interactions.

**Tara Lebherz**—Brunswick/Frederick County—hosting final bee of county wide spelling contest. New easy, fun program for slow Tuesdays—Explore @ the Library—can be just about anything-play-dough, LEGOs, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—February 13, 2012—C. Burr Artz Library/Frederick County