CSD Minutes—February 14, 2011
New Carrollton Library

Attendance
Carol Dean, Diane Benner, Eileen Kuhl, Elisabeth Proffen, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Kathy Kirchoefer, Kim Preis, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Tara Lebherz

Introductions

Minutes—December minutes were approved. The secretary was asked to attach the minutes when she emails the new month’s agenda.

MLA Executive Board Meeting
MLA board members are impressed with CSD’s programs and revenue making. The MLA conference brochure is now online. CSD has been asked to make a gift basket for the silent auction. Please give Elisabeth Proffen any items you can think of with a chicken or farm animal theme. :)

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
The committee is working on book extensions for this year’s winners to post on the Blue Crab website. They asked Eileen (on the MLA Conference committee) to be sure the Blue Crab Award can actually be given at the author’s luncheon at the conference.

Blue Crab ’11—Susan Walters sent an update—they’ve whittled down their list to 18 books to consider and divided them into the four categories. At their next full day meeting in April they’ll select each category’s winner and honor book(s).

Blue Crab ’12—Tara Lebherz
Tara has begun advertising for committee members.

Blue Crab Guidelines
Tara, Susan M, and Wanda will update the Blue Crab procedures document and bring it to CSD for approval.

Eastern Conference—Mock Newbery—January 10, 2011—Denton Library
The Mock Newbery Conference received enthusiastic high reviews! We’re looking forward to doing it again next year. Rachael Vilmar has created a Mock Newbery website for book suggestions and more--
https://sites.google.com/site/marylandmocknewbery/

Southern/Western Conference
Southern—March 14, 2011—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County
Western—April 11, 2011—Urbana Library/Frederick County

1:00-1:45 Large group storytimes—Amanda Ellington and Tess Goldwasser (St. Mary’s County) Carol will introduce
1:45-1:55 Break
1:55-2:40 Lego programs—Jill Hutchinson and Catherine DeCristofaro (St. Mary’s County) Susan will introduce
2:40-2:50 Break
2:50-4:20  Puppets—Rose Armentrout (St. Jerome’s Head Start)  Tara/Kit will introduce
Kim Preis will pick up the registration packets for the two conferences. Carol and Karen will run the
registration table.

At the Southern Conference, St. Mary’s County staff will provide coffee, drinks, snacks, and paper goods.

At the Western Conference, Susan M. will provide paper goods and drinks [diet sodas, water, and juice] and
CSD members will bring savory and sweet snacks.

MLA Conference— May 4-6, 2011—Clarion Resort, Ocean City
The convention brochure is now online-- http://www.mdlib.org/conference/docs/program.pdf

Wednesday, May 4--Pre-conference—Bringing Books to Life

9:00—Daryl Cobb (vibrant speaker from MASL Conference)—2 hours, then ½ hour with children present
Afternoon  Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi—book talking bonanza - 1½ hour
__BCPL “genre book camp” --reader’s advisory session about children’s humorous books—
                    presentation of three titles, followed by breakout discussions. (Eileen Kuhl, Ashley
                    Rogers, Jackie Greenberg)

Thursday, May 5--

11:00—Good Dog, Aggie--Blue Crab author, Lori Ries  Kit will introduce
11:00—Just the Facts--National Children’s Museum (Wendy and Debby) –new nonfiction titles and how to
use them in programming  Eileen will introduce
11:00—Great Government Websites for Kids—(CSD co-sponsoring with Government Information Group)
GIG will introduce
2:00—Shake, Rattle and Play--Active Learning Centers (Amanda Ellington) and Early Literacy Centers
(Marisa Conner)  introduced by ?

Friday, May 6—

9:15— Yikes, Where Is It?—Organization Skills (Debbie Bowden) –organizing storytime props, emails,
conference notes  Introduced by ?

Kit will pick up the MLA materials to bring to the conference.
Eileen will pick up the preconference packet.
Elisabeth is collecting chicken/farm animal items for our CSD silent auction basket.
Be on the lookout for time opportunities to serve at the registration table and book table.

Kids Are Customers—2011
October 20, 2011
Westminster Best Western—Eileen has sent them contract
Possible presenters —
YES--Melissa Thomson (2009 Blue Crab winner *Keena Ford*)
Kit will contact Claudia Fridell—Baltimore debut author (*Goliath: Hero of the Great Baltimore Fire*)
Carol will keep trying to contact Jane Conly (*Crazy Lady*)
Janis will contact Janice Curtis Green (griot)
Susan M. will contact Susan Stockdale—Montgomery County nonfiction writer/ illustrator (*Fabulous Fishes*)
Elisabeth will contact Superman guy
Diane will contact Jennifer Allison (*Gilda Joyce*)

Last year’s conference attendees really liked having two session tracks—programming and book choices.

Session ideas ---
Elisabeth will look into recycled crafts/crafternoons
Carol will investigate SLRC program packs
Mock Caldecott
Tess Goldwasser—hot new books
Capitol Choices speaker again
Carol will ask Mother Reader again (or similar blogger)
School readiness
Every Child Ready to Read
Nonfiction in storytimes

Book table ---
Let’s use Barnes and Noble again. And assign members to man the table.!
Tara will pick up the books
Elisabeth will arrange volunteers to sell books.

Break — yummy Valentine treats

Old Business—

Newsletter--
Susan Modak, Sophia, and Tara have finished a fabulous first CSD newsletter, to be issued quarterly! Read it on our MLA website. [http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/csd/default.asp](http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/csd/default.asp) Send them any stories you might have.

Future CSD meeting dates/locations—

March 14, 2011—Charlotte Hall/St. Mary’s—followed by Southern Regional Conference
April 11, 2011—Urbana/Frederick—followed by Western Regional Conference
May 4-6, 2011—MLA—Ocean City
June 13, 2011—Pikesville Library/BCPL (Karen confirmed)
July 11, 2011—Glenwood Library/Howard County (Irva)
August 8, 2011—online meeting
September 12, 2011—St. Mary’s County (Janis confirmed)
October, 2011—KAC
November 14, 2011—Montgomery County  (Susan M. confirmed)
December 12, 2011—Bel Air Library/Harford  (Sophia confirmed)
January, 2012—Mock Newbery
February 13, 2012—Brunswick Library/Frederick (Tara)
March 12, 2012—Southern Regional Conference
April 9, 2012—Western Regional Conference
May, 2012 –MLA

New Business
Coffee at monthly meetings? We’ll pass the coffee/tea accessories from meeting hostess to hostess, who can decide to serve coffee or not.

Topic of the Month—Using Technology

Carol—“Use and enjoy our CSD Facebook site.” She’s putting questions on it to invite replies. (Check your Facebook page to see if you receive updates from all your friends or just those you regularly respond to.)

Karen—Blue Crab documents are on Google docs—useful for many people to edit, but hard to print

Diane—technology for survey for staff; uses pbworks in departments, wiki for stats

Elisabeth—Doodle—not great, but useful to survey calendars
Google calendar for SRC volunteers

Tara—“When is good” to arrange schedules

Carol—Google calendar for meeting room events

Diane—PG going to use Google to merge work emails

Several counties use Twitter—Howard County--1/2 of programs found on Facebook or Twitter

St. Mary’s –MSN chat to plan programs together

iPod for storytime music—BCPL, St. Mary’s County (can change the end times, add longer pauses)

Tara—virtual book talks—xtranormal; glogster—interactive posters

Go Round

Carol Dean—West County/Anne Arundel—Black History Month programs very well attended; storytimes and baby programs; planning a Diary of a Wimpy Kid program; lots of preschool tours in March. Ten percent budget cuts=12 more furlough days.

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—school visit at Charlesmount Elementary—babies to 4th grade (along with a DJ and firemen). BCPL branches will have only one central SRC program this summer.
**Eliabeth Proffen**—Central /Howard County—new Miller Library construction on schedule for December, 2011 opening. February 26—fund raising gala—“Evening in the Stacks.” Staff put on puppet show “Minnie and Moo: Will You Be My Valentine” at several branches. Gearing up for kindergarten visit season in February and March.

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary’s County—Dr. Seuss programs; family game night with electronic and board games. Book Feast—May 13 @ SMRLA—similar to Great Books.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/BCPL—first Lego program a great success, looking forward to more branches using the Legos. Two local schools have brought student artwork to display in the branch.

**Kathy Kirchoefer**—New Carrollton/Prince George’s—writing online training program/course about baby storytimes for North Texas University. “Sweets for your Sweetie” program for 6-9 year olds. University of Maryland Read for Health program.

**Sophia VanSchaick**—Bel Air/Harford County—first two Lego programs filled/waiting list. Sophia assisting with Teens Telling Tales storytime. Drop-in storytimes every week.

**Susan Modak**—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—K. Michael Crawford—free illustrator—interacts with kids 4 and up—all the children draw.

**Tara Lebherz**—Brunswick/Frederick County—Brunswick Library ready to open April 16. Frederick County commissioners doing a lot of restructuring to meet budget demands—library lay-offs a possibility.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—March 14, 2011—Charlotte Hall/St. Mary’s—followed by Southern Regional Conference