CSD Minutes—February 11, 2013
Finksburg Library—Carroll County

Present
Darrell Robertson, Dorothy Stoltz, Heather Johnson, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Kim Preis, Liz Sunderman, Marisa Conner, Peg Pond, Rachel Wright, Sophia Van Schaick, Susan Modak, Tara Lebherz

Introductions

Minutes
Rachel moved, Peg seconded that minutes be approved.

Blue Crab ’13—Marisa Conner
Committee has chosen its winners! MLA will print brochures. St. Mary’s County will print preliminary brochures in time for the March 11 Southern Mini-Conference. The committee would like to make a logo—little crab reading a book, with the words “Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Award.” Melanie Fitz from Carroll County drew one right then and there; Liz will make it into a vector drawing.
The committee would like to make a poster for the MLA poster session.
Committee school librarians would like to present Blue Crab at the October 18 MASL Conference.
They would like to redo the Blue Crab website.

We brainstormed more suggestions to get Blue Crab message out--
Ask Jay Bansbach to send brochures to school librarians’ listserv (see Liz)
Broadcast information to MASL members
Send out press releases
Notify publishers
Make posters, give to local bookstores, ask them to make Blue Crab book displays
Ask for more Blue Crab marketing ideas at Southern/Western Mini-Conferences

We need to make a marketing checklist for Blue Crab notebook.

Blue Crab ’14
Christine is recruiting members. She could post on marylib and ask Liz Sunderman to pass on to Youth Coordinators listserv.

Southern/Western Conferences
Southern—March 11, 2013—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County—12:30-4:00
Western—April 8, 2013—Thurmont Library/Frederick County—1:00-4:15

Schedule—
Registration 10 minutes (build index card tower)
Intro to STEM—Jennifer Cooper (Wolf Trap) 45 minutes Susan will introduce
Science—Melissa Harrah—Little Leaper’s Kit 45 minutes Sophia will introduce
Break 10 minutes
Math—Irva Nachlas-Gabin 45 minutes Susan will introduce Irva
Blue Crab  30 minutes  Susan will introduce Marisa
Evaluations  10 minutes

Susan will write an agenda and bring index cards, instructions and play dough.
Kim will pick up registration papers for both sessions.
Janis and Tara will provide laptops and projectors.

Southern Conference—SMYRLA will provide coffee and water. Susan will bring drinks and order a cookie tray, fruit tray, and cheese and crackers from McKay’s (301-274-4122, open 7-10).

Western Conference—Tara will order food trays.

The hosting branches will provide morning CSD snacks.

Pack your lunch if you’re planning to stay after the CSD meetings for the conferences; there won’t be time to go out to eat!

**MLA Conference**  May 8-10, 2013

Theme—“Forging New Paths—Radical and Relevant”

__How to Train and Motivate Adults to Foster School Readiness—Dorothy Stoltz and Connie Wilson presenting their newly published early literacy book__ (pre-conference)

__Tweens—Rachel Wright (Cecil County) Bridging the Gap Between Elementary and Middle School

__SEFEL—Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning—Valerie Von Behren from MSDE will do a session showing how librarians can use SEFEL in programming—a relatively new initiative for early childhood learning.

__Read Learn Grow—Amanda Ellington from St. Mary's County will present their "Read Learn Grow" Program—an interactive program based on ECRR2 for parents and children to learn together.

__Reader’s Advisory for Beginning Readers—Capitol Choices will present a reader's advisory session.

__(co-sponsored program with DLDS)—STEM
(There may be an opportunity for Karen Kuebler to be one of six persons demonstrating STEM) __

Keynote speaker on Wednesday night; sessions will begin Thursday morning.

Eileen will pick up registration materials.

Ideas for MLA silent auction basket—“Down by the Bay”
Send items to Irva Gabin—East Columbia Branch/Howard County

Ideas so far—

- 2 autographed Priscilla Cummings books
- Mr. Jon CD
- Cathy Fink CD
- Kevin Sherry book
Laura Ann Schlitz book—(Karen will ask)
Michelle Meadows—(Susan will ask)
Jerdine Nolen
Amy Littlesugar—(Irva will ask)
Jennifer Holm

Black Eyed Susan Tapestry—September 21, 2013—Carroll Community College
Tara will ask Eileen or Nancy Haile about who will continue to plan and do the paperwork for this successful workshop.

Kids Are Customers—now October 10, 2013 (avoiding conflict with October 18-MASL and October 19-Books for the Beast)
Morning—
*Common Core –Shari Ostrow Scher (Family Involvement Specialist—Early Childhood Committee, Frederick County)
--and possibly a trainer from DLDS to explain book grade levels
*Blue Crab author
Lunch
Afternoon—
*Author Kevin Sherry—Biggest Thing in the Ocean
*Breakout sessions **--Music and Storytime –
  Tess and Susan panel—importance of music in storytimes
  Mr. Jon and Friends—Frederick County puppeteer and songwriter
  Irva—using instruments in storytime
  Phyllis Bontrager and Michele Presley—using iPods and iPads

** --Sibert Award/nonfiction reader’s advisory—Kathie Meizner (2013 Sibert Chair)
Poster sessions—we’ll discuss at June meeting

KAC registration volunteers will ask late-comers for library system information to make it easier to check if they have paid for the conference.

Mock Newbery—2013 —Denton Library/Caroline County
Successful reviews! A few other comments—difficulty hearing people in your group, would like to learn more about the actual Newbery process, would like more information on how books are chosen for the workshop.

Facebook-- https://www.facebook.com/CSDmla
Carol has made a master calendar for our page. Let’s add news items—e.g. Blue Crab Award winners chosen, call for CSD newsletter submissions.

Break
**Old Business**
While Heather is out on maternity leave, Rachel will edit the CSD newsletter. Spring issue in April—SRC craft ideas, program ideas, performers; book reviews; or just what’s happening in your library. Please send articles to rwright@ccplnet.org by March 15.

**New Business**
No new business

**Go Round**

**Darrell Robertson**—Finksburg/Carroll County—planning summer programs. Milkshake concert coming. Scavenger hunt based on Chris Grabenstein’s upcoming book, *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. Kids look for clues hidden in books in various Dewey decimal sections in order to solve the mystery and escape.

**Heather Johnson**—Severna Park/Anne Arundel County—Looking into starting STEM programs---looking for contacts in other systems to talk to.

**Irva Nachlas-Gabin**—Howard County—Savage Branch will be closed June, 2013 for 18 months for complete renovation. Children’s library staff are attending series of workshops by Howard County Schools and Howard Community College on math and science core curriculum for preschool-kindergarten.

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary’s County—Jim Gill training at SMRLA April 18—“Music and Play with a Purpose.” Free public concert at Lexington Park, April 17 at 6:30. Call Jennifer Falkowski at SMRLA if you’d like your name on the waiting list. “Who Done It?”—forensic science program in February and March—e.g. shoeprints and fingerprints.

**Kim Preis**—Arbutus/Baltimore County—Urban Pirates was a very popular family program.

**Liz Sunderman**—DLDS—Maker Faire at Pratt SLRC, Saturday, June 1, 2013—collaborative crafts, technology, etc.—open to the public. Still preparing for Books for the Beast.

**Marisa Conner**—Youth Services/Baltimore County—BCPL is opening its 19th branch, Owings Mills, in a dual building—library on the bottom three floors, CCBC on the upper floors. Soft opening at the end of March. New ALA book—*The Power of Play*—creating early learning spaces.

**Peg Pond**—Outreach/Carroll County—Kindergarten library card campaign—all kindergarteners go to the nearest library for puppet show and tour (including inside the book drop :). Hosting adult and children’s programs for “Celebrate America.” ALA webinar “Play” coming up—Peg and Connie Wilson. Library is partnering with Carroll Lutheran Village Retirement Center, Arts Council, Community College, McDaniel College, and Historical Society to create C.L.V. University. The library is hosting an online discussion program at CLV called “Thinking Out Loud”--February’s topic—“What does it mean to lead an examined life per Socrates?”

**Rachel Wright**—Cecil County—STEM and Beyond night—branch librarians presenting STEM programs to grades 4, 5, 6 at local middle schools. National Library Week—bookmark contest; Kira Willey—Family Yoga Concert; Mad Science—pre-school program “ABCs of Science,” school-age evening event—“Spin, Pop, Boom!” Early Childhood classes are full with long waiting lists.
Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford County—Mastodon Matrix project—children and adults are sifting through dirt from upstate New York mastodon dig. HCPL will be a beta test site for Hoopla where patrons can download videos, music, etc. Upcoming LEGO contest with judging, etc. Little Leaper kits will roll out on March 27. Toronto Public Library just opened a tool lending library.

Susan Modak—Noyes/Montgomery County—Montgomery County is loosening up—branches may now plan up to 6 programs a month and do spring outreach to schools. Lunar New Year program. Noyes 120th birthday coming up—party April 20.

Tara Lebherz—Frederick County—partnering with local businesses to increase summer reading registration. Thurmont Library to host elementary school literacy nights to show kids how fun the library is.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—March 11, 2013—Charlotte Hall—St. Mary’s County—followed by Southern Mini-Conference (bring your lunch)