Maryland Library Association – Children’s Services Division
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016
Administrative Offices in Prince George’s County
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II. Approval of Minutes: Jill approved, Joe seconded

III. Action Item Follow Up: Handled throughout meeting

IV. President’s Report: Nothing to report

V. Program Planning
   a. March/April- Southern/ Western
      i. Updates: Registration will open soon. An email will go out through CSD & Marylib & also on social media. Update: Registration now open
      ii. Snack sign-up for March & April: Conni & Jill will provide meeting snacks for Southern, Jess C. & Sophia for Western. Update: We will need one additional snack person for the Western Workshop to help provide fruit, water & chocolate. Amanda will provide this for Southern. Snack pick-up for workshops will be reimbursed. Jess C. will do pick up for Western.
      iii. Update: Contact Tara to check on tech supplies and room confirmation – Amanda will do this.
   b. May- MLA Conference
      i. Updates: Everything is on target for May. Many kudos for having such a diverse range of topics and for to getting everything in a timely manner. Still looking for vendors & sponsors.
         1. Final Approval Form is due before the next MLA meeting. Jess C. will handle.
         2. There will be a lot of updates and activity on social media including Facebook & Twitter. Early bird registration will end on 3/18. Jim DeArmey (BCPL) is looking for clue ideas for daily digital scavenger hunts that will be held. Prizes will be awarded.
         3. We are adopting ALA’s Statement of Appropriate Conduct for this year. We can adapt/change it later if need be.
      ii. Volunteers for Packet Pick-Up & Room Host:
         1. Preconference: Jill
         2. Game on, Thur @ 9: Eileen
         3. Lunch & Learn @ 10:30: Conni
4. Teaching Credibility Assessment to Children Thur @ 3:00: Conni
5. Storywalk Fri 9:30-11:30: Conni
6. Media Mentorship Fri 10:45-11:45: Jill

iii. Jess C. will email Kate about registration/booksale volunteers to find out how many volunteers we need.

iv. Guerilla Storytime: Jill will run, Christine F. is also interested but waiting for approval. Jess C. will contact Kate or Margaret about scheduling the Uncommons.

v. Basket: We need names for who is procuring items, link was posted on Facebook. Looking for individual bottles or growlers. Or donate six packs. Or any other items. Jess C. will bring potential treasure chest. It would be best to bring any donations to the next meeting in March.

c. Oct- Kids are Customers
i. Brainstorm: Children’s Services Unplugged, Sensory (harford county librarian), Music & Movement, Reference interviews for kids, Successful Splice Computer Programs, Touch a Giant Truck, Building/Environment/science, Gardening (children’s garden, Miller Branch), Do we need both an author & keynote?, Diverse books part 2, Diversity & programming, Bilingual Storytimes (aacpl?), Multilingual Storytimes when your staff doesn’t speak the language, Outreach for parents about early lit. skills (Baby Needs Words for Keynote?, Baby Children’s Services, Parent Education, Repeat of Play Spaces in the library (different budget levels), Music & Movement: Ukuleles (St Mary’s), music instruments to circulate (Harford) and music petting zoo (BCPL), Library of Things: how to circulate, Art, Process Art (Harford), Baby Rembrandt!!, Messy Programs, Elementary level: book clubs, other ideas?, Acts of Kindness clubs (Harford), Passive Programs (elem), Jess C. will talk to Amanda about putting out a call for proposals.

VI. Awards- Blue Crab
a. Update: voting on Wednesday. Preliminary votes have already happened. At least Shirley & Conni will be there. Advertise the announcement on Social Media. Share detailed information about winners on Facebook to keep it in mind, Runners up included.

b. Be on the lookout for 2016 members. Update: We need to find a chair first. Jess C. will look into when & how we need to recruit a chair and members.

VII. Old Business
a. Social Media
i. Updates: upcoming meetings & workshops as events on Facebook. If you say you are going it will appear more frequently in other people's feeds. If you are a twitter user, please tweet @csd_ml.

   ii. Developing a schedule/calendar: Jill & Jess C. would also like to post.

b. Newsletter: went out in January, next one will come out in late March/early April.

c. Virtual Meetings
i. Virtual meeting went well.
i. To have a virtual component we would have to have an omni directional microphone. **Amanda will inquire about getting a microphone.**

ii. Teleconference suggested as an option.

iii. Do we need to add a line to our bylaws about digital voting? **Jess C. will investigate**

VIII. New Business

IX. Monthly Topic/Idea Share/Discussion: SRC Brainstorm

a. Conni (Harford): Looking at doing a 5K fundraiser walk/run to tie into the fitness theme. Trying badges and using, using Beanstack to track.

b. Julie (Queen Anne's): Beanstack, new for them!, Book & Bike events a possibility with new community cycle club.

c. Elaine (Queen Anne’s): looking at gaming aspect, board games & quidditch, polling kids, ideas from superhero academies: throwing pool noodles through hoops, Chicken runs to save a chicken from “fire”. **Reminder: Don’t use any Olympics terminology.** They are coming down hard on trademark infringements. Quidditch section is provided in the teen section of the SRC manual.

d. Jill (St. Mary’s): Doing the “Summer Reading Games”. Gameboard/online program will be a set of reading, learning & activity challenges to earn badges which will be called medals. Some ideas: Dewey Decathlon (read/watch/listen to nonfic from each dewey category). Three Book Dash, Ultimate Reaching Challenge, Memory Marathon, Game Maker Challenge, World Traveller Challenge. Also tracking digitally (Beanstack or other).

e. **Jess C. will talk to Amanda about creating an Invitation to have a Beanstack Google Hangout (or similar).** Could do a screenshare to share sandboxes.

f. Christine F. (Montgomery): Moving from logging books to learning track in Beanstack. Outside programming

g. Pam (Prince Georges): Working with Beanstack to be our summer reading platform.

h. Charles: Reaching out to school system & school system decided to drop their program and that everyone has to register for the library. Paying teachers to run programs. Splice laptops to share with science/math teachers. Teacher driven! Focus on games & sports. Ending with field day at a regional park with water games & quidditch. Park is doing advertising to promote use of the park.

i. Christine (Baltimore Co.): Toddler Olympics in meeting room, very international community.

j. Sophia (Harford): Bel Air early lit center is being built just before SRC so keeping things basic due to the construction. New Assistant Branch Manager, Stephanie Long.

k. Rachel (Prince Georges): Decor Contest, Beanstack registration/activity portal w/ badges, Fewer hired performers- more staff led, Working with school more closely.

l. Carrol County: Working hand in hand with schools. Have suggested titles that will go home through the school system. Leaning toward reading minutes not titles and their are non reading ways to earn minutes. Summer Puppet Show: Tortoise & the Hare.

m. Sarah (Charles): Asking school teachers to create summer programs, Field day for closing event (including Quidditch) at regional park.
X. Go ’Round:
   a. Kristen (Carroll): CRATES including Strawbees, Robotics, Cubelettes, Makey-Makey & Little Bits
   d. Christine K (Baltimore Co): Early Literacy Fair in April. Saturday of the Week of the Young Child.
   e. Jill (St. Mary’s): JAMuary Music programs with ALSC Creativity Grant. Bought 20 ukuleles. Held beginner ukulele classes, songwriting workshops and “Family Jam”/open mic programs. VERY popular, so we’re repeating in Fall with UKEtober. Also will circulate ukuleles with learn-to-play books and DVDs.