CSD Minutes—March 8, 2010
Germantown Library

Attendance

Introductions

Minutes
Susan Modak moved, Robyn seconded to approve the January minutes.

Executive Board Meeting
Executive board meeting this coming Wednesday. Please vote on line for CSD and MLA officers by 5:00 today.

Blue Crab ’09
Sarah Campbell, this year’s visiting winning author, will be arriving at Salisbury Airport on Tuesday night, April 20. Janis or Carol will pick her up. Carol will work with Janis to plan our taking her out to dinner on Wednesday night.

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
They’re narrowing down their list—using Library Thing.

Blue Crab ’11
Wanda Nelson has four committee members so far. Email Wanda—wandanelson@comcast.net—if you are interested. Wanda and Robyn are planning a flyer to advertise for members in The Crab and in MASL.

Kids Are Customers—2010
We’re booked [deposit sent] at the Westminster Best Western Conference Center on October 21, 2010.

We voted to invite two authors to speak—Edie Hemingway [Road to Tater Hill—2009 Parent’s Choice Gold Award] and Michelle Meadows [The Way the Storm Stops and Pilot Pups]. Carol will invite them to KAC. Elisabeth and Karen will write regrets to the authors they’ve contacted.
The conference programs line up as:

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We’ll save for other workshops:
* Lego programs—Julie Ranelli (also Dorothy and Delia)
* Sensory storytimes—Connie Matthews from Mt. Lebanon, PA, and Kari Kelly from Frederick County
* Social networking for children’s librarians—with each other and with the world—Roswell Encina from Pratt
* Genre book discussions—how BCPL presents genre readers’ advisory workshops

**Eastern/Western Conference ’10 –Storytelling: a Lost Art**
The Eastern Conference—January 11, 2010—Denton, MD—received great feedback—people commented how well-balanced it was. We made $1041.00.

Western Conference—May 17, 2010—Hagerstown Board of Education Building
* Professional storyteller Gary Lloyd
* Our own Kit Bloom and Betsy Diamant-Cohen
* Eve Burton from Montgomery County who has a children’s storytelling club

Everyone please bring a snack to the workshop. Susan will be bringing paper goods and drinks. Naomi will be providing coffee and water for tea. Karen and Krista will be in charge of the registration table. [Who will be able to pick up the registration materials from the MLA office?] You might want to bring a bag lunch to eat between our morning CSD meeting and the workshop.

**MLA Conference—April 21-23, 2010**

**Wednesday pre-conference -- “Quality Programming for Pennies.”**  [Carol will introduce]
- Wednesday morning—National Children’s Museum—free literacy activities (with free materials)
- Wednesday afternoon—Jill Hutchinson and Krista McKenzie

**Thursday 11:00-12:00**  [Janis will introduce]
Blue Crab Award
Thursday 2:00-4:45
Sharing Our Stories: System-Wide Solutions to Reaching More Children  [Robyn will introduce]

Friday morning
Graphic Novels—Diamond Book Distributors—Janna Morishima  [TSD will introduce]

Thursday, 2:00-3:15  Janis Cooker and Dorothy Stoltz are part of the group presenting “Creating Successful Cultural Connections for Preschoolers and Their Families.”

Old Business—
No old business

New Business—

Because the CLES Mock Newbery workshop was so popular this January, CSD and CLES would like to co-sponsor a larger, afternoon Mock Newbery workshop (with CEUs) in January, 2011, at Denton Library (after our separate business meetings). MLA has asked us to charge for this event, but they’ve granted us permission to charge only $5.00 for MLA members.

Which frees up CSD to have a regional conference in southern Maryland in March, 2011! (To match the April, 2011 Western Regional Conference.) ☺️ Three conferences next year—but two exactly the same and one co-planned with CLES.

We discussed possible CSD future meeting locations —

June 14, 2010—Pikesville Library, BCPL—Karen*
July 12, 2010—Bel Air Library, Harford County—Sophia*
August 9, 2010—Glenwood Library, Howard County—Irva*
September 13, 2010—White Marsh Library, BCPL—Eileen*
October 21, 2010—Kids Are Customers—Westminster Best Western Conference Center*
November 8, 2010—Noyes Library for Young Children—Montgomery County—Susan Modak
December 13, 2010—West County Branch—Anne Arundel County—Carol*
January 10, 2011—Denton Library—Caroline County—Julie—followed by Mock Newbery Conference*
                        (snowdate—January 24, 2011)
February 14, 2011—New Carrollton Library—Prince George’s County—Diane Benner*
March 14, 2011—Lexington Park, St. Mary’s County—Janis—followed by Southern Regional Conference*
April 11, 2011—C. Burr Artz, Frederick County—Robyn—followed by Western Regional Conference*
*meeting place confirmed

We’re also planning an online CSD meeting on April 12, 2010—times and details to follow.

Topic of the Month—Wrangling Volunteers

+Volunteers are useful and can fill a real gap.
- Volunteers take a lot of time to train. Be careful who you allow to volunteer.
Howard County—uses high school kids for summer reading, as “library grandparents”, and to shelve books.

Baltimore County—trains middle school kids to run the summer reading club (and to do small chores when they’re not busy); uses senior volunteers in the branches; recruits and trains “Storytimer” volunteers to do storytimes throughout the system. White Marsh has three CCBC student volunteers.

Anne Arundel County—uses volunteers all summer in two hour shifts; but has cut back and is now more selective.

Frederick County—uses pre-screening meetings to judge where volunteers will best fit in.

Harford County—uses middle schoolers in summer.

Prince George’s County—uses retired regular volunteers

Garrett County—receives judicial system “community service” volunteers—gives them menial work—cleaning books and shifting shelves—they don’t usually come back; uses adult volunteers to do craft preparations; teens become part of a teen advisory board—decorating teen areas, doing reader’s advisory, planning projects for kids.

Problems—
Some volunteers are hard to dismiss; some counties have to use documentation to “fire” volunteers.
Some volunteers volunteer just to get their names mentioned or to promote a political campaign or business. Libraries need to see their expectations and boundaries clearly at the beginning.

Go Round

Carol Dean—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel—doing basic programs—storytimes, Babies in Bloom, Valentine programs, game nights, crafternoons

Diane Benner—going out to schools and day care centers; this month had a Dr. Seuss storytime and playday (play time after storytime)

Dorothy Stoltz—Carroll County—is co-presenting “Improving Storytime Delivery with Peer Coaching” at PLA in Portland, March 25, 2:00-3:30 pm, based on Carroll County and Maryland workshops in 2007-2009 ; an article is scheduled to be published in March/April 2010 issue of Public Libraries. Her ALA committee will be featuring a program at this summer’s ALA convention in DC—“Back to the Future: Comics and Graphic Novels in Special Collections” She wrote an article for the committee called “Little-Known Treasures: Historic Children’s Books at the Newberry Library” for Children and Libraries, Winter, 2009.

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—made Dr. Seuss hats for storytime; will be developing programs with Marshy Point Nature Center

Elisabeth Proffen—Harford County—same level of programming—higher and higher attendance (e.g. 100 at baby storytime).

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard—snow-covered ground breaking for the new Miller Branch in Ellicott City (opening December, 2011) required a snow shovel; upcoming Children’s Discovery Fair and Financial Fair; Summer Reading Kickoff at East Columbia on June 5—performers, crafts, food—expecting 1500 people
Kit Bloom—Southeast Anchor Branch/Pratt—very popular PAWS program—service dogs that children read to; Pratt Fairy Tale Festival in April—Southeast Anchor will have Fairy Godmother Tea Party, magician, and Preschool Princess Ball

Krista McKenzie—Accident Branch/Garrett—brand new website; Dr. Seuss celebrations even when snowed in—Accident Branch made butter and green eggs and ham; community friends donated money for books that children earn in 30 Minutes for 30 Days competition; planning for summer reading club; drawing up a performers contract; starting youth book clubs at Accident; working on a Day Care/After School Program Fair

Robyn Lukow—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—annual Bookfest program on February 20—“Superheroes”—four branches with day-long family programs—crafts, superhero movies, staff wearing superhero costumes. Summer Reading Club starts May 1. Children Pre-K through 5 can enter a black and white drawing into an art contest—the winning pictures will be compiled into a coloring activity book for each child who registers for summer reading.

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford—is having the new experience of planning storytimes for 2-year-olds. Harford County is the only East Coast site getting the “Winds of War” poster exhibit from San Antonio Public Library, including “Uncle Sam Wants You” from World War I [www.hcplonline.info]. Snow forecasts showed the importance of the library—43 DVD drawers were emptied in the adult department.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—county is cutting back—branches can only do three programs a month

Susan Walters—Randallstown/BCPL—Renovation from July-December, 2010, will take away access to the downstairs meeting room—and most programs, including summer reading. Over 70 people came to see Schroeder Cherry Puppets for Black History Month—Underground Railroad. Their Tween Book Club is very successful—Gone by Michael Grant in April, its sequel Hunger in May.

Wanda Nelson—Ft. Meade Post Library—On March 2, they celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday with Dr. Seuss books and green eggs and ham. The post newspaper photographer took pictures.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—May 17, 2010—Hagerstown Board of Education Building (Washington County) —followed by Western Maryland Storytelling Conference