CSD Minutes—March 14, 2011
Charlotte Hall Library

Attendance

Introductions

Minutes—Susan moved and Janis seconded to approve the February minutes.

MLA Executive Board Meeting
MLA membership is holding steady.
Please bring chicken/farm items to put in the CSD silent auction basket.

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
Everything is ready for the Blue Crab presentation at MLA. Lori Ries is looking forward to coming (she’s expanding her time on the East Coast into a family vacation).

Blue Crab ’11—Wanda
The committee is ready to select each category’s winner and honor book(s) at their April full day meeting at Maryland City.

Blue Crab ’12—Tara
Tara has nine committee members, including two media specialists and one collection person.

Blue Crab publicity
Eileen will ask the BCPL Collection Department how to notify collection departments in Maryland about the Blue Crab winners.
Kim suggested expanding the name of the award to make it more self-explanatory.
We should put a Blue Crab logo on the author’s table at MLA. Eileen and Rachel Myers (AACPL) will look into a logo. Irva will price foam board.
We could start thinking about a Blue Crab 10th anniversary in 2014.

Blue Crab Guidelines
Tara, Susan M, and Wanda are updating the Blue Crab procedures document on google.docs. They’ll bring it to CSD for approval, either online or at a meeting.

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

1:00-1:45 Large group storytimes—Amanda Ellington and Tess Goldwasser (St. Mary’s County)
1:45-1:55 Break
1:55-2:40 Lego programs—Jill Hutchinson and Catherine DeCristofaro (St. Mary’s County)
2:40-2:50 Break
2:50-4:20 Puppets—Rose Armentrout (St. Jerome’s Head Start)
*CSD members will bring sweet and savory snacks to the Western Conference in April! Susan will bring paper goods and drinks.

MLA Conference—May 4-6, 2011—Clarion Resort, Ocean City

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)

Wednesday night—CSD will take Lori Ries out to dinner.

Thursday, May 5--

11:00—Good Dog, Aggie--Blue Crab author, Lori Ries [Kit will introduce] Lori will receive a plaque.
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) [Susan M. will introduce]

Friday, May 6—

9:15—Yikes, Where Is It?—Organization Skills (Debbie Bowden) –organizing storytime props, emails, conference notes [Carol will introduce]

Kit will pick up the MLA materials to bring to the conference.
Eileen will pick up the preconference packet.
Please go to the MLA website to sign up for time slots at the registration table and book table--
https://www.mdlib.org/conference/forms.asp

Kids Are Customers—2011
October 20, 2011
Westminster Best Western Conference Center

Presenters —
YES--Melissa Thomson (2009 Blue Crab winner Keena Ford)
YES-- Susan Stockdale—Montgomery County nonfiction writer/ illustrator (Fabulous Fishes)
Eileen will ask Susan and Melissa to choose what time they would prefer to speak—11-12 or 1-1:45

Janis has contacted Janice Curtis Green (griot)--perhaps we can ask her to present at MLA next year instead.
Last year’s conference attendees really liked having two session tracks—programming and book choices.

Session ideas ---
Irva—“Go Figure”—basic math for 3-5 year olds (with Susan M.)
Tamarah Nuttle (Howard County)—Easy recycled crafts
SLRC reader’s advisory program—“I Don’t Have Anything Good to Read” –Carol will contact
Tess Goldwasser—KidsBookBlog.com and great new books
Shout Out—nonfiction, science, and math books

School readiness—we’ll save till next MLA

Book table ---
Tara will work with Barnes and Noble to pick up the books
Elisabeth will arrange volunteers to man the book table.

Break

Old Business—

Newsletter--
Please send Susan Modak, Sophia, and Tara items for our second quarterly CSD newsletter, coming out before MLA!
Ideas—report on Southern/Western conferences, teasers about KAC author/presenters

Read the newsletter on our CSD website.  http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/csd/default.asp

New Business

Topics for Future CSD meetings—
April 11, 2011—Urbana Library/Frederick—followed by Western Regional Conference
May 4-6, 2011—MLA/Ocean City
June 13, 2011—Pikesville Library/BCPL—Younger Elementary Book Clubs
July 11, 2011—East Columbia Library/Howard County—Organization
August 8, 2011—online meeting—Offering Food at Programs
September 12, 2011—Lexington Park Library/St. Mary’s—Summer Wrap-Up
October 20, 2011—Kids Are Customers Conference
November 14, 2011—Noyes Library /Montgomery—Performers
December 12, 2011—Bel Air Library/Harford—Members’ Storytelling

January 9, 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
Go Round

Carol Dean—West County/Anne Arundel—artwork from several elementary schools; basic programming. Twelve furlough days. Large public support (standing room only) at town hall budget meeting!

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—since the local mall does children’s programs on Tuesday mornings, library programs will be on Mondays. Staff working on developing programs without paid performers.

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard—going to hire a new staff member. New Miller branch will open in December. Busy April—April 2-Financial Literacy Fair; April 6-Washington Post author event; April 8-ninety teams compete in Battle of the Books; April 9-Children’s Discovery Fair; April 10-Alexander McCall Smith; week of April 11-Japanese lantern workshops for Cherry Blossom Festival

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—Splashdown Science in April. Crafternoon during spring break—making butterflies with handprints. Book Feast—May 13 @ SMRLA—similar to Great Books.

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/BCPL—second Lego program April 3. Middle school had art reception to honor students who are displaying artwork in the library.

Kim Preis—Arbutus/BCPL—customer offered to pay for opera puppet program from the Lyric Opera.

Kit Bloom—Southeast Anchor/EPFL—Southeast Anchor Branch is celebrating its 4th birthday in May. Two new children’s staff members. Fairy tale festival will have in house programs. Reisterstown Library will re-open June, 2011. Furloughs and pay cuts.

Sharon Lanasa—Dorchester County—$900 grant from Cambridge for early literacy station and beefing up parenting section. New furniture in children’s area.

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford County—first two Lego programs very popular—will do monthly programs. Sophia assisted with Teens Telling Tales storytime. First Crafternoon program later this month. Getting ready to migrate to Polaris; lots of collection work.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—budget meeting next Tuesday. Worked on a LSTA grant for pregnant parents.

Tara Lebherz—Brunswick/Frederick County—Brunswick Library opens April 16. County had their very popular annual “Bookfest” this weekend—”Out of this World “ space theme.

Wanda Nelson—PGCMLS—attended Howard County showcase for summer reading performers (more geared to schools than libraries). Library going to floating collections. Librarians will do special programs instead of paid performers. “Staff who attend training will give training.”

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—April 11, 2011—Urbana Library/Frederick County—followed by Western Regional Conference