CSD Minutes—April 8, 2013
Thurmont Library--Frederick County

Present

Introductions

Minutes
Irva moved, Peg seconded that minutes be approved.

Executive Board Meeting Report
MLA is relooking at division names. A new MLA award for customer service is coming.

Blue Crab ’13—Marisa Conner
Marisa can invite their Blue Crab author to October Kids are Customers.

Blue Crab ’14
No news.

Southern/Western Conferences
Today--Western—April 8, 2013—Thurmont Library/Frederick County—1:00-4:15
Good evaluations from Southern Conference.
Sixty-one people have signed up for today’s workshop.

MLA Conference  May 8-10, 2013
Theme—“Forging New Paths—Radical and Relevant”

CSD session introductions—
  Preconference--School Readiness—Jessica
  Thursday 9:15 am--Bridging the Gap—Amanda
  Thursday 2:00 pm--Read Learn Grow—Tara
  Friday 9:15 am--SEFEL—Susan
  Friday 11:00 am-- Capitol Choices--Tara

So far the CSD silent auction box “Eat Play Read” has a ukulele, seven books, Mr. John and Friends CD, a wind-up jouster, crab potholder, and money for crab chips and Berger cookies.
Please send items and money donations to Irva Nachlas-Gabin at East Columbia Branch in Howard County by May 4.

Susan will be our CSD rep at the conference orientation. She’ll make a list of CSD sessions to give out. Tara will pick up registration materials.
All CSD members are invited to Harpoon Hannah’s for dinner together on Wednesday night, May 8.
Black Eyed Susan Tapestry—September 21, 2013—Carroll Community College
Eileen and Nancy made a list of 2013 Black Eyed Susan nominees to be discussed—they’ve added graphic novels to make 5 book categories. New this year—more groups (facilitators may even get to attend a group), Black Eyed Susan Committee person will describe how the committee works, perhaps speaker from McDaniel College will talk about children’s books. (Tip--chilly venue-bring a wrap.)
There will be a facilitator workshop before the event.
Publicity will go out earlier this year.
The BEST workshop will now be an annual CSD planned event.

Kids Are Customers—October 10, 2013  (* means confirmed)
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 –two tracks
--Music and Storytime –
*Tess and Catherine panel—importance of music in storytimes—30 minutes
*Mr. Jon and Friends—Frederick County puppeteer and songwriter—30 minute
--Using Technology in Storytimes
Phyllis Bontrager and Michele Presley—using iPods and iPads
Prezi—web based version of PowerPoint http://prezi.com/ presenter?
Tumblebooks (interactive picture books)

* –Sibert Award/Nonfiction reader’s advisory—Kathie Meizner (2013 Sibert Chair)
--Notable Early Readers – ask around for specialists (Ruth Champion, Blue Crab members, BEST picture book committee members?)

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—January 6, 2014 —Denton Library/Caroline County (snow date—January 13)

Facebook-- https://www.facebook.com/CSDmla
Is anyone willing to be in charge of our Facebook page? Should/could we combine Facebook and the newsletter?
Or perhaps we could start a blog—the news would be more immediate, divided between several people, it would be a lighter burden. Sophia will look into it.

Break

Old Business
No old business.
New Business
No new business.

Go Round

Amanda Ellington—Lexington Park/St. Mary’s County—hosting second Parent Café for the Race to the Top grant—eight stations for parents and kids to make and take an activity related to Every Child Ready to Read practices. Baby shower for new and expecting parents—shower games, Every Child Ready to Read, library tour and community partners.

Anne Trent—East Columbia/Howard County—this year’s Battle of the Books has 120 teams

Beth Heltebride—Mt. Airy/Carroll County—large scale fairy tale festival—crafts, activities, visit from three goats, local media specialist storytelling, local high school theater students came dressed as characters. Good turnout and school partnership.

Eileen Kuhl—Parkville/Baltimore County—PAWS program expanding to all readers. World Book Night April 23—international theme—henna tattooing; each teen and tween will receive a gift book.

Heather Johnson—West County/Anne Arundel County—Anne Arundel is increasing STEM efforts—trying to partner with schools, businesses, community organizations, etc..

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard County—Child Discovery Fair at East Columbia Branch for Month of the Young Child—activity tables and booths from just about every county organization that works with preschoolers. Last year 2000 attendees.

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—Jim Gill concert April 17, SMRLA workshop April 18. Summer partnering for STEM programs—Program and Outreach from Patuxent River State Park, and Growing Stems from Patuxent Naval Air Station.

Jessica Crutchley—Storyville/Baltimore County—Storyville’s 5th anniversary—April 17.

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/Baltimore County—Branches in BCPL have begun separating their children’s nonfiction books from adult nonfiction. Pikesville just finished their huge move and now has a lovely children’s nonfiction area.

Melissa Harrah—Bel Air/Harford County—early literacy webpage for Month of the Young Child.

Michelle Twigg—New Carrollton/Prince George’s County—gardening program; Tween Scene digging kits to get them thinking about summer reading; finally starting early literacy centers and LEGO programs.

Peg Pond—Carroll County—Children learn through play. (Good resource-Dr. Stuart Brown, Nation Institute for Play (on YouTube TED Talk); Carroll County is presenting series of 3 workshops to Headstart and Judy Center parents. Summer Reading is e-sign up in school media centers following library booktalks on summer reading list titles.

Rachel Wright—Elkton/Cecil County—year 3 of My Special Book with PNC Bank and CCPL partnership. Currently visiting Head Starts, preschools and prekindergartens in Title 1 schools where each child receives a new book to keep in home collection.
Renee Brown—Taneytown/Frederick County—second year of growing Battle of the Books (Black Eyed Susan books)—large collaborative event with elementary and middle school media specialists—April 19—elementary school, April 26—middle school; donations from Random House and local sponsors.

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford County—March 27 kick off for Little Leapers—17 kits—local media blitz. Using online registration for Summer Reading and programs this year. Sensory storytimes at Abingdon Branch for children with problems sitting through regular storytimes.

Susan Modak—Noyes/Montgomery County—Noyes 120th birthday coming up—party April 20. Susan was in New York for a School Library Journal Leadership think tank on library partnerships.

Tara Lebherz—Thurmont/Frederick County—spelling bee completed and winner sent on to Scripps in May. Bunny Money program—read Max and Ruby, talked about money, passed out $2.00 Bunny Bucks for kids to “shop” for pencils; PNC came with table to set up savings accounts. New early literacy center.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—June 10, 2013—East Columbia Library/Howard County