In attendance: Jessica Crutchley (Baltimore Co), Tara Lebhertz (Frederick Co), Karen Hoffman (Baltimore Co), Allison Holbrook (Cecil Co), Kim Pries (Baltimore Co), Ellie Mullen-Carey (Baltimore Co), Ghislain Hockensmith (Carroll Co.), Joe Farmarco (Baltimore Co), Irva Nachlas-Gabin (retired), Sophia Van Schaik (Harford Co.), Rachel Wright (Cecil Co.),

Called to order by Rachel at 10:10am

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes
Moved by Tara, seconded by Kim - Passed

III. Action Item Follow Up – Will do as we go along

IV. President’s Report- Rachel
   a. Proposed Dues Increase – John Venditta, MLA President, is proposing increases based on salary
   b. Action with Governor – cuts weren’t as bad as we thought, but there is still uncertainty. Every county received additional money for Staff Development – so Conference registration was extended
   c. ALA – mid-winter: proposal to make it more like the Annual with programming - idea failed, so no programming at this mid-winter.
   d. Conference update – everything is all set. Biking pre-conference is off the books. Amanda has everything set for CSD: Rachel will be the contact at MLA

V. Trainings:
      Can still register through MERLIN

   b. May- MLA Conference- May 6-8, 2015
      i. Amanda has lined up speakers and sessions
      ii. Conference offerings were in the Newsletter
      iii. Haven’t gotten a lot of donations for basket – send to Irva or Kim

   c. Black Eyed Susan Tapestry - September 19, 2015
      i. Eileen Kuhl is heading up
      ii. Eileen will start looking for facilitators. She’ll make the pitch in June, but will accept volunteers now.
      iii. She has put in program approval form. Once approved it will be added to MERLIN calendar.
      iv. Schedule will be mostly as it has always been. Author, Priscilla Cummings Participants will be required to read all titles in 3 of 5 groups.
   i. New Location: Owings Mills Library
   ii. Will have only one author – BCA people are working on that.
   iii. Program ideas:
       -- Want to have balance of tech and non-tech
       -- Guerrilla storytime is idea for closing – to get people moving in afternoon.
       -- Rachel spoke to Karen Berdoulay for story time yoga presentation
       -- Minecraft for adults – how to train parents / adults to understand the game.

Responses from Southern conference show that people want
More about physiological and psychological research on how children learn
Diversity – finding more books, authors, encouraging publishers
Non-storytime programming – age appropriate, younger children, pre-school
   Possibly the Yoga, or Zumba for Kids,
   Jessica does a “BiblioBop” preschool dance program
   STEM programming for pre-school
   Harford does “digital-camp” for pre-school; Little Clickers

Outreach productivity
Educators teach about “learning”
“Modern” reader’s advisory
Trends in library – STEM, Common Core

iv. Structure of the day:
   We can do side-by-side breakout sessions:
       both tech, or one tech and one not.
       Should we divide them by age level?

   We don’t know yet how many break-out rooms we will have: Joe will check if the
   community college has set their classes for fall yet, to know what rooms, and sizes of
   rooms we can have.

e. Joint Division Training – October 1, 2015 9am – 1pm - Arbutus in BCPL
   4 divisions: Public Services Division, Support Services Division, Library Leadership
   Division, Children’s Services Division
   Each will give about 20 minute “training” session

   PSD - Maryland 2.1.1 - Information help line service -
   LLD – Mindful Leadership
   SSD – Different roles in library – “It’s Not My Job”
   CSD - Publishing – with Dorothy Stoltz
   Will include networking time and hopefully people will continue to network over lunch.

VI. Old Business

   a. Facebook - Ask people to Like us on FaceBook

   b. Newsletter
      -- We’re trying to stick to the deadline dates.
      -- Encourage co-workers to submit a paragraph about something they’ve done – picture
         with caption. Short, fast articles
      -- Please pass it along the newsletter to co-workers
We can ask Liz Sunderman to pass it along to the Children’s Coordinators

-- Next deadline is June 15, for publication beginning of July.

VII. New Business

a. Dates/topics for upcoming meetings for FY 2016

   June 8, 2015 – Perryville
   July 13, 2015 - Pikesville
   August 10, 2015 – Urbana ? (Tara checking)
   September 14, 2015 ? Rosh Hashanah holiday (Carroll Co. ?)
   October 15, 2015– KAC (Owings Mills)
   November 9, 2015 – Noyes ? (Rachel checking)
   December 14, 2015 – Harford Co. ? (Sophia checking)
   January 11, 2016 – Mock Newbery -- Denton
   February 8, 2016- Howard Co. ?
   March 14, 2016 – Southern Conference (Charlotte Hall?)
   April 11, 2016 – Western Conference (Thurmont?)
   May 4-6, 2015 – MLA Conference-Ocean City, MD
   June 13, 2016 -

   -- Tara would like to have a month at C. Burr Arz in Frederick - Aug not available – but will try Urbana
   -- Sophia will check for Harford in December
   -- Rachel will check with Susan M. about Montgomery for Nov.
   -- Will try to get Carroll for September
   -- Ask Shirley about a meeting at Howard in Feb.

   Topics for future meetings:
   -- Foreign Language Storytimes
   -- Summer reading club buildup
   -- STEAM
   -- Diversity
   -- Non-Storytime programs
   -- Oral Storytelling

b. Books for the Beast – October 24, 2015

c. Officers 2015-2016

   Pres:  Amanda Roberson (Harford)
   VP – Jessica Hoptay-Brown (EPFL)
   Sec – Jessica Crutchley (BCPL)

   June is last month for current officers.  New officers take over on July 1

d. MD Blue Crab Young Reader Award

   --Presentation today of last year’s winner
   -- Shirely O’Neill (Howard Co) – will be the chair for next year.
   -- Have sent out ads for people to serve on committee

   So far has two people – one from BCPL and one from Harford -
   Needs 5 more people.  Technically, have to be a member of MLA or MASL.
VIII. Go Round:
Kim Preis - (Baltimore Co.) Will be doing “drive-in” movie. Kids decorate box as a “car” and then get to go to a movie (Mo Willems) for pre-school.

Ellie Carey - (Baltimore Co) – waiting for wind-tunnels from FutureMakers to be delivered to three branches. Will have kits to make machines to hover, fly etc. Different challenges

Ghislaine Hockensmith (Carroll Co) – made a lifesize Chutes and Ladders. Easier set up than Candyland. In summer, Nat’l Aquarium shark program, SuperHero training camp with PhysEd teacher from schools. Everyday Heroes with Police and fire department. SCRATCH programming with teens, Super-Villian program

Karen Hoffman (Baltimore Co – Pikesville) – made Squishy Circuits using PlayDoh and regular clay. Made bookmarks with LED and thread and coin battery. Learn to connect positive and negative terminals: Will do a Hebrew / English storytime. Doing more with Senior Center – grandparents storytime, how to tell stories; Special Autism program on Sun. April 26 opening early for families with special needs.

Allison Holbrook (Cecil Co.) - Minecraft. Lots of kids came with X-box controllers, but had to learn the computer. Parents and kids enjoy. Is thinking of ideas from Lego Challenge – working in groups, or assigning tasks to pairs of kids to work together. Wants to make it more social, and takes some time for set up.
Suggestions from the floor: Rachel suggests that there are activities that can be done in the Minecraft world – such as finding hidden objects. Allison suggests setting up a world ahead to keep it safe - but takes lot of time and work to set up and prep. Kim says her branch had one of their younger clerks build their world. Jessica suggests asking a teen volunteer. Ghis has in-house games, but has it set up on “after-hours” servers. Kids play survival mode or basic adventure. Occasionally add in something to spice it up.

Jessica Crutchley (Baltimore Co.) – Makerspace Monday @ Rosedale form 4 – 5 pm. has continued to be a huge hit. Full every week. Focuses on all aspects of making art, Science, tech and food! Four topics rotate weekly; Early Literacy & Baby Shower – Fair. WIC, Balto Co. Child mobile, April 25, 1 – 3 at Woodlawn and Rosedale. Will have early literacy activities, crafts; April 26 – Autism awareness day; BiblioBop – first time had 10 attendees, second time had 65. New Year’s Eve dance program with balloon drop

Joe Farmarco (Baltimore Co.) - First Joint project with CCBC – tie in to immigrant experience. For adults and kids. Children’s staff doing Irish, Latin American and other ethnic storytimes. Through mid-May : Spanish storytimes will be bi-lingual for the summer. Ellie says at Cockeyville is now bi-lingual.

Sophia Van Schaick (Harford Co.)- Preschool Sock Hop as part of Song and Dance Week. Digital Camp = 6 sessions for 3-5 year olds

Tara Lebherz (Frederick Co.) – STEM lab at all regional libraries will be opening a new STEM lab in June. Partnering with local high school Science Honor Society groups to present programs.

Adjourned 12:03 by acclamation so everyone has time to eat.
MLA/DLA Conference: May 6 – 8, 2015 (Ocean City, MD)

Next CSD Meeting:
   June 8, 2015  10:00 am
   Perryville Branch, Cecil County
   500 Coudon Blvd
   Perryville, MD  21903