Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2018
Children's Services Division, Maryland Library Association
Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown

- Introductions: Kristen Bodvin, Jessica Crutchley (past prez), Jill Hutchison (secretary), Conni Strittmater (president), Joe Farmarco, Katelyn McLimans, Laura Venters, Christine Freeman
- Approval of minutes
- President’s Report
  - April 28 is Maryland Day for Libraries, and anyone who wishes to volunteer for the table at University of MD should contact Joe Thompson.
  - MLA is conducting a raffle to raise funds for Puerto Rican libraries. The raffle item is a gorgeous lace shawl knit by the MLA Treasurer, and Conni is one of the team in charge of selling tickets. They’ll go on sale before or at MLA Annual.
  - Tina Pickens is the new office admin at the MLA office. Action item for Conni: make Tina an admin of our FB page and group, and remove the former MLA office admin.
  - MLA was considering hiring a group to do a survey/study of the Steering Committee, but since they
  - Stuart Ragland is working on a fundraiser for $3000 worth of updated technology for the MLA office, and at the same time encouraging all library systems to get same/compatible tech for staff to participate in webinars and online meetings more easily and consistently.
  - Now is a critical time to contact Congress re: federal library funding. Visit ALA.org/advocacy to find out which congress members and and senators are in support of the LSTA bill and which ones have not yet signed on.
  - MLA Website is getting upgrades, which have already begun and will continue.
  - Joe Thompson (incoming MLA Prez) told MLA Exec Board Mtg his priorities: recruiting and retaining new members, esp. Including diverse voices actively participating. Developing new interest groups, such as a “Future of Libraries” Interest Group.
  - LATI Coordinator wants to make a significant chunk of the LATI content available immediately as online modules so that new LAs can begin learning right away, before they even get enrolled in an LATI cohort. She wants youth-services people to help by making video clips illustrating model reference behaviors specifically with children (getting down on their level, approachability, etc.). Initial deadline was end of April, but Conni will ask for more time for CSD members to participate. Conni will make and share a document listing the types of skills we
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want video clips for, and ask CSD members to sign up for which ones they can film. Conni will also check with the LATI Coordinator about what kind of video release form we should use for the people who appear in the clips (including children).

- Conni has not yet had a chance to discuss CSD maintaining our own division website, but she will. Jill will make a sample site in Google Sites to show them what we’re proposing.

- Program Planning
  - Meetings June-December 2018
    - September and November 2nd Mondays fall on Rosh Hoshanna & Veterans Day, so need to shift those meeting Dates. Sept 11 (instead of 10) and Nov 5 (instead of 12).
    - Locations- June- Fairview in Calvert; July- Perryville in Cecil; August- Eldersberg in Carroll. See Future meetings document for rest thru June 2019
    - Online participation- Jill will ask MLA office to put us on the Blackboard calendar for meeting dates thru June 2019.

- Adding ice-breakers & welcoming new members
  - Have everyone make a name tag for their seat at the table
  - When doing introductions, give names and and what library we’re from, and also answer the question: what are you hoping to get from today’s meeting?
  - At each segment of the meeting, introduce the topic so everyone knows what we’re talking about.
  - Post sharing topics as discussion threads on our social media.

- MLA Annual 2018
  - Room hosts- Kaitlyn will replace Conni as Room Host for Embedded Librarianship panel on Thursday Morning
  - Auction basket- Sarah Guy of Charles Co is coordinating the creation of an ice-cream themed basket for the silent auction. Jill will check in with her on how that’s coming together
  - CSD members who are at MLA and interested can get together at 6:30 on Wednesday night… Conni will play this by ear.

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- Teen session or track w/ help from TIG
  - Carroll Co teen lock-in programs?? Kristen will check with her colleagues
- If they are available, have the Reading Buddies and “Not Your Usual Storytime” presenters whose programs were cancelled/ didn’t make it in to KAC 2017 & MLA 2018
  - Update: Eileen & partners are excited to do”Reading Buddies” presentation.
- Learning Parties & how to adapt to public libraries?
  - B.E.S.T. 2018- September 18, hopefully at Owings Mills Library
  - Conni will check in with Eileen about continuing to chair this event for CSD, and whether she would like to work with a partner in order to train another person about planning BEST.
  - Update from Eileen by email at end of meeting: she would LOVE another person to help with planning work.
    - Joe Farmarco is interested but needs to check with his supervisors and work schedule to make sure he can commit
- Blue Crab Committee Update
- Old Business
  - Social Media- Keep liking & sharing on our page and group!
  - Newsletter
  - Ideas & suggestions on welcoming/involving new members (see March minutes)
  - Managing our own independent CSD website, linked from MLA website?
  - YS training videos for LATI
- Action item follow-up- anything not covered so far
- New Business
  - [new business goes here]
- Monthly Sharing Topic- **What’s your favorite thing about summer reading? And what’s your biggest challenge in summer reading?**
  - Choose June’s sharing topic!- how do children’s and teen services work together at your library (or how do you wish they did)?
- Go ‘Round- Share anything of interest from your library’s youth-services department
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- June 11, location Fairview in Calvert (no meeting in May due to MLA Annual Conference)
  - Snack-bringers - Joe Farmaro

Action items to review:
- Conni - make & share a Google Form for people to submit proposals for KAC 2018 and Southern/Western 2019 sessions
- Conni - check in with Eileen if she still wants to continue being the chair of BEST. Idea: suggest having a co-chair so that other people can learn how to organize this conference, in case Eileen should decide step down in the future
- Conni - ask MLA if we can manage our own division website as a Google Site, and just link to it from the MLA site
- Jill - email members & ask for volunteers to make video clips for LATI
- Jill - Set up LSC Journal Club virtual chapter
- Jill - email members & post on FB for room host volunteers for remaining 2 MLA sessions - done
- Jill - get updated membership list from MLA office, update mailing list
- Officers - for KAC 2018, need to start confirming presentations, and book Owings Mills Library
  - Touch base with “Not your Usual ST” panel to see if they’re interested/available for KAC
  - Check with Eileen if she’s available to do her cancelled session from last year at KAC 2018
  - Contact Janet Ring at Owings Mills library to inquire about booking space for KAC 2018, and also Devon McLaughlin about CCBC classrooms for breakouts.
- Officers, current Blue Crab committee - put out feelers for next year’s Blue Crab committee
- Officers - schedule FB posts on advocacy opportunities as they come up, & highlighting past Blue Crab books
- Sarah Guy - organize raffle basket & transport for it to MLA