CSD Minutes—June 13, 2011
Pikesville Library

Attendance
Carol Dean, Christina Kamt, Elisabeth Proffen, Heather Leonard, Janis Cooker, Jeff Ridgeway, Karen Hoffman, Kim Preis, Lisa Jarrett, Naomi Butler, Rachel Wright, Susan Modak, Tara Lebherz

Introductions

Minutes—Susan moved, Janis seconded to approve the April minutes. Elisabeth Proffen will take minutes at the July 11 meeting while Karen is on vacation.

MLA Executive Board Meeting
The MLA conference went well; CSD programs were well attended. MLA has made a new strategic workplan for 2011-2014.

Blue Crab ’11—committee has chosen the winners; they are working on the October Kids Are Customers presentation.

Blue Crab ’12—Tara Lebherz
Committee now has eight members, including a school librarian. First meeting next week with Kay Craig, an early literacy speaker from McDaniel College.

Blue Crab Guidelines
Procedure changes are almost completely edited.

MLA Conference— May 4-6, 2011—Clarion Resort, Ocean City
CSD programs were well attended, with mostly great reviews
Wednesday, May 4—Pre-conference—Bringing Books to Life

Thursday, May 5—
11:00—Good Dog, Aggie--Blue Crab author—10-12 attendees (but competed with other CSD programs)
11:00—Just the Facts--National Children’s Museum—high attendance; these presenters need more time; evaluations requested them again next year
2:00—Shake, Rattle and Play--Active Learning Centers and Early Literacy Centers – excellent ratings!

Friday, May 6—
9:15—Yikes, Where Is It?—Organization Skills—presenter didn’t complete topics on her outline
MLA Next year—May 9-11, 2012—Clarion Resort, Ocean City
Let’s ask the committee not to put CSD programs in a hotel room, or in the Captain’s Quarters room under the swimming pool.
And to please not schedule three CSD events against each other.
Suggested topics for next year—

Storytime tips
Digital book reviews
Reader’s advisory
Displays
Authors
Crafts
Organizing
Using technology in storytimes
National Children’s Museum
Librarian style tips :)  
County wide library programs—Battle of the Books (Howard County), Fairy Tale Festival (Pratt); Washington County

Whole day pre-conference—Storytime Extravaganza

Let’s make a Blue Crab silent auction basket next year.

**Kids Are Customers—2011**
October 20, 2011--Westminster Best Western

8:30-9:00   Registration and coffee
9:00-9:15   Welcome
9:20-10:20  Tess Goldwasser—new children’s book blog in St. Mary’s County
            Lisa Davis—early childcare education
10:30-11:00 Blue Crab announcement
11:00-12:00 Susan Stockdale—nonfiction writer/illustrator (*Fabulous Fishes*)
12:00-1:00  Lunch
1:00-2:00   Melissa Thomson—2009 Blue Crab Award winner (*Keena Ford*)
2:15-3:15   SLRC training—“I Don’t Have Anything Good to Read”
            Tamara Nuttle—easy great recycled crafts
3:20-3:50   Susan Modak—“Shout Out” nonfiction, science, and math books
3:50-4:00   Evaluation and closing

Tara will pick up books to sell from Barnes and Noble. 
Elisabeth will arrange volunteers to man the book table.

**Eastern Conference—Mock Newbery**
January 9, 2012    (snow date—January 23, 2012)
Don’t forget to look at Rachael Vilmar’s Mock Newbery website for book suggestions and more--
https://sites.google.com/site/marylandmocknewbery/
Southern/Western Conference possibilities

Claudia Friddell—Goliath: the Hero of the Great Baltimore Fire
Digital book talks
Storytime managing
Speed dating—at beginning of conference (Elisabeth)
Year’s worth of holiday programs

Break

Old Business

New Business

Adopting MLA strategic workplan ideas into CSD:
  Membership—reaching out to students in library school and LATI
    Christine will talk to Micki Freeney at College Park
    Tara will talk to Kay Craig at McDaniel College
    Elisabeth will email Karen a blurb to introduce CSD to students
Using more technology—
  We will continue to plan at least one online CSD meeting a year
  Make a Blue Crab Award page on Facebook

Topic of the Month—Younger Elementary Book Clubs

Frederick County—Tara—Magic Tree House Book Club once a month—15 enthusiastic children, ages 5-7--45 minutes to one hour. (They started with the first book in the series.) Ice breaker; talk about book; add in nonfiction books; craft.

Cecil County—Rachel Wright—Magic Tree House Book Club—15 happy 2nd-3rd graders—uses activities from Magic Tree House website.

Howard County—Book and Chat—once a month—8-15 rambunctious 6-8 year olds—45 minutes—more like an introduction to a book club. Ice breaker, read two picture books, practice comparing and contrasting, then game or craft.
  --planning an Early Classics Book Club for 7-9-year-olds—reading books like My Father’s Dragon, Sarah Plain and Tall, or Charlotte’s Web and a Classic Book Club for children 9 and up.

  --East Columbia Library—Boys Book Club (requested by parent)—3rd grade boys pick book; lots of manipulatives—e.g. monster theme—make a big monster out of Play-Doh

Washington County (two years ago)—partnered with Girls, Inc.—10-15 at-risk girls from 3rd to 6th grade. Visited monthly, discussed a book, at end of year girls visited the library for a party.

Montgomery County—Bookniks—summer program, 1st-5th grade kids read what they liked, brought lunch to the library, sat outside and talked about books while they ate.
Frederick County — **Boys and Books**—up to 10 boys once a month from 4:00-5:00. Books by theme—e.g. Star Wars, Scieszka

Cecil County — **Reading Buddies**—6:30 Monday evenings, grades 2-3, parents and children

Anne Arundel—**Mother – Daughter Book Club** – *Anne of Green Gables* with 4th-6th-grade girls

Father – Son Book Club in August

**Go Round**

Carol Dean—West County/Anne Arundel—June 20 - SRC kickoff week—scavenger hunt, crafts every day (other programs suspended)

Christine Kamt—Woodlawn/Baltimore County—world language storytime; inclusive storytime in the fall;

Elisabeth Proffen—Central /Howard County—Summer reading kickoff June 4 at East Columbia a success—1600 attendees, full slate of presenters and activities, almost 500 registrations for SRC. Finishing going to public schools, talking to every elementary class. First year of Rube Goldberg (simple machine) contest went well—contest in the schools and series of related classes in libraries. Busy summer.

Heather Leonard—Anne Arundel—Summer reading kickoff; evening storytimes in August

Janis Cooker—St Mary’s County—grant from IMLS—updating meeting rooms for video conferencing, etc.; SRC starts June 6; staff visiting schools. Crafternoons. Spirit Days for Title I schools—some teachers and principals will work at library :) Closing on Sundays beginning July 1.

Jeff Ridgeway—Washington County—Young Writers and Poets program; Fancy Nancy tea party. SRC programs—Polynesian fire dancers, leis, dream catchers, rainsticks, Japanese program, Little Critters. Yu-Gi-Oh tournament with local movie theater. Friends Group sponsoring foreign language classes—French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese—two hours a day for 4-5 days.

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/Baltimore County—SRC starting, middle-school volunteers all trained to register the children, two centrally provided programs per branch.

Kim Preis—Arbutus/Baltimore County—grateful patron sponsored the Lyric Opera outreach program—“Opera on the go—Opera Bears”—two singers and keyboardist. Great way to expose children to the arts—it really held their attention.

Lisa Jarrett—Bookmobile/Baltimore County—drop in storytime with college volunteer every Monday—“Stories with Miss Julie”

Naomi Butler—Western Maryland Regional Library—sends email, information, and sharing to 3 regional counties; helps plan workshops with staff development staff; works with branches on book selection and activities; resources Bureau of Education Research workshops and “Reading Day” at the Hagerstown Mall.. Recommends three good conferences—Enoch Pratt Conference—excellent storytelling and teen sessions; Western Maryland Regional Conference; SoMIRAC Reading Teachers’ Conference in Hunt Valley.
Rachel Wright—Cecil County—Summer Reading kick-offs—free tickets to Iron Birds; BB&T Bank donated free books to all participants. Friends of CCPL are funding more than 30 programs over the summer—Mike Rose-magician, Bill Cumer, Arianna Ross-storyteller, Didgeridoo Down Under.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—Summer Reading Club this year! Kick off; online registration; three programs per branch.

Tara Lebherz—Brunswick/Frederick County—SRC starting; lots of school visits and sign-ups; hosted an elementary school night with great attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—July 11, 2011—East Columbia Library/Howard County
Topic--organization