Maryland Library Association – Children's Services Division Meeting  
June 10, 2013

East Columbia Library, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045
attendance: Tara Lebherz (Frederick Co), Buff Kahn (Carroll Co.), Christine Kamt (Baltimore Co.), Rachel Wright (Caroline Co.), Eileen Kuhl (Baltimore Co.), Sophia Van Schaick (Harford Co.), Sharyn Yenzer (Baltimore Co.), Amanda Ellington (St. Mary's Co.) Janis Cooker (SMRLA), Liz Sunderman (MSDE), Irva Nachlas-Gabin (Howard Co.)

**Agenda called to order by Tara at 10:01**

**Introductions**

**Minutes**

Correction – Sophia - there are 117 Little Leapers at 10 branches, one copy of each at each branch

Motion to accept minutes made by Janis, seconded by Rachel. Passed.

**Executive Board Meeting Report : Eileen**

Gave a recap of Conference.
Division Revision Meeting: There is a suggestion to combine some divisions to rejuvenate them, or to generate new interest. Nothing has been decided yet. Next meeting in two weeks.

**Blue Crab ’13,’14: Christine Kamt**

First meeting will be end of June.
The committee consists of 11 members in addition to chair, and one “tag-along.” There are 4-5 public librarians and rest school media specialists, including 1 high school, Balto, PG and Howard. Publishers aren't as cooperative as they once were. They don't send the right age books, although they do send books. But they don't screen them.

**MLA Conference ’13 : Tara**

All CSD programs went off well, good evaluations over all.
There were some problems with set up of rooms

Survey showed that 93% of participants were satisfied with number of presentations
Reasons for attending included education and networking
Range of programs – 90%
Opening session on Wed. 50% liked
Paid 100% by employer conference fee- 61%
Rachel will start planning 2014 after Leadership orientation on Thursday. For next year, could we get idea of how many people are registered for each session, so we'll know how many handouts – how to set room, - how to set up groups? How do we count participants? Do all presenters count? Observers? How are rooms assigned?

Basket for the Silent Auction cost about $35 for snacks and wrapping. We raised $45 in donations. We'll keep the extra money to apply to next year's basket.

**Black-Eyed Susan Tapestry ‘13 : Eileen**
Sept 21, Carroll Community College
Their price is going up a little, but our price will stay the same (they charge about $300, including breakout rooms, AV and tech).
our price - $55 mem/ $88 non-mem, $46.75 students
9:00am – registration - ends at 3:30
includes lunch
Eileen needs people to help with registration. She'll e-mail CSD members in July or Aug to ask.

Eileen will send outline for day to include in minutes. 
Speaker will be Jonathan Fuqua ($75 + mileage)

Facilitators – Eileen will send Irva information to send out to CSD
There will be a facilitation training ahead of time. Eileen will work with Stacey Freedman (Books for Beast) to have joint session, if possible.
Will try to arrange schedule so every facilitator can go to a session.
5 sessions, including graphic novels, but participants will choose 3.

**Kids Are Customers ’13 –**
Oct. 10 in Westminster
Confirmed:
1) Common Core with Shari Ostrow Sher
2) Author: Kevin Sherry
3) Technology in storytimes with Phyllis Bontrager and Michele Presley
4) Music in storytime: Mr. Jon (FCPL) and Tess and Catherine (STMA)
5) Sibert Award for Non-fiction with Kathie Meizner (2013 Sibert Chair)

Possibilities:
- Jessica Crutchley, learning parties
- Blue Crab presentation
  - a blue crab author - but if we don't get we still have author
  - another break out session
  - Wolftrap, (fee based) Dance like a Scientist, Math & Motion
• notable early readers -
  - someone from Capitol choices, previous Blue Crab chairs, selectors
  - Kay Craig who teaches at McDaniels
  - Deborah Nelson from PG (she may have moved)
  - Marissa might know someone – or recommend someone from her committee
  - bilingual story times
• Every child ready to read --- St. Mary's recently revised
• early learning challenge grants – what libraries are doing – or keep this for MLA

**Poster Sessions** – theme: Outreach  (can be pretty broad).
Send request to all CSD members and coordinators, ask for submissions, and to pass along to others in their systems.
Offers for posters from:
• Harford – partnership with John Archer school for special needs
• Frederick -
• St. Mary's (will do 2) Childcare providers, Judy Center and Infants&Toddlers
• BCPL
• Cecil
• Carroll

Irva will make the list with contact info.  Send title of Poster and contact information to her by Sept 21.
Will have the Blue crab brochure to pass out.
Book Sale – have Kevin Sherry books.
  Do we want to have Blue Crab winners? Sibert awards?

**Mock Newbery ‘14**
Jan 6, 2014, (snow date, Jan 13)
need to submit program approval form

**Southern/Western Conferences ’14**
March 10
April 7
Janis and Tara will find out about locations in SMRLA and Fred Co and will let Rachel R. and Tara know the dates.
We will discuss topics at the July meeting. We may use some we don't use for KAC

**Facebook**
Carol is still administrating our page
We should suggest it to our staffs to raise awareness.
Send anything you would like up to Carol
Break

Old Business—
Newsletter:
- Do we want to change the Newsletter to a blog?
- Rachel will help get the summer issue of the Newsletter out
- June 17 deadline

Discussion:
It's always hard to get enough material, so we need to look at different formats
Blog would be kept up by every county. Each county would have a month.

What is it want to get out of it: share what every county is doing?
Facebook page works for this – post on the page
Blog – how often
Is once a month enough? If there is an internal blog that could be copied to the CSD blog?
Weekly? Would we assign topics
Do we want it tied to FaceBook? On Facebook?

Blog can be as simple as a review of great new book, or a good rhyme, websites that are useful.

Are any Children's people in SMUG (social media users group)? Maybe someone could be resource for us.

Meeting locations – will set them up in September for 2014

New Business
Secretary (Irva) will be the contact with Bob Kuntz for website. Please send any info, handouts, etc.
to Irva to send to Bob.

Go Round
Janis Cooker– St Mary's -
School Spirit Days: Public and some private schools will be coming to the library at a specified time.
Crafts, tours and other activities will be offered to the attendee and sign up ofr summer reading.
Kids Can Cook – drop in and make a fun snack, ages 8 – 12, once a month.
Amanda Ellington – St Mary's
- Ready to REad, Ready to Rock! Hands on Every Child Ready to Read: walk parents through instructions followed by hands on practice with their children. First one was 16 parents and 21 kids. Later will do a drop in.
- Camp Greenlake “Bookclub:” for ages 7-10, Storytime set up with chapter book (Holes). Read aloud, music, discussions and activities (game or craft)

Sharyn Yenzer – BCPL –
- Stuffed animal sleep over: overnight storytime, bring a stuffed animal and it spends the night.
Drop In Storytime: If there are more than 50 kids in meeting room will have another one going on elsewhere on the floor.

Christine Kamt – BCPL
- Began a partnership with our local WIC clinic. Used 2 interns and staff to do outreach and mini early literacy programs in the waiting room, and spoke to their nutrition classes about Library services. -Library nights – contacted the parent services coordinators of 6 Title I elementary schools for 2 different Library Nights – 3 schools at each. First night – 80+ people; 2nd – almost 300!

Sophia Van Schaick - Harford County
- Farm Week, late September, early October –
- Bel Air is planning programs, decorations, activities and guest presentations for this week. The idea came from Read for the Record title, Otis by Loreen Long.
- Summer Reading registration starts today

Eileen Kuhl – Baltimore County
- How Does Your Garden Grow – Family program in cooperation with a local garden center, read books, seeds
- Lots of SR promoting in schools, rented SNEAKS costume for schools
- Art show with one of the schools. Had parents and child night to take picture.
- Parkville – world book night, April 23. Every attendee got a book, refreshments, speed date with a book and kids evaluated by the booktalk, henna tattooes

Rachel Wright - Cecil County
- YA got grant to do SPARK (Students Progress and Achieve with Reading Kits). Have identified kids in schools 5th and 6th grade, survey, ordered 5 books per child and put the 2500 books on the Sparks Mobile. The kids can take 5 books to read over the summer – bring them back to the school in the fall. (no fines, overdue or lost charges – Last year got about 50% returned in fall). Checked the kids lexile scores from spring to fall. About 18% stayed on level or did better.

Buff Kahn, Carroll County
-Minecraft Mania – ages 8-17 on June 28. Can't get enough of minecraft? Come explore the world of Minecraft with crafts, games and snacks.
- Lifesize Candyland game for pre-school. Lots of fun!

Tara Lebherz- Frederick County
-M&M Math program, kids do adding, sorting, counting, graphing, etc. Soaked them to get color off and paint with it
-Customer appreciation day – with coffee, tea and cookies at stations with a “thank you.” sign

Irva Nachlas-Gabin – Howard County
-Howard County Library System was named Library of the Year by Library Journal.
-Summer Reading Kickoff was on June 1. About 3000 people attended at Miller Branch for crafts and activities.
- I will be retiring at the end of the summer, but plan to stay active with CSD.

Liz Sunderland - MSDE
-Innovation expo at SLRC in Balto
Group called BUGSS (Balto Underground Science) – do demos for kids. Another group did experiments with UV.

Adjourned: 12:20
Next meeting: July 8, Owings Mills