INTRODUCTIONS
MINUTES - April and June meetings accepted by acclamation with one change.
In June minutes, change Amanda’s title to Vice President, not Vice Chair

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Executive Board meeting - Rachel
• Results of survey. MLA needs better and more educational opportunities, including on-line and distance learning.
• Strategic Plan is in the works
• Budgets - CSD came in under budget on supplies, over budget on speakers. Our budget has been realigned.
• Membership - MLA will encourage library systems to support their staff in joining and attending MLA meetings.
• Forms for reports will be simplified.

TRAININGS
• Black Eyed Susan Tapestry (BEST) - September 13 - Eileen
  At Carroll County Community College
  Speaker Mary Amato, author of Riot Brothers, Naked Mole Rat Letter.
  • $50 MLA members, $75 non members, $42.50 Students -- there is a mistake in Happenings.
  • Eileen has some facilitators - needs more. Irva will send out a request for BEST facilitators – ask people to contact Eileen

• Kids Are Customers, Too - October 16
  Program approval form has been submitted, but we haven’t yet received approval.
  o Once approved, will be in Happenings, and then registration.
  • Almost final draft of program attached
  • Poster Sessions – do we want a theme? Engaging displays – interactive or “participatory”
  • In August, we’ll work out who will do introductions, packets, registrations, etc.

• Mock Newbery - January 12, 2015 – Nothing this month
  o Discussion and decision to keep CSD meeting on same day as Mock Newbery

• Western / Southern conference - ideas and planning – Rachel W.
  • Dates for conferences – Rachel will check with systems for these dates
    o Mon, Mar 9 - Southern
    o Mon, Apr 13 – Western
  • Will want to make sure we have enough time for speakers to cover material. Topics should be focused
  • Possible program ideas Possible Theme: Non-Conventional Reading
    o Blue Crab
    o Julie DG’s new book
    o Minecraft
    o Popupbooks
    o Kindergarten curriculum
    o Something digital – non-traditional reading material
    o Social mediaApp advisory – recommendations for parents for good kids’ apps
Audiobooks (how to evaluate)
Maybe Lori ? from Library for Blind and Physically Handicapped
Phyllis Bontrager, BCPL – possible storytime program

MLA CONFERENCE 2015 - Amanda

• Every other meeting is on BLACKBOARD.
• This year will be partnership with NASA Will be a “spacey” theme. Would be nice to have a STEM related theme for CSD
• Ideashare is up – anyone can add - Amanda will send the link
• Have gotten one proposal through survey, More visibility for planning process. Divisions could do a callout for ideas, or for presentations. Irv will put out a call for proposals. Will put on Marylib, in Newsletter and anywhere else we can think of

Program ideas

• Speaker session with STEM, STEAM focus with young people speaking. Would like to have CSD involved. General idea is out there.
• Dorothy Stolz and Marissa Connors on Play Spaces
• Sugestion from Julie – speaker on pop-up books
• Liz has partnership idea with Mars Rover training – partner with NASA/
• Requests for Social-Emotional For Early Learning (SEFL) training. Speaker is from Delaware, could make it a partnership of MLA/DLA

BLUE CRAB ’14 – Christine Kamt passed out the brochures.
BLUE CRAB ’15 – Allison Holbrook is co-chairing with Pam Taylor (Harford). Meetings are all set, have had two meetings. Has lost 2 members, but still has a diverse group.

OLD BUSINESS

• Newsletter is out.
• At one time we had a topic per meeting. Do we want to bring that back?
  o Amanda and Rachel will talk about adding in topics
  o Could have printed reports in agenda, not discuss at meetings
  o Go-Round – focus ---

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting locations will put in next agenda – Come prepared with meeting locations -

o January – eastern shore with Mock Newberty
o Feb 9 – Sollers, BCPL (near Turner Station) TENT
o March – Southern
o April – Western
o May- Conference
o June – Perryville, Cecil Co.

• ALSC – what can we do as state org. to promote
  o Have a CSD social event for all CSDers and other children’s people. Partner with ALSC?
  o ALSC materials at KAC and Conference. “Road Show”

• Training idea to think about – Lots of managers have children’s experience - can we offer leadership training.
• Virtual meetings – possibly in winter
GO-ROUND

Eileen Kuhl (BCPL) – Parkville partnered with nature center, experiments about sound – did an outdoor program, very interactive – for early school age, Included: t-shirt deco, steampunk jewelry, robot art and electronics lab.


Joe Farmaro . – BCPL – came to CSD because he was impressed with Jim Gill. Jon does music storytimes twice a quarter.

Liz Sunderman - DLDS- Minecraft programming has been very successful so far. If you would like Minecraft Ed for your system, please talk with a library administration and contact Liz. She’ll be contacting systems about DLDS providing Minecraft. Will be a minimum number of programs per year and evaluations to DLDS to track the program.

New E-mail: Lissa.sundermann@maryland.gov goes into effect August 11.

Christine Kampf (BCPL) - New branch manager (Ashley Rogers) at Woodlawn. She’s into Maker Spaces. The new Makerspace is aimed during summer toward elementary school aged kids. Will be teens in fall. - BCPL getting a new director.

Amanda Roberson (formerly St. Mary’s Co. Now Harford Co.) -- has been at Harford for 5 days as new Head of Children’s Services. -- St. Mary’s had a MineCraft camp (have about 17 computers). Very popular – so many people on wait-list that they will repeat it in August. MINE CRAFT – on PC DLDS has purchased a group license so people can play together on line – Instructor can pre-create world and set up, so everyone can do the some thing – i.e. you get so much material – build a house, or a bridge or something. Or you can just play.

Rachel Wright (Cecil Co.) -- Partnership with DelMarVa stargazers – will have astronomy nights. Stations in meeting room as well as outdoor viewing with telescopes, light refreshments. -- Summer reading on bookmobile – allocating staff to go with driver to promote summer reading, some programs going. Friends have funded grand prizes for bookmobile kids. These are kids who never come into the libraries. Redid bookmobile to look like another “branch”

Adjourn - 12:07.

Submitted by Irva Nachlas-Gabin, secretary