CSD Minutes—August 9, 2010
Glenwood Library

Attendance

Introductions

Minutes
Karen moved, Buff seconded to approve the July minutes.

Executive Board Meeting—Eileen
Next April’s MLA conference theme may be “Library as Heaven.”

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
The committee has finished their annotations; the brochure will be ready for the printer soon. Now they’re preparing their Blue Crab presentation. They will send letters to the winners on September 1.

Blue Crab ’11
Wanda Nelson has been promoted to Librarian I at Bowie. She won’t be able to attend CSD meetings, but she will be able to continue as the Blue Crab Chair. The committee has met twice, but needs more than five members. Julie will ask if Wanda if she can post an invitation on marylib; Irva will ask her staff member, Virginia; Eileen will ask her contacts at MASL.

Kids Are Customers—2010
Westminster Best Western Conference Center—October 21, 2010

Introducers’ names in italics.

8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:15 Welcome [Carol]
9:25-10:25 Break out session #1-- Storytime Music [Irva] and Capitol Choices [Julie R.]
10:35-11:35 Author Michelle Meadows [Robyn?]
11:35-12:05 Blue Crab [Kit]
12:05-1:05 Lunch
1:15-2:00 Break out session #2 -- Mother Reader [Julie R.] and Lap Theaters [Karen]
2:15-3:15 Author Edie Hemingway [Elisabeth]
3:30-4:15 Book Shout Out [Susan M.] / Wrap Up/Evaluations, etc. [Carol]

Kit and Karen will be in charge of the registration table. Eileen will bring the registration packets from the MLA office. Irva has purchased 100 folders and will buy 100 more.
No one at MLA is available now to bring a sales table to the conference.
Barnes and Noble will bring a book table but we don’t know the exact details yet. Eileen will ask Carol.

To decide at September’s meeting--
Who will ask for and collect the presenters’ handouts?
Who will collate the folders?
How will the book shout out work?
How will the book table work this year?
Will B & N be able to bring extra things to sell—puppets, journals, stationery, etc.?
Eastern Conference
Mock Newbery—January 10, 2011 (snow date-January 24, 2011)—Denton Library/Caroline County
CSD members may submit up to 5 Newbery nominations to Rachael Vilmar rachael@esrl.org by December 1.
No registration for the conference is available yet—the program still has to be approved by the MLA program development committee. Registration may be limited by the parking space and size of the room.

Southern/Western Conference
Southern—March 14, 2011—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County
Western—April 11, 2011—Urbana Library/Frederick County

We need to confirm our programs—
Lego programs—Jill Hutchison and Catherine DeCristofaro (St. Mary’s County)
Puppets—Rose Armentrout—using puppets you already have
  Katie George? (Howard County)
  John Lewis—bringing puppets into programming
  Becky Minetto (Diane Benner)
Large group storytimes—Amanda Ellington and Tess Goldwasser (St. Mary’s County)

MLA Conference—May 4-6, 2011—Clarion Resort, Ocean City
Possible theme—“Library Heaven, 2011”
Banquet speaker—Marilyn Johnson—author of This Book Is Overdue
Keynote speaker—Barbara Jones

CSD program idea brainstorming:
  ___Blue Crab
  ___Active Learning Centers—Amanda Ellington / Early Literacy Centers—Marissa Conner (BCPL)
  ___National Children’s Museum—literacy programs (not crafts again)
  ___Barb Langridge (Book and a Hug website)—Books for Boys—4 categories of boys’ books [cost-$200]
  ___Steam punk genre books?—so far mostly YA titles
  ___Organization skills—Debbie Bowden (Julie R. will ask)
  ___School age programming—tie in somehow?
  ___Pre-conference combination—“The Right Book is Heaven”—combine books for boys, transitional books
  ___School age programming after series; steam punk; school age programming. . .

Old Business
Newsletter—Sophia brought mock-up pages for a CSD newsletter that she, Susan Modak, and Tara Lebherz are working on. More next month.
Carol is working on changing our Facebook status.

New Business
Baltimore Book Festival—September 24, 25, 26, 2010!
Next year’s SRC themes—One World, Many Stories (children), You Are Here (teen), Novel Destinations (adult)
Fabulous conference for children’s librarians—ALSC Institute, Atlanta, GA, September 23-25, 2010
Go Round/SRC summary

Buff Kahn—Eldersburg/Carroll County—children earned a prize drawing ticket for every 60 minutes of summer reading they did; Lego program photos displayed in a digital frame. Percy Jackson party for teens; Little Red Riding Hood puppet show; pirate impersonator; self-defense class for girls 13 and up.

Diane Benner—New Carrollton Library/Prince George’s County—successful summer reading—online registration went smoother; more completers; children chose prizes from a big prize board; ending with Splish Splash Reading Bash—carnival style party with games and ice cream.

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—scavenger hunt at White Marsh Avenue stores—good community contacts

Elisabeth Proffen—Central Library/Howard County—Bookmark contest—winners from 5 age groups will receive prizes—designs will be made into book marks for Back to School Nights.

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard County—SRC registration up considerably. “Kindergarten, Here We Come” programs across county—one time, one hour class to prepare children for kdg.—“circle time,” alphabet game, even a chance to get on a school bus.

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—3500 registrations (through the roof); six summer performers; “Crafternoons” were such a hit that they’re going to continue through the year. Lego programs are so popular that they had to divide by age. [Tip—to clean Legos, put into a laundry bag and wash in dishwasher.] Teen programs were not as well attended.

Julie Ranelli—Kent Island/Queen Anne’s County—approx. 900 summer readers at two branches chose free books; six pre-k storytimes per branch; a week of summer reading camp; performers—pirate storytellers, Flumpa, and Bruce Fite. Three Lego programs—sea creatures, baseball, free build. Local collaborations—Univ. of MD Extension, Character Counts, Child Care Association. Weekly make and take crafts. Middle school vs. high school challenge and two teen parties.

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville Branch/BCPL—SRC registration was up; centrally arranged performers; self-directed craft project table changed every two weeks.

Kit Bloom—Southeast Anchor Branch/Pratt—wonderful summer—100% increase in SRC registrations and 330 finishers! All children put their names on paper fish which were displayed on wall. Children love PAWS program where they can read to dogs. The Bubble Lady [Margie Lynch — misslynch@aol.com] is great! More people are staying 4-5 hours—reading books in the library instead of taking them home.

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford—SRC registration up; everyone who finishes receives a book. Programs included Mike Rose, Science Center, and in-house programs like making sand castles with homemade play dough. Customer service staff training. Library representative at New Teacher Orientation on August 19.

Tara Lebherz—C. Burr Arts/Frederick County—Great SRC turnout—7500 registered. Kindergarten back to school program to help new kindergarteners.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—September 13, 2010—White Marsh Library/BCPL