CSD Minutes—August 8, 2011
Online meeting

Attendance
Abigail Andrews, Eileen Kuhl, Heather Leonard, Karen Hoffman, Susan Modak, Tara Lebherz

Introductions

Minutes—no minutes yet from July meeting

MLA Executive Board Meeting
No report.

Blue Crab ’11
No report.

Blue Crab ’12
No report.

Kids Are Customers—2011
October 20, 2011--Westminster Best Western
Eileen has contacted all the presenters.
KAC program flyer is completed.

Susan will introduce a presenter if she’s able to attend
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) Tara will introduce
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” Heather will introduce
   Tamara Nuttle—easy great recycled crafts Abigail will introduce
3:20-3:50 Susan Modak—“Shout Out” nonfiction, science, and math books
3:50-4:00 Evaluation and closing

The registration form will ask everyone to bring a science or math book for the Shout Out (e.g. Toothpaste Millionaire, Westing Game, Actual Size), perhaps even send in the book names beforehand. Heather offered to make a list of the suggested books.
Tara will meet Barnes and Noble representative this month. Same arrangement as last year.
We need 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 Mini Conference—SMRLA –March 12, 2012
Western Mini conference—Urbana Library—April 9, 2012

Program 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--
Tried to assist two more members to access online Wimba meeting room—no luck!

MLA Conference— May 9-11, 2012—Clarion Resort, Ocean City

2012 Conference Committee is closing in on a theme for next year.

Suggested CSD 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

Old Business
List of 2011 CSD meetings is on MLA website--  http://www.mdlib.org

Using more technology in CSD--
We need lots more practice and training in conducting online meetings! This meeting was hampered by audio that didn’t work, texting that didn’t work, members not even able to enter the Wimba meeting room!!
Perhaps we could arrange to have a computer online possibility every month for members who can’t travel to meetings.
**New Business**
Tara is planning to write a Wikipedia article about the Maryland Blue Crab Award
Irva will pick up pocket folders for KAC and other workshops while they’re on sale in August
Heather (and Lisa) have offered to help with the fall newsletter.

**Topic of the Month—Using Food in Children’s Programs**

Karen—We don’t use food, partly because we’re in an orthodox Jewish community.
Tara—When I meet with book clubs I tend not to have food, because I don’t want that to be the focus.
Abigail—We sometimes use food if it’s a party (Dr. Seuss’ birthday, goldfish birthday), but we warn parents about what we’re serving in case of allergies; mini-cupcakes are always a hit with kids.
Heather—We only serve food at teen and adult programs—usually just cookies and juice or coffee.
Susan—I went to the MLA conference program about featuring healthy food in storytimes, presented by a Delaware health non-profit—like using *Stone Soup* with lots of veggies.
Karen—Sometimes I use fruit or vegetables in pre-k storytime but only as props, not to eat (children didn’t recognize a potato).
Heather—I saw that Howard County has been doing programs that tie in with the Farmer’s Markets.

**Go Round**

**Abigail Andrews**—Hagerstown Library/Washington County—managed to have steady SRC enrollment even with library move. Looking for a new library pet since six-year-old goldfish died. Hoping to add some elementary age programs (Online attendees suggested LEGOs :)

**Heather Leonard**—Severna Park Library/Anne Arundel County—summer reading is over, getting back into the swing of things with storytimes and specials. Teen manga/anime club starts back up in September. Star Wars crew from Old Line Garrison coming in November. Looking for new and interesting programming ideas for 2012.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville Library/Baltimore County—LEGO programs every month very popular. SRC enrollment is astonishingly high. Even in system without children’s librarians, staff have been stepping up to do special storytimes—“Duck Says Kwang, Kwang”, Cinderella Around the World (children invited to dress up, librarian is wearing her Vietnamese gown). Trying papercraft program in the fall.

**Susan Modak**—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—used Evanced sign up in SRC for the first time. Fun programs this summer—Kathy MacMillan, Patrick Henry, and Ukelele Phil, who had kids dancing the hula.

**Tara Lebherz**—Brunswick Library/Frederick County—almost 10,000 children registered—working hard to reach that number. Final SRC programs this week, including magician Dean Burkett (Abigail’s comment—“He’s fantastic!”). Then back to just regular storytimes. Tara’s been doing programs at branches all across the county because they’re really short of children’s librarians.
Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—September 12, 2011—Lexington Park Library/St. Mary’s County
Meeting topic—Summer Reading Club wrap-up
  Come looking lovely for a group photo