**CSD Minutes—August 13, 2012**
**Pikesville Library, Baltimore County**

**Attendance**

**Introductions**

**Minutes**—Heather moved, Kim seconded to approve the July minutes.

**Executive Board Meeting**
George Sands will begin doing fundraising for MLA. Did we have anything we’d like to ask money for? Yes, Blue Crab—flyers, plaque engraving, etc. Call the MLA office if you are able to volunteer at the Baltimore Book Festival, September 28-30.

**Blue Crab ’13**—Marisa Conner
Second meeting on July 23, included mentor, Janis Cooker. One committee person has dropped out—members can only earn CEUS once every five years. They’ve decided all their meetings will be in person at Perry Hall Library in Baltimore County—next meeting mid-September.

**Black Eyed Susan Tapestry—September 29, 2012**
Our first-ever Black Eyed Susan workshop at Carroll Community College from 9-3:30 on Saturday, September 29, has been publicized in *The Happenings*. The program will include an overview of the Black Eyed Susan selection process and discussion groups for each of the reading levels (every participant will choose three groups).
Please email Eileen Kuhl ekuhl@bcpl.net if you would like to be a group facilitator.

**Kids Are Customers—October 18, 2012—Westminster Best Western**

Program outline draft—

9:00--9:10 Welcome

9:15--10:15 Health I-- Mary Concannon (Maryland Cooperative Extension)—presents story times for healthy eating with Cindy Farmarco (BCPL).

Time to stretch--- Zumbatomic with Christine Kamt (BCPL)

10:15--11:15 Health II - Rebecca Sexton, a retired public health nurse who does health programs in Howard County Library (e.g. germs)

11:15--11:30 Break

11:30--12:30 Blue Crab Author

12:30--1:30 Lunch (poster sessions, book table)

1:30--2:15 Julie Dietzel-Glair - demonstrates her interactive book

2:20--4:00 Baker and Taylor - publishers’ book presentation—Eileen will contact

4:00--4:15 Closing
Kate Riggs (our Blue Crab author) has arranged her airplane and car transportation.

We decided not to have a Shout Out of children’s nonfiction on healthy living since there are so few titles available on the subject.

We designated Christine Kamt’s demonstration of Zumbatomic [Zumba exercises for kids] as our stretch time between morning sessions.

Karen, Heather, and Meghan will run the registration table and stay at the registration table for latecomers after the conference begins. Eric will be our computer technician.

Tara needs a list of books to order from B&N. Kim Preis is making a sign-up schedule of times to work at the book table.

Poster sessions (on science project boards)—

Howard County—Anatomy - Irva
Harford County—Puppy Tales - Sophia
St. Mary’s County—healthy eating – Janis will find someone
Frederick County—Kids in Motion - Lisa
Baltimore County—ASL interns - Karen
Carroll County—limiting screen time for children – Peg
Anne Arundel—incorporating healthy ideas in storytime – Heather
Cecil County——Rachel

(Each poster board should include handouts, including contact information)

**Mock Newbery—Monday, January 14, 2013** (snow date - Tuesday, January 22, 2013)
No word yet about possible changes to the Mock Newbery cost and CEUs.
Rachael will provide coffee and refreshments. CSD meeting will follow in the afternoon.
Enjoy the Mock Newbery blog all year— “For Those About to Mock” -- [http://abouttomock.blogspot.com/](http://abouttomock.blogspot.com/)
Have you read *Wonder*, *One and Only Ivan*, or *Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*. . . ?

**Southern/Western Conferences**
Southern—March 11, 2013—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County—12:30-4:00
Western—April 8, 2013—Thurmont Library/Frederick County—1:00-4:15

Great workshop ideas! —

--Blue Crab –1/2 hour

--Community Connections with. . .

Schools--at both administrative and branch library levels
Marisa Conner (BCPL)—will recommend presenters
Susan Morris (Howard)
Mobile library services
Lisa Jarrett (Mobile Library Services BCPL)
Peg Pond (Carroll) or delegated representative
Day care visits
Jessica Hyle, (BCPL Storyville)
Bilingual
Christine Kamt (BCPL)
Community
Rachel Wright (Cecil)—banks and Judy Centers
Tammy (St. Mary’s)
Dorothy Stoltz

--Singing and Musical Instruments in Story Times--Irva

**MLA Conference**  May 8-10, 2013
Theme—“Forging New Paths—Radical and Relevant”

Great program ideas!
__Reader’s advisory for beginning readers__
__Tweens—Rachel Wright (Cecil County) works with her YA librarian “Bridging the Gap” between elementary and middle school—incl. separate library area, grant for special programs__
__SEFEL—Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning—Marisa will Ask Valerie VanBuren__
__National Children’s Museum—pre-conference__
__Storytimes for children with disabilities—1) special programs, 2) modifications to regular programs__
  Lori Guenthner—Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
  Kim Preis, Sophia Van Schaick—programs at special schools
  Jessica Hyle--Storyville
  Christine Kamt—“sensational” storytimes
  Kathy Macmillan—ASL
__STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—e.g. science kits in Harford County; Little Leapers—new early literacy/STEM initiative for preschoolers. __
__Learning Parties from Ready at Five__

**Facebook**
“Like” things on our Facebook account; CSD will show up more often in your news feed.

**Break**

**Old Business**

Fall newsletter is out--nice!

**New Business**

None

**Topic of the Month—Positive Parent Handling**

**Child hitting other children in story time**—work with your system to define parameters for storytimes—e.g. encourage parents it’s fine to temporarily leave story times until child is ready.

**Crowded children’s section**—make stroller parking area
Small child left alone, heading for the door—“Somebody’s trying to escape”—be friendly, not judgmental. If parent is working on computer, give child an early literacy toy to use next to her.

Messy children’s areas!—post a sign “If you helped clean up, come to the Information Desk for a reward.”

Older child at storytimes—“Come sit next to me and be my helper.”

Have all staff be consistent.

Go Round

Christine Kamt—Woodlawn/Baltimore County—working on getting the word out about the planned family Hispanic Heritage Month Fair, September 22, 2-4 pm—service providers, musician, face painting, games. After school Zumba starts in September for high school students; Zumbatomic (Zumba for kids 4-12, starts in January.

Heather Johnson—Severna Park/Anne Arundel County—budget is better, so re-introducing outreach—Back to School Nights, visits to schools, etc. Using digital picture frame at the information desk to display photos of programs as publicity—working great to generate interest.

Jessica Hyle—Rosedale Storyville/BCPL—Back to School Rally for Health at Franklin Square Hospital to promote Storyville and children’s library services.

Julie Dietzel-Clair—will be presenting “Books in Motion” at the Texas Library Association in April.

Marisa Conner—Youth Services/Baltimore County—has hired nine specially trained part-time librarians that will be responsible for BCPL storytimes.

Megan Sackett Menon—Cockeysville/Baltimore County—SRC numbers up by over 1000 this year; interviewing for new part-time librarians at the branch.

Rachel Wright—Cecil County—kindergarten library card drive in September (last year registration in 17 schools went from 22% to 66%). SRC registration up 6% this year; they are tracking minutes spent reading, not number of books. APGFCU is sponsoring Reading Cup Challenge—trophy to public elementary school with highest SRC completion percentage--$500 to school and individual “treat” for schools.

Sophia Van Schaick—Bel Air/Harford County—summer programs have been hugely well attended, even though SRC numbers are way down.

Tara Lebherz—Frederick County—library director has approved holding a Scripps feeder spelling bee for the first time this year; now trying to get support from the superintendent to register schools (part of our school partnership).

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—September 10, 2012——St. Mary’s County