CSD Minutes—September 13, 2010
White Marsh Library

Attendance
Carol Dean, Dorothy Stoltz, Eileen Kuhl, Elisabeth Proffen, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Janis Cooker, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Karen Hoffman, Kit Bloom, Marisa Conner, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Susan Walters, Wanda Nelson

Introductions

Minutes

Board Meeting
The Executive Board will meet later this week. Carol has turned in the CSD workplan for the year. Volunteers are needed for the MLA table at the Baltimore Book Festival, September 24-26. Please email Carol if you can take a shift-- cdean@aacpl.net

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
Kit just notified their award winners by mail. They are setting up the panel for Kids Are Customers. The brochure is finished and ready to print. Send Kit ideas of groups to send it to-- kbloom@prattlibrary.org.

Blue Crab ’11—Wanda
Wanda reported that the committee had lost a member, and collected names from the group as possible contacts. She asked if the late incoming committee members would receive the same number of CEUs, and if the chair person might be eligible for extra CEUs. Carol will ask DLDS. We need to amend the Blue Crab by-laws—1) add in online meetings as well as face-to-face meetings, 2) clarify how many meetings the committee must have, 3) require committee members to attend KAC or MLA, not both. Susan Walters will be this committee’s representative at CSD meetings.

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

Introducers’ names in italics
8:00-9:00 Registration [Kit and Karen]
9:00-9:15 Welcome [Carol]
9:25-10:25 Breakout Session #1 -- Storytime Music [Irva] and Capitol Choices [Eileen]
10:35-11:35 Author Michelle Meadows [?]
11:35-12:05 Blue Crab [Kit]
12:05-1:05 Lunch
1:15-2:00 Breakout Session #2 – Mother Reader [Tara] and Lap Theaters [Karen]
2:15-3:15 Author Edie Hemingway [Elisabeth]
3:00- 4:15 Book Shout Out [Susan M.] /Wrap Up/Evaluations [Carol]

Eric Bodwin from Carroll County will be our AV technician. Carol has asked all our speakers for their AV requests and handouts. Carol will make a handout of the day’s agenda. Carol and her staff will stuff handouts into the folders that Irva has bought.
Eileen will pick up the registration materials from the MLA office. Registration volunteers will start at 7:00 the day of the conference. They will need two tables to display all the badges and envelopes. The Book Shout Out will begin by every participant filling out a half sheet of paper with name, email address, and the book title(s) they recommend. They’ll break into three groups, shout out their titles (why they like it/who would enjoy it), and then shift groups three times. (Susan Modak will make up the half sheets and then post all the titles online.)

Barnes and Noble will provide a book table all day—we will have to help man it. (B&N will bring the books and take back what we don’t sell.) Carol will find out what forms of payment will be acceptable and make a list of time slots for volunteers. We will display Blue Crab books all day, but only mark the winners after they’re announced. (We need to send out an early information sheet with details about the book shout out and acceptable payment options for the book table.)

There may be a MLA sale table if they have any leftover inventory from the Baltimore Book Festival. Again we will be the sellers.

**Eastern Conference—Mock Newbery—January 10, 2011—Denton Library**

Rachael Vilmar is still looking for book nominations! – send them to Rachael@esrl.org

Carol and Rachael are working on the MLA program approval form—be on the lookout for a registration form—registration will be limited to 60 people (4 groups of 15 people each).

**Southern/Western Conference**

**Southern—March 14, 2011—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County**

**Western—April 11, 2011—Urbana Library/Frederick County**

1:00-1:45 Large group storytimes—Amanda Ellington and Tess Goldwasser (St. Mary’s County)
1:45-1:55 Break
1:55-2:40 Lego programs—Jill Hutchinson and Catherine DeCristofaro (St. Mary’s County)
2:40-2:50 Break
2:50-4:20 Puppets—2 presenters

[Karen will ask Rose Armentrout how long her presentation is; Eileen will ask Diane Benner if Becky Minetto is still available; Carol will ask Robyn if John Lewis is available. We may offer different presenters at the two conferences.]

**MLA Conference—May 4-6, 2011—Clarion Resort, Ocean City**

CSD programs are shaping up: [Presenter approval forms are due October 15]

__Blue Crab
__Active Learning Centers (Amanda Ellington) and Early Literacy Centers (Marissa Conner)
__National Children’s Museum—literacy programs
__Organization Skills (Debbie Bowden)  [Eileen will confirm]
__Barb Langridge (Book and a Hug website)—Books for Boys—$200

*We’re not sure if MLA will pay for a speaker who is a librarian.*
Pre-conference ideas—
Reader’s Advisory would be welcome. Would Sue McCleaf Nespeca (Eastern Shore’s December 13th presenter of Choosing and Evaluating Children’s Books) be available to come to MLA? [Eileen will ask Rachael]

**Old Business—**

The CSD Facebook page is up. We’ll do a Facebook demo at our December meeting.

**The December CSD meeting has been changed to December 6, to allow members to attend the Eastern Shore workshop on Choosing and Evaluating Children’s Books on December 13!**

Susan Modak and Sophia are continuing work on a CSD newsletter.

**New Business—**

We need to nominate CSD officer candidates by December. Karen has offered to be secretary; think of someone to be vice president.

**Topic of the month—Behavior Solutions in Children’s Areas**

Randallstown Library offers impromptu storytimes for boisterous groups.
BCPL provides early learning activity centers in its children’s areas to funnel children’s energy.
Cleaning up children’s areas can be a problem. Librarians can model the behavior and encourage children to join in. The Clean Up song often works. Cleaning up is a learning activity of its own—sorting and thinking.
(We enjoyed a quick tour of the White Marsh early literacy center corner.)

**Go Round**

**Carol Dean**—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel—storytimes; a pirate program

**Eileen Kuhl**—White Marsh/BCPL—fun at their first pajama storytime, more outreach to area preschools

**Elisabeth Proffen**—Central Library/Howard County—3rd year for popular Battle of the Books competition for 5th graders; SRC up 10% (even more in babies and teens), but number of finishers was down; local Astronomical League offers library popular free sky watching programs for amateur astronomers.

**Irva Nachlas-Gabin**—East Columbia/Howard—still learning Polaris.

**Janis Cooker**—St. Mary’s County—fall storytime sessions beginning; Grossology science program; homeschool program to show what library can offer; Chapter Chats—3rd-4th graders in late afternoon—pick a book, do activities and a small discussion.

**Julie Dietzel-Clair**—Enoch Pratt—SRC increased by 1000 registrants; currently planning Children’s Book Celebration for October 30 with a Walter Wick theme to coordinate with exhibit at Walters Art Museum.

**Karen Hoffman**—Pikesville/BCPL—excited about pioneering a Lego program in Baltimore County.
Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford—new director, Mary Hastler—77 pages of county library accomplishments; wrapping up SRC.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—sharing time between Kensington Branch Library and Noyes; limited storytime program schedule. Noyes Fundraising Gala at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park November 5!

Susan Walters—Randallstown/BCPL—because of ongoing renovations (no meeting room access), only having pre-school storytimes on the floor—including visits from the Irvine Nature Center and the Zoomobile. They’re doing more outreach—visiting schools at open houses, etc.; planning to invite schools to tour the library with refreshments, website and database instruction.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

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