
I. Introductions

II. After amendment to the tracks in the August minutes, Jill motioned for the minutes to be approved; Jessica seconded.

III. Action items will be discussed under each event instead of separately.

IV. President’s report
   No meeting until September 17; will report at November CSD meeting.

V. Program planning
   b. February, 2015—possible virtual training—MLA encourages; we could be the first if we find a suitable program.
   c. March 9, 2015 – Southern Mini Conference—SMRLA has not yet responded about site
      April 13, 2015—Western Mini Conference—Thurmont Library/Frederick County
      Program ideas—
      *Blue Crab
      * possible idea— FutureMakers --share prior experiences and discuss technology and family engagement programs
      *possible idea—develop leaders in CSD—give children’s librarians opportunity to present at CSD workshops to gain experience. Send out wide open request for proposals to managers, not just children’s librarians.
   d. May, 2015—MLA Convention/Ocean City—“Boldly Go”—paperless brochure, possible NASA speaker

Preconference-FutureMakers

12 proposals received and discussed—we chose—

*Lisa Kropp—“Tween: Too Much Too Soon?”—Youth Services coordinator, NY County, doing directed research with her graduate students—tween reading habits, how to draw them into library. Would attract children and teen supervisors

*Jill Hutchinson—“Voluntweens: Young Volunteers in the Library”— St. Mary’s County—win-win for tweens and the library; how to avoid baby-sitting; add best practices from other systems. Co-sponsor with managers group or PSD

*Christine Kamp—Baltimore County—Bilingual Story Time Workshop—babies, toddlers, preschool, school age. Timely topic

*Beverly Izzi—Calvert County—“500 by Five”—successful initiative to encourage parents and children reading together, goal that children will read 500 books by the age of 5. Lots of interest statewide.
*Stephanie Long—Frederick County—“Little People, STEM World; STEM programming for Preschoolers”—using STEM Curiosity Academy ideas to give children’s librarians the skills to develop STEM programs for preschoolers using discovery and play.

*Marisa Conner—Baltimore County—“The Power of Play: An Introduction to Designing Early Learning Spaces” Possibly shorten to one hour.

Other interesting topics—
*Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Julie Dietzel-Flair, Kathy MacMillan—“You Have a Great Idea! Now Get It Published!” Possible virtual conference with TIG

*Valerie Smirlock—“Social & Emotional Foundations for Early Learning: SEFEL Goes to the Library.” Great pre-conference idea--needs whole day to cover topic.

*James Kelly—LDD—“Developing Leaders”—managers with children’s work roots share how to translate their skills to management positions. Use at next year’s Kids Are Customers.

*RA for non youth librarians. Co-sponsor with PSD

*Fiction and Nonfiction. Co-sponsor with Delaware

e. September 13, 2014—Black Eyed Susan Tapestry
f. October 16, 2014—Kids Are Customers Too—Westminster Best Western
*FutureMakers (Rachel will introduce)
* Break out sessions
  School Partnerships—BCPL-SAIL, Carroll County—SCORE (Rachel will introduce)
  Every Children Ready to Read—Amanda (Jessica will introduce)
*Greg Pizzoli—author of Watermelon Seed (Amanda will introduce)
*Lunch
*David Kelly—author of Miracle Mud (Rachel will introduce)
*Break out sessions
  Guerrilla Story Time—Jessica (Joe will introduce)
  Captain Blue Hen Reader’s Advisory (Rachel will introduce)

Eric will cover technology.
Book sale details not yet determined. Book sale sign-up schedule will be sent out.
Action items—Rachel to send out book sale sign up schedule, make fliers about meet ups

VI. Old Business
a. Meet ups--generic happy hour early November outside Baltimore (Amanda)
  Useful for networking--maybe quarterly; we’ll see how it develops
b. Facebook – Tara [baby boy, Henry, born September 2] and Jessica Brown
  Include ideas from across the county, do a raffle for those who “like” us, offer discount to Southern/Western mini conferences?
  Change to a Facebook group so everyone can post!
c. Newsletter--Sophia—will come out end of September, deadline for articles September 19.
d. MLA work plan—Training, Technology, Advocacy, Membership
  Save the date—multi group social happy hour –December 11, 2014
VII. New Business
   a. App MILLI Project—Julie Ranelli with Catherine DeCristoforo and two school librarians —using tablets with children
   b. New Media Taskforce is forming. Will decide what to do after MILLI to avoid duplication.

VIII. Monthly Topic—Program management at library programs and in the classroom
*take away the chairs at storytime (except a few available for older caregivers)
*set expectations
*“Your child will learn much more from you than me.”
*Re-focusing—“Touch your head if you can hear me; touch your shoulders...; touch your waist.”
*Instructions at beginning—e.g. LEGO—“Take your place; don’t start yet.”
*Planning—put yourself in child’s mind set, think of how kids will act; expect what might go wrong.
*Plan your space.
*Shut doors after 10 minutes (warn ahead of time).
*Allow latecomers in afterwards for the crafts.
*Ideally have two people presenting.
*Crying child—okay developmentally; feel free to go out, come back.
*In mixed age groups—read shorter books first OR read longer books first.

Future topics—
Summer Reading (November)
Storytelling (December)
Using nonfiction

Respectfully submitted,
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