Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2017
Children’s Services Division, Maryland Library Association
Bel Air Library

- Introductions-
- Approval of minutes- approved with small spelling correction.
- President’s Report- MLA exec team meets next week; president’s report will follow.
  o Stuart Ragland (head of MLA technology committee) & the MLA office have arranged for us to have a USB microphone, which Conni and Jill will work on plans to use for a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting, hopefully at the December meeting.
  o CSD’s plans for this year are pretty well aligned with MLA’s updated strategic plan, except that we have not been doing much with advocacy. Idea- share advocacy opportunities on our social media
- Program Planning
  o Kids Are Customers 2017
    ■ Lanyrd site is offline- Jill will make a Google Sites website for the event instead.
    ■ The Children’s Bookstore will provide sale copies of the 4 titles Debbie Levy wants available for sales and signing. We’ll get 30 copies of I Dissent, & 10 copies each of 3 more of her books.
    ■ Action item- Conni will finalize the schedule and assign room numbers to the sessions, so Jill can make the program schedule and tickets
    ■ Jill will post call for volunteers
  o Winter Webinar- at exec board mtg, Conni will ask about available webinar platforms.
    ■ Rates: $30/ individual; $70 group of 3 or more (using one computer)
  o Southern/Western- Presenters & sites confirmed.
  o MLA Annual-
    ■ 9 proposals have been submitted through our online form; 2 of them are teen-focused and should probably be either passed on to TIG or co-sponsored with them
    ■ We also have 2 ideas for programs that are not included in the submissions-
      ■ “What’s new in youth programs in nearby states”- invite speakers from DC, VA, DE, & PA- postpone to a future event
      ■ Supporting families of young children with incarcerated family members- bring in expert speaker &/or organize a panel of MD
libraries who are working on this issue. If both speaker and panel, have a full-day preconference. If only panel, half-day preconference. Conni will contact the professor from Rutgers who recently gave training on this topic to community-service providers in some MD counties, to see if she is available and what her speaking fee is.

- We’d like to propose no more than 8 sessions, including a preconference.
- Group reviewed the submissions received & voted on which to propose.
  - If preconference re: incarceration works out, that will be our preconference.
  - If incarceration preconference does not happen, then Carroll County presenters will offer their puppet-show program as a 3-hour half-day preconference. If no puppetry preconference, then the Puppet Show session be a 2-hr session.
  - The puppets in programs session will be combined with Guerilla Storytime into a 2-hour “storytime academy” session.
  - Pen pals session- declined; we recommend that they do a poster session instead
  - Rachel Zukowski of Prince Georges- ask her if she will work with Christine Kamt on embedded librarianship, and with Dorothy Stoltz and Lisa Guernsey on digital media & media mentorship (breaking up her (“Family Literacy- Not Just a Storytime!” program into parts of 2 programs)
  - “Not Your Usual Storytime”- panel of lightning talks on several different non-traditional storytimes. Carroll, Harford, St. Mary’s, Correctional Libraries. Conni will write up a PAF based on a few sentences that Kristen, Jill, & Sophia will send.
  - Embedded Librarianship- yes, but ask Christine to work with Rachel from Prince Georges to make it a 2 hr session & include interactive element.
  - Literacy & library skills for refugee families- accept, but ask to change title & description to include immigrants as well as refugees.
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- IMproving Tech, digital media… - accept, ask Rachel of PG to join the panel
  - B.E.S.T.- all ready to go.

- Blue Crab Committee Update (via email from Jean)
  - Committee membership was a bit in flux, as we lost one of our school media specialists who just didn't have enough time and we welcomed another member who has been on maternity leave and just attended her first meeting. So at this point, I think we're stable, getting acquainted, and we've had several excellent discussions. We still are looking for Blue Crab book nominations from librarians - other than that, there's not much to report.

- Old Business
  - Social Media- Keep liking & sharing on our page and group!
    ■ Schedule FB posts with advocacy opportunities, but only those that are grass-roots actionable and related to youth services
    ■ Continue to post examples of past Blue Crab books w/ link to nominate 2017 titles for Blue Crab
    ■ Share resources and interesting articles in the FB Group
  - Newsletter- Send stuff to Sophia!
  - Hybrid Meetings- tech setup, free audio conferencing platform, etc.- Jill & Connie will make a plan by the november meeting.

- Action item follow-up- anything not covered so far (see below)

- New Business- none

- Monthly Sharing Topic- How do you praise and encourage kids in the library?
  - Praise effort, process, and growth rather than "good job!” or “you’re so smart!”
  - “I love that you did _____ (helpful or kind or constructive thing)
  - Choose November’s sharing topic!- What are your summer 2018 plans?

- Go ‘Round- Share anything of interest from your library’s youth-services department
  - Sept 27 @ Abingdon Library- author talk about book about a child with incarcerated family member
  - Jim Gill "A Joyous Way to Learn” Sat 9/3 9am-12pm, Elkton Library, free, must register (see flyer)
  - Nov 8, Kate Messner The Seventh Wish author talk @ Abingdon Library

- No meeting in October- Kids are Customers conference is Oct 19
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- November 13 meeting is at Noyes Library for Children in Montgomery County - please bring a chair or stool as there is limited adult-sized seating at this location. Snack-bringer: Christine Freeman

Action Items to follow up from August Meeting:
- Conni - talk w/ people at MLA office about what webinar platform they have/recommend for our winter webinar - postponed until next Exec Board mtg
- Conni - investigate individual/ group rates setup for winter webinar & make recommendation - done
- Conni - send call for MLA Annual Conference program proposals to CSD email list - moot
- Conni or Jill - put out specific call for participants in “Not Your Usual Storytime…” panel program - partially done
- Jill/Conni - work with Marge to complete a PAF for winter webinar by September (need objectives, description) - not done
- Jill - forward the info on “Making it Special” Oct 20 training to the CSD email list - done
- Jill - after Sept 1, get info on Jim Gill training in Cecil Co from Kaitlyn or Rachel; share w/ CSD members - done
- Jill will talk w/ Marge about whether she has a preferred platform for winter webinar - not done
- Bethany - send Jean reminder to update info for MLA website re: this year’s Blue Crab committee - done
- Carrie - get the Mock Newberry 2018 info from Rachael @ ESRL to share - done

Action Items from September meeting:
- Jill & Conni - make plans for using microphone for hybrid December meeting
- Jill - make Google Site for Kids Are Customers - done
- Jill - draft PAF for winter webinar Conni - get info from MLA office on webinar platforms
- Christine - submit PAFs for MLA Annual
- Officers - schedule FB posts on advocacy opportunities as they come up, & highlighting past Blue Crab books