CSD Minutes—November 8, 2010
Noyes Library for Young Children

Attendance
Buff Kahn, Carol Dean, Diane Benner, Eileen Kuhl, Elisabeth Proffen, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Kit Bloom, Lesley Mason, Naomi Butler, Shirley O’Neill, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Susan Walters, Tara Lebherz

Introductions

Minutes—Janis moved; Elisabeth seconded to approve the September minutes.

Board Meeting
The MLA Executive Board will meet next week.

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
Kit has contacted Lori Ries (Good Dog, Aggie) to come to MLA (she’d like to bring her husband and daughter). We will pay her expenses for travel, one night’s stay in the hotel, luncheon, and take her out to dinner. Kit will email Bob Kuntz to post the names of the winning books on the MLA/CSD/Blue Crab website. The committee will work on extension activities for the winning books to post there, too. We are invited to give out information about this year’s winners any way we can.

Blue Crab ’11—Susan Walters
The committee will meet in person for an all day meeting this week. At the next CSD meeting they would like us to help decide if graphic novels can be considered for a Blue Crab award.

Blue Crab ’12
Time to be thinking of a chairperson for the next Blue Crab committee.

Kids Are Customers—October 21, 2010—Westminster Best Western Conference Center
KAC was well received by the 123 attendees—overall rating of 4.34 out of 5. They enjoyed having two authors. They liked the separate tracks of the break-out sessions (reader’s advisory and programming)—let’s keep that in mind for next year’s conference. We made about $6000 for MLA. We made a profit of over $300 at the book table working through the Frederick Barnes and Noble (we picked up boxes of books, displayed and sold them, and returned the books we did not sell.) Next year we need to assign this job to a full time book table person (and slightly downsize our book order). We sold books mostly during lunch and after the authors; next year during the breaks, let’s announce “Go look at the books.” Susan M. and Kit will write accounts of the conference for The Crab.

Kids Are Customers—2011
Possible presenters—authors Ted and Betsy Lewin, Claudia Fridell; illustrator John Manders
Where? Westminster Best Western again? Back to more centrally located Howard County?

Eastern Conference—Mock Newbery—January 10, 2011—Denton Library
The conference time and CSD meeting time have changed! The Mock Newbery discussion will now be from 9:30-12:30; our CSD meeting will be from 1:30-4:00.
Rachael Vilmar is accepting book nominations until December 1 – send them to Rachael@esrl.org
Be on the lookout for a registration form—the $10 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—one or two presenters

[Karen will ask Rose Armentrout how long her presentation has to be; Carol will email Robyn if Jon Lewis is still interested. We could use different presenters at the two conferences. . . .]

MLA Conference—May 4-6, 2011—Clarion Resort, Ocean City
CSD programs make up a large part of the MLA Conference.

Pre-conference—
morning—Daryl Cobb (vibrant speaker from MASL Conference) - $750—2 hours, then ½ hour with children present

afternoon—Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi—book talking bonanza
BCPL “genre book camp”—reader’s advisory session about children’s humorous books—presentation of three titles, followed by breakout discussions.

Thursday—
CSD will co-sponsor with GIIG (Government Information Group)—two presenters—great government websites for kids.
Blue Crab author, Lori Ries
National Children’s Museum (Wendy)—“Just the Facts”—new nonfiction titles and how to use them in programming
Active Learning Centers (Amanda Ellington) and Early Literacy Centers (Marisa Conner)

Friday—
Organization Skills (Debbie Bowden) –organizing storytime props, emails, conference notes

Old Business—

Newsletter—
Susan Modak, Sophia, and Tara are continuing work on a quarterly CSD newsletter. They suggested the following categories:
Mock Newbery—be on the lookout for registration information about the January 10, 2011 Mock Newbery Discussion

New Business—

Bring a story to tell at the December meeting.

The December CSD meeting date 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.

The time of the January 10, 2011 CSD meeting has been changed to 1:30-4:00 PM, to allow the Mock Newbery Discussion to include the actual Newbery announcement in the morning.

Topic of the month—Choosing Performers

Bubble Lady—[“great!”] only does two programs a day—every child gets to be in a bubble (still only charges $250 and mileage)

Nicolo Whimsey—[Kit—“outstanding”]—juggler, stilts ($500)

Joe Romano—[Janis--”everyone loved him”]—magic

Bruce Fite—[Janis]

John Donaldson—[Kit—“does a good job with kids”] ($250)

Uncle Pete—[Sophia—“wonderful”]—music--good with little kids—huge amplifier, lights

Jali D.—[Kit—“gracious, kids love him”]—drumming stories (part of Young Audiences, so more expensive)

Mike Rose—[Sophia—“wonderful”]—magic; some of his stuff goes over kids’ heads

Didgeridoo—[Sophia]—factual, but boring for young children; better for kindergarten and up.

Flumpa—[Diane B.]—all ages

Catriona’s Castle—[Kit—“excellent”]—interactive children’s theater—3 or 4 fairy tales with beautiful costumes; reasonable, easy to work with.
Christiana Drapkin—[Susan M.]—jazz musicians [Kit—“mixed reviews”]

Rainbow Company—[Susan M—“very successful”]—interactive children’s theater—two people—one story—talk about characters, easy to put on costumes.

Mutts Gone Nuts—[Eileen]—performing dog comedy show

Cantare Music—multicultural—[Janis—“really good”]—expensive (under Class Acts)

Activated Storytellers—[Janis]—parents—folk tales; son a great Jack Sparrow impersonator (transportation $)

Jack Sparrow impersonator—[Buff]—character circulated in group

Local and in-house performers only [Elisabeth—Howard County]—e.g. astronomy club

Critter Caravans—[Shirley]—great—live reptiles, boa constrictor—Pleeze and Squeeze Show [Janis]

Sue Trainor—[Lesley]—interactive—write your own songs, guitar

Kay Taub—[Kit—“really good”]—Incredible Insects—interactive workshop

Mr. Gabe Music—[Susan M.]—bilingual music, “little disappointed”

Bobbie Hinman—[Diane]—children like her fairy stories

Discussion—
__Kit suggested that we might go together on booking performers to save money.
__When do systems offer paid performers?
   – Mainly summer—Frederick, Montgomery; Pratt, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s
   – All year round—Baltimore County
__Some systems arrange programs centrally; some arrange centrally but let branches choose; some branches have a small budget and do all the arrangements

Go Round

Buff Kahn—Carroll County—duct tape teen programs are still successful, monthly Lego programs; monthly preschool science programs for 3 and 4 year olds. Teenwrite program with literary magazine published in spring—Notre Dame professor critiques what teens bring.

Carol Dean—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel—lots of fun well-attended Halloween storytimes; storytimes, baby programs, Thanksgiving, holiday programs coming up

Diane Benner—New Carrollton/Prince George’s County—tween program—crafts and booktalking; moving the afterschool storytime increased attendance; Fancy Nancy Tea Party—stories, craft and snack with children all dressed up—this time with real tea cups. 😊

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—PJ storytime moderately successful; Family Fitness Night; advertising on The Avenue shopping center blog is successful; Franklin Square Hospital Family Day
Elisabeth Proffen—Central Library/Howard County—on December 2, Howard County Library will begin lending 60 Nooks (Barnes and Noble) to customers. Busy with lots of classes and events; teacher blog on website promoting initiatives and classes getting more hits that they originally thought. New initiative—Rube Goldberg teams in schools—building simple machines.

Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—successful Halloween programs; storytimes end week of December 6; waiting lists for Grossology program. Family movies in winter; Harry Potter program.

Kit Bloom—Southeast Anchor Branch/Pratt—doing the PAWS program—children reading to dogs; Walter Wick program with Walters Art Museum

Karen Hoffman—Pikesville/BCPL—Pete the Cat is taking BCPL by storm; first BCPL Lego program December 27

Lesley Mason—Hagerstown/Washington County—on November 9 downtown library closes for two years; transitioning to new location opening November 15. “Reading with Winston” programs on Sundays—therapy dog. Battle of the Books is being revamped to include doing projects for points.

Naomi Butler—Western Regional Library—crossover with schools--database trainings and trends in new books for three school systems; new online sites. She encourages CSD members to attend MASL conferences and the April SoMIRAC conference-- www.somirac.org

Shirley O’Neill—Howard County—Fancy Nancy program—50 kids fully dressed

Sophia VanSchaick—Bel Air/Harford—Harford County Library 65th anniversary in 2011 (50th anniversary of Bel Air Library). One of first systems to now have a library app. Reconfiguring children’s area to include early literacy center. Many school and Cub Scout tours this fall. HCPL librarians went to county public schools in-service to share info about the library’s services and databases; teachers were very appreciative.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—three early literacy programs a month; lost hours result in lost circulation. Big Noyes Foundation gala Friday night! Gift of board books.

Susan Walters—Randallstown/BCPL—major renovations mean very little in-house programming—only regular preschool storytime—tween and adult book clubs now meeting at the Randallstown Community Center. Attending community events at Northwest Hospital, the Randallstown Community Center, and Back to School nights at local elementary schools.

Tara Lebherz—C. Burr Artz/Frederick—program stats down for the first time in years, deciding how to market better. Coat drive beginning November 22.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—December 6, 2010—West County Area Branch/Anne Arundel County—10:30-12:00 Bring a story to tell.