Maryland Library Association - Children’s Services Division
Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2013  Perryville Library in Cecil County
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In Attendance:  Julie Dietzel-Blair (Freelance), Jen Carter (CCPL), Marisa Conner (BCPL), Janis Cooker (St. Mary’s), Jessica Crutchley (BCPL), Amanda Roberson (StMary’s), Karen Hoffman (BCPL), Allisson Holbrook (CCPL), Lisa Jarrett (BCPL), Brad Keene (CCPL), Eileen Kuhl (BCPL), Tara Lebherz (FCPL), Susan Modak (MCPL), Irva Nachlas-Gabin (ret), Susan Newstead (CCPL), Liz Sunderman (DLDS), Sophia Van Schaik (HCPL), Pam Taylor (HCPL), Rachel Wright (CCPL), Catherine Zang (CCPL)

Called to order: at 10:07 by Rachel Wright

Introductions:  many new faces
Minutes - correction:  Add attendees Karen Hoffman, Sophia Van Schaik
Tara moved to accept the minutes as corrected.  Karen seconded.  Motion passed by acclamation.

Executive Board Meeting Report
Privacy rights – ALA Liberty website has a Privacy toolkit
MLA Theme – Turn it Up
Audit went well.
Baltimore Book Festival in September.
Autism Program – Rachel reported that Margaret Carty secured speakers.  Next week will be first part.  Will cover all library services, not just children’s.  Series of lectures, and then at MLA a pre-con on working with children with autism in storytimes.
Teen-age graphic novelist – Christoper H? (check with Tara about name) will go out to do presentations.  Next meeting is November 20.  Eileen will be there and will represent CSD.  Tara is not able to attend.

NAEYC conference Nov. 20 – 24 in D.C.  Tara is going
National Family Literacy Conference in Feb.  Susan Modak. is going

Blue Crab  ’14
Need to find chair for 2015committee.  Need about 8 – 12 people on committee.  Committee members meet for 30 face to face hours to receive CEUs, give presentation at one of the CSD trainings.
Rachel will speak with a staff member to see if she is interested.

Liz put Blue Crab poster up at MASL.
Barb Langridge has agreed to put up Blue Crab books on her website abookandahug.com.
MLA Conference ’14
Theme: Turn it Up.

CSD sponsored sessions:

Wed., May 7 - 9-1 - Children and Adolescents with Autism – co sponsored by CSD
Wed., May 7 - 1-4 - Songs to Read! Books to Sing! with Jim Gill

Thurs., May 8 - 9-10 - Dr. Naidoo - Library Services to GLBTQ - co sponsored with DLDS
Thurs., May 8 - 10:30 - 11:30 - STEAM programming
Thurs., May 8 - 3:30 - 4:30 - Dr. Naidoo - Library Services to Spanish Speaking Families
Thurs., May 8 - 4:45-5:45 - Tweens, Teens, and Technology

Fri., May 9 - 9:30-1140 - Apps, Tablets, and Children

Not sponsored by CSD but will have Yoga on the Beach at 6:30 a.m.

Brochure is being produced. Will be mailed out.

Black-Eyed Susan Tapestry Review Eileen K.
Overwhelming favorable evaluations.
Many people want to have more books in the discussion. This year was 4 titles per category.
   Could do 5 in each group. Could bring the other titles and have ready if have time.
   Give participants an A list and B list. Will discuss B list if there is time.
   Or assign 4 and let people bring in their review of additional titles.

There were almost no school media people there.

Eileen will send out a list of the winners in each category.

People liked the format, having speaker and then session at end.

Kids Are Customers Review - Tara
Good reviews.
Right amount of info, right length of sessions.
   Suggestions – too much paper, noises in back of room, common core curriculum wasn’t too useful. Common
   Core was funny and interesting. Difficult to see some props. More hands on with tech gadgets. Bigger ladies’
   room.
Food – needed vegetarian, tuna wraps are good
Would like more interaction with other counties.

100 attendees
Poster sessions got a lot of attention.

Book sale was okay – sold a lot of Kevin Sherry. Sibert award books didn’t sell. We should concentrate on the
author books. We made about $200.
Need a new credit card machine, or a “square” to connect to phone.

Mr. Jon is interested in presenting and teaching, so if need a music training, contact him.

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Books for the Beast Review  Liz Sunderman
More teens than usual. Largest attendance ever. Authors did a great job. All three authors participated in breakout sessions. Hope to offer scholarship next year for librarians to attend.

Mock Newbery
Jan 6, snow date Jan 13 – Denton Library  Rachel W. Registration is now open. Facilitators have been picked. Same four as last year. Hasn’t chosen books yet. Should have list out after Thanksgiving.

Southern/Western Conferences
March 10 – SMRLA, 12:30 to 4
April 7 – Thurmont, 1pm to 4:30
Theme: Inclusion


Break

Old Business
Newsletter
- Heather Johnson will no longer be able to edit newsletter. Sophia will now take over.
- Everyone should contribute. Next issue will be in January.
- Need to increase distribution – will put notice on Marylib. Irv will call Chris in the office and try to get e-mail lists for people who attend our trainings. Liz will send it out to her contacts.

FaceBook – we need more likers on our Facebook page. Put an article in newsletter and on Marylib.

New Business

2014 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS
January 6 (snow date Jan 13) - Denton ( Cecil Co.) (Mock Newbery in morning)
February 10 – Finksburg ( Carroll Co), McDaniel is having a picture book art exhibit that month in that afternoon
March 10 – SMRLA (Southern/Western)
April 7 – Thurmont (Frederick Co.) (Southern/ Western)
May 7-9 – MLA Conference – Ocean City
June 9 - Rosedale (Baltimore County)– Storyville
July 14 – Miller Branch (Howard County)
August 11 – Perryville (Cecil Co.)
September 8 – Lexington Park (St. Mary’s Co)
October - Kids are Customers - Westminster
November 10 – Noyse (Montgomery Co.)- Topic – performers
December 8 - Bel Air (Harford Co. - Storytelling

Silent Auction basket for Conference – My Maryland close-out sale
Irva will purchase some items for auction basket

Nominations for CSD – 2014-15 - Tara will send us the bio forms to
Amanda Ellington -Vice President
Irva will continue as Secretary

We discussed performers who have been successful at library programs. Irva will include a list and websites.

Go Round
Irva Nachlas-Gabin (retired) – will be reviewing for abookandahug. Helping develop a puppet show at HCLS.

Janis Cooker (St. Mary’s) – will retire next May

Jessica Crutchley (Baltimore Co.) – finished language learning parties in fall. Storyville at Rosedale reached 400,000 visitors.

Allison Holbrook (Cecil Co.) – Viking ship - David Siegermark – brings in his Viking parephenalia

Susan Newstead (Cecil Co.) – Rising Sun Branch had the highest number of babies in lapsit. Consistent attendance, and 3 sets of twins.

Julie Diezel-Glair (freelance) -- is on ballot for 2016 for Caldecott committee. Will be available for summer 2014 programs; book before Dec. 31 to receive 10% off.

Eileen Kuhl (Baltimore)-- Parkville had Origami Yoda program for school age. Had 23 people – it was a hit. Had to do it out on the floor. Loch Raven is a small library – has had large number of new library cards. Just had a Head Start tour. In April will collaborating with Towson for smaller version of Battle of The Books.

Marissa Conner (Baltimore Co.)-- Just received 10 iPads for storytimes – We are using based on research and practices shared at “New Media in Storytimes,” a 2 day workshop presented by Cen Campbell in Queen Anne’s County on technology with children.
Did Go Away Big Green Monster e-book. Don’t turn on sound. You do all the reading, dialogic practices, etc. Blog “Little E-Lit” is full of ideas. (littleelit.com)

Susan Modak (Montgomery County)– Noyes just celebrated 120 birthday. Over 100 children received medals and certificates for reading 120 books in one year. The Noyes Library Foundatoin hosted a big party. Montgomery Co is developing STEM related kits for check out.

Amanda Roberson (St. Mary’s Co.) - - building partnership with DSS, NAACP and Youth Ministries. Volunteers go to DSS offices to read to children who are waiting for services. Will work with Youth ministries to train volunteers to read and model good reading behaviors for children.
Tara Lebherz (Frederick Co.) – stuffed animals sleepovers. Will start preparing permanent storyboxes for county. Frederick Co. has some openings for jobs.

Lisa Jarrett (Baltimore Co.) – We visit PACT: Helping children with Disabilities, a Kennedy Kreiger affiliated program for children birth – 5 with special needs. We are looking forward to Southern/Western conference for program ideas. Will start doing a initial visit to daycares, etc to train directors to use resources on website.

Karen Hoffman (Baltimore Co.) – Pikesville Library is planning some intergeneraltional storytimes at Senior Center for the spring of 2014.

Sophia Van Schaick (Harford Co.) – Bel Air has a passport office. Staff has been trained to take photos, look over the forms, collect fees and send to Homeland Security (not State Dept? ING)
   Farm week – decorations, storytimes, and activities. Had an incubator and watched chicks hatch. Tied to Read for the Record. (Otis the tractor)
   Will have Art week in January.

Pam Taylor (Harford Co.) – Parent Cafes - Parents are happy to share and want to be heard. Language and Literacy parties. Will have Math Parties. Rolling readers.
   Mini iPads in each branch. Working out kinks of how they will be used.
   StarWar reads day – first weekend in October
   Harford is finally getting a Judy Center

Rachel Wright (Cecil Co.) - LEGO workshop at Elkton – well attended. Five programs in one day. Over 60 people attended. Parent Cafes. Had over 30 families attend. Went to local elementary school, Judy center, and parent resource center.

Catherine Zang (Cecil Co.) – National Noodle day program for grades k – 5 in October. Match the pasta (name to type of pasta, choose one to sample), Read “Invention of Noodles,” made pasta bracelets with cool shapes from pastashoppe.com. Kids had fun and learned a lot.

Jen Carter (Cecil Co.) - Homeschoolers program – afternoon academy and morning academy for k – 5
Did an apple class - included tasting, brought in science and math. Leaves class - read about changing color, chromatography. Leaf animals, leaf rubbing. Parents stay in room. Teaching part gives parents a break, and they come back to work with crafts. High demand for growing number of home schoolings.

Brad Keene (Cecil Co.) – Had Mad Science at his branch

Liz Sunderman (DLDS) – Had a table at the convention of Society for Women’s Engineers. 400 middle school girls attended last day of conference. Had science kits from Harford. Will do a common core presentation at Pratt (Reisterstown Rd Br) on Tues. Nov. 12 at 10:30am
Has been asked to speak about Dental Health storytime that were created from the Dental Health notebooks we were sent last year. Please send her anecdotal information to present.

Adjourn: 12:25pm

Next meeting: December 9, 2013, Bel Air Branch, Harford County