CSD Minutes—December 6, 2010
West County Area Library

Attendance
Eileen Kuhl, Janis Cooker, Karen Hoffman, Irva Nachlas-Gabin, Kit Bloom, Sophia VanSchaick, Susan Modak, Susan Walters

Introductions

Minutes—Susan Modak moved; Sophia seconded to approve the November minutes.

MLA Executive Board Meeting
No report at this time.

Blue Crab
Karen will update the Blue Crab document with suggested changes, e.g. including online meetings, how to calculate CEUs for committee members who come to the committee midyear, possibility of providing a CSD mentor to new committee chairs, and considering young reader graphic novels. She’ll bring the revisions to the January meeting. Carol will ask DLDS about CEU matters.

Blue Crab ’10—Kit
Lori Ries (Good Dog, Aggie) will come to MLA –arriving Wednesday evening. CSD will take her out to dinner on Wednesday night.

Blue Crab ’11—Susan Walters
The committee met in person for two all day meetings to catch up with all their new members. They reviewed over 75 books and at their next meeting will next begin focusing on one Blue Crab Award group at a time.

Blue Crab ’12
Thinking of a chairperson for the next Blue Crab committee—we’d like to ask Tara Lebherz.

Eastern Conference—Mock Newbery—January 10, 2011—Denton Library
Mock Newbery Discussion program from 9:30-12:30; our CSD meeting from 1:30-4:00. Kit can possibly pick up the MLA materials to bring to the conference. ESRL is providing the refreshments.

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—Rose Armentrout (St. Jerome’s Head Start)
The contracts are in; the programs are approved and will be opening for registration.

St. Mary’s County staff will provide coffee, drinks, snacks, and paper goods at the Southern Conference.

At the Western Conference, CSD will provide drinks [diet sodas, water, and juice] and paper goods (Susan Modak), and CSD members will bring savory and sweet snacks. [Will Urbana staff be able to provide coffee?]

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

CSD programs make up a large part of the MLA Conference.

**Pre-conference—Bringing Books to Life**
__morning—Daryl Cobb (vibrant speaker from MASL Conference)—2 hours, then ½ hour with children present

__afternoon—Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Selma Levi—book talking bonanza - 1½ hour
__BCPL “genre book camp” —reader’s advisory session about children’s humorous books— presentation of three titles, followed by breakout discussions. (Eileen Kuhl, Ashley Rogers, Jackie Greenberg)

**Thursday—**
__CSD will co-sponsor with GIIG (Government Information Group)—two presenters—great government websites for kids.
__Good Dog, Aggie--Blue Crab author, Lori Ries
__Just the Facts--National Children’s Museum (Wendy and Debby) –new nonfiction titles and how to use them in programming
__Shake, Rattle and Play--Active Learning Centers (Amanda Ellington) and Early Literacy Centers (Marisa Conner)

**Friday—**
__Yikes, Where Is It?--Organization Skills (Debbie Bowden) –organizing storytime props, emails, conference notes

Kit will pick up the MLA materials to bring to the conference.

At our January meeting, we will assign people to introduce the presenters.

**Kids Are Customers—2011**
When?—October 20, 2011?
Where?—Westminster Best Western again? (Well received, cooperative staff, good food)
__Other possible sites—Howard County Community Center (Irva will investigate)
__Shady Grove U of MD—(Susan M. will investigate)

Possible presenters? — Claudia Friddell—Baltimore debut author (Goliath: Hero of the Great Baltimore Fire)
__Troy Howell—Fredericksburg illustrator/author
__John Manders—Pittsburg children’s book illustrator
Susan Stockdale—Montgomery County nonfiction writer and illustrator
Melissa Thomson—2009 Blue Crab transitional fiction winner
Becky Minetto—Prince George’s County puppet presenter
Sue McCleaf Nespeca—children’s literature consultant
Ted and Betsy Lewin—children’s authors
Harford County presenters explaining eBooks

Please send in any other presenters’ names that you think of.

Actions—1) Choose date
2) Arrange venue
3) Contact possible presenters

Old Business—

Newsletter—
Susan Modak, Sophia, and Tara are continuing work on a quarterly CSD newsletter. Tara is working on a template.

New Business—

Handouts from our conferences are now posted on our CSD/MLA website.

Future CSD meeting dates/locations
May, 2011—MLA
June 13, 2011—Pikesville Library—BCPL (Karen)
July 11, 2011—Glenwood Library—Howard County (Irva)
August 8, 2011—online meeting
September 12, 2011—St. Mary’s County (Janis)
October, 2011—KAC
November 14, 2011—Montgomery County (Susan M.)
December 12, 2011—Bel Air Library (Sophia)

Topic of the month—Storytelling
Three storytellers—Kit—Christmas Trees
Irva—Hershele Ostropol
Sophia—true story from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

Go Round

Eileen Kuhl—White Marsh/BCPL—local game store is partnering in War Hammer game program. Library will be part of The Avenue parade. They’ve received an Early Learning computer.

Irva Nachlas-Gabin—East Columbia/Howard County—HCL with partnership from B&N is now loaning out 60 Nooks with preloaded eBooks. Author McCall Smith is coming to East Columbia Library in April! New Miller Library is topped off—set to open December, 2011. Partnership with senior center to make gingerbread houses for grandparents and kids.
Janis Cooker—St. Mary’s County—storytimes end this week, resume again January 10; holiday parties next week. Family movies over Christmas break. Bilingual Spanish story time for Three King’s Day—January 5.

Kit Bloom—Southeast Anchor Branch/Pratt—were part of the Highlandtown holiday celebration—Dixie jazz band from Dunbar High and tree lighting.

Sophia VanSchaick—HCPL going to Polaris ILS in the spring. Janet Lloyd is retiring at the end of December.

Susan Modak—Noyes Library for Young Children/Montgomery—Big Noyes Foundation Gala for adults is being followed by family dance nights. Bilingual program series planned for spring. They are beginning storytimes while the little branch is open. Susan will be featured in a Working Woman segment on Chanel 7—great publicity for Noyes.

Susan Walters—Randallstown/BCPL—major renovations may be finished by end of December. They’re looking forward to doing programs again.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

Next meeting—January 10, 2011—Denton Library, Caroline County—1:30-4:00--after Mock Newbery Conference. (Snow date—January 24, 2011)