CSD Minutes—December 12, 2011
Bel Air Branch – Harford County

Attendance

Introductions

Minutes—Eileen moved and Janis seconded to approve the November minutes.

Guest
Ann Dahl explained programs she can present at libraries about Laura Ingalls Wilder, Robert McCloskey, A. A. Milne, and their books.

MLA Executive Board Meeting
Financial advisor report---MLA is doing well.

MLA Conference— May 9-11, 2012—Clarion Resort, Ocean City

CSD has five sessions!
Pre-conference—Storytime Extravaganza—Amanda and Tess
Thursday—Mock Newbery presentation—Rachael Vilmar
--Blue Crab ’11 author—Lola Schaefer
--Early Literacy—Dorothy Stoltz
Friday—National Children’s Museum—science, math, nature in crafts

The committee is working to arrange workshops by interest tracks, and planning possible poster stations.

CSD’s silent auction basket this year will be CRABS :) – e.g. a Folkmanis crab puppet, crab pot, apron, mallets, Old Bay. Please send ideas and items to --
Irva Nachlas-Gabin
East Columbia Branch
Howard County Library
6600 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045
410-313-7730 (children’s desk)
irva.gabin@hclibrary.org

Blue Crab ’11—Wanda Nelson
Author Lola Schaefer is set to come to MLA.

Blue Crab ’12—Tara Lebherz
The committee will be ready in time to announce the winners at the Southern/Western Conferences (March/April). Tara is rewording the Blue Crab google document to show the change in the schedule.

Blue Crab ’13—
Marisa Conner has agreed to be Blue Crab Chair for 2013.
**Blue Crab—general**
We will now announce Blue Crab winners earlier—at Southern/Western conferences, and invite the winning author(s) to speak at Kids Are Customers!
The winning book titles will be closer to their year of publication (perhaps more likely to be put on publishers’ lists); the winning author will have a larger audience and recognition (not 60 seconds at MLA)

Who will change our Blue Crab Facebook group to a Facebook page?

**Eastern Conference/Mock Newbery—January 9, 2012—Denton Library/Caroline County—9:00-12:30**
You can still register—there are still openings at this year’s Mock Newbery Workshop.
Enjoy reading the titles—remember to base your judgments on Newbery requirements.

**Southern/Western Conference**
**Southern—March 12, 2012—Charlotte Hall Library/St. Mary’s County—12:30-4:00**
**Western—April 9, 2012—Urbana Library/Frederick County—1:00-4:15**

Nancy Haile—picture book art—how to look at a picture book (45 minutes)
Beth—picture book apps (with hands-on Nooks and iPads); playing with art materials involved in picture books (45 minutes)
Blue Crab announcement (30 minutes)
MLA members--$35; non MLA members--$53

**Kids Are Customers**—possible dates- October 18 or 25, 2012
Brainstorming ideas--
Tess and Amanda—storytime ideas
Meliss Bunce—large storytimes (from a different point of view)
Julie Dietzel-Blair—presenting her new book
Autistic children—Marisa will give Eileen possible speaker’s name
Eileen—Classic children books readers advisory
Irva—math and science

**Break**

**Old Business—**
Future meetings— [*locations have been confirmed]*
*June 11—Arbutus (BCPL)—tour of green building*
July 9—Miller Library (Howard County)—tour of new building
*August 13—Pikesville (BCPL)—positive parent handling*
*September 10—St. Mary’s County—summer wrap up*
*October—Kids Are Customers*
*November 5—Noyes Library for Young Children (Montgomery County)*
December 10—Bel Air Library (Harford County)—storytelling
**Newsletter--**
Please send articles for January’s newsletter to Tara-- tlebherz@frederickcountymd.gov by December 20. Please also send her any clever heading ideas for an entire column/issue on early literacy.

**New Business**
Marisa asked if there was any interest in the possibility of having one or two CSD representatives attend the 2012 annual meeting of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (SCLP) in Hershey, PA, April 10-12, since it’s so close. Yes, we said! Marisa will pursue it with DLDS.

The MSDE Race to the Top draft for expansion of early literacy library services has been accepted. The plan calls for all county libraries serving Title I school districts to establish Library Family Advisory Councils that will meet during the year and Family Information Centers—beginning in 2012 with five pilot counties.

They are also drafting a plan to expand Reach Out and Read through the Maryland Academy of Pediatrics—by December, 2015, families of low-income children 6 months to 5 years old who qualify for Medicaid will “routinely receive early literacy resources and literacy-related consultation at their periodic pediatric check-ups.”

**Storytelling—**
Melissa—snowman cut and tell story (complete with sled :)
Irva—“Lazy Jack”
Karen—“Magical Drawings of Moony B. Finch”
Susan—“Importance of Knowing a Second Language”

**Go Round**
Irva Nachlas-Gabin (Howard County)—new Charles Miller branch opens Saturday, December 17. Annual gingerbread building will also be this weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hoffman

**Next meeting—January 9, 2012—Denton Library/Caroline County (after Mock Newbery Workshop)**