

MCLS Children's Committee Meeting
Long Beach Public Library – Mark Twain Branch
January 16, 2008

In attendance: Cassandra Stearns (ALT), Liela Hassen (AZU), Cathleen Bowley (BUR), Sigrid Hudson (CMM), Joy Shaup (COV), Sindee Pickens (ELS), Katherine Loesser (GDL), Cindy Romero (DORA), Shawn Thrasher (MON), Christina Yueh (MPK), Ellen Braby (SAM), Maida Wong (SOPAS), Ruth Ann Garcia (TOR), Bonnie Weber (WHI) and Christina Carlisle (MCLS). Guests: Pam Alger (MCLS) and Susan Dubin (Children's Literature Council)

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Cindy Romero. Introductions followed.

Minutes:

The minutes of the November 8, 2007 meeting were approved. (MSP Pickens/Shaup).

Reports:

MCLS News

Christina Carlisle (MCLS) reported:

- Some data still needs to be loaded on website. Currently being evaluated by staff.
- LAPL performers' workshop will be January 23, 2008. Email invitation only. Unknown location at this time, possibly at LAPL Central library; pre-registration unknown. Carlisle will find out further information.

Old Business

Discussion of removal of performers from Resource Directory

- Discussion about removing performers from MCLS Performers' Directory. Structured evaluations for removal of performers, using forms. No one could remember performers being formally evaluated. Carlisle said at one time subcommittee did this, but changed it to evaluation from the committee as a whole. Cindy Romero (DORA) thought it would be valuable to discuss and evaluate as a whole during the committee meeting. Carlisle shared old evaluation form. Might be useful to show patterns of behavior by performers. Question was asked if evaluation form could be put on password protected part of MCLS website. Joy Shaup (COV) thought it would be a good idea to have it. If having problem with performers, use evaluation form to let other

libraries know. Romero added: if members can't attend meeting where performers are evaluated, the evaluation form posted on the internet would be useful. Carlisle thought we could switch to LAPL evaluation form if it seems better. Maida Wong (SOPAS) remembers the form but didn't recall ever using it that much. Would be helpful in between if anyone had really bad experience with performer. Shaup wanted to know if we do the form online, could everyone receive the information on the new performer? Carlisle thought this would be very easy to do by an email.

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Share Fair Update.

- Will have to cancel workshop if registration does not hit a certain number. Registration for all workshops has been slow. Cindy Romero (DORA) explained exact nature of the Share Fair and what participants need to bring and to do. Christina Yueh (MPK) asked if participants would need to bring 10 patterns; Romero concurred. Romero also said that a few workshop participants might be asked to act as facilitators. Christina Carlisle (MCLS) asked Pam Alger (MCLS) what would precipitate a cancellation of the workshop. Alger commented about expenses being copying and food and said she would look at expenses as the workshop drew nearer. However, cancellations usually occur only when workshop expenses include a major expenditure (e.g., a large speaker's fee) and registration fees collected are not high enough to cover expenses. Carlisle reminded participants to include their name on all patterns.

Children's Literature Council Representative

Susan Dubin report on CLC Spring Workshop

- Dubin talked about the upcoming CLC Spring Workshop *Biography for Children and Young Adults* featuring keynote speaker Diane Stanley and special guests Susan Goldman Rubin and Elizabeth Partridge. Asked for support at 2008 CLC Spring Workshop. Financial support not needed. Only publicity and encouragement of people to come. Christina Carlisle (MCLS) offered to email flyer to MCLS members. Dubin said that if MCLS member libraries wish to help in other ways they can contact CLC member Pam Greene.
- Dubin also reported on the upcoming Western Regional Jewish Literature Conference to be held on Sunday,

February 17, featuring a panel of children's illustrators that includes Marissa Moss, Amalia Hoffman, Steven Sheinkin, and Elisa Klevin.

Structured Exchange

- Pam Alger (MCLS) presented a power point presentation on Web 2.0.

Roundtable Reporting

- **Covina Public Library's** Children's Thursday programs @ 4 p.m. include Feb. 7: Marcus Miller Drums; Mar. 6: Buster Balloon Show, Apr. 17: Daniel Porcu puppet show, May 8: Susana Elena's flamenco dance program. Beginning Feb. 28 Carol Tavis will present a piano concert the fourth Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. The Library Sleepover is scheduled for April 18-19, 7 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.
- **Glendora Public Library** has finally dried out and is open to the public. The library was closed for about 1 week due to flooding through the front doors. Luckily very few materials were lost in the flood. The drainage problem is to be addressed when the new Children's Room Expansion is built late this Spring. Glendora will be holding its Second Annual Bookmark Contest beginning Jan. 14-Feb. 23. Participants in grades K-12 are encouraged to design a bookmark based on the SRC theme for the year. Winning bookmarks will be printed and handed out during SRC. They will be hosting Author Jason Lethcoe, and holding a book group on his book *You Wish* in February.
- **Monrovia Public Library** successfully moved into its temporary location at 843 E. Olive Avenue in Monrovia. Library Park is now closed to the public and the old library has been completely demolished. Regular children's programming started in January at the temporary location; some programs were moved to local schools or the Santa Anita Family YMCA because of space issues. Monrovia Reads and Plays, the literacy and recreation program, continues to meet daily at two neighborhoods in the southern part of Monrovia.
- **South Pasadena Public Library** has regular programming all starting this week including storytimes, GAB, and Barks and Books. Upcoming special programs include the *California Young Reader Medal* in which kids will vote for their favorite CYRM in 1st week of March and *Leo Politi Centennial*, during which author Ann Stalcup will speak to 3rd grade classes about the famed California illustrator.
- **Whittier Public Library** is currently implementing the second year of the state-funded ELF Program. As part of that effort, they have added Play and Learn (PAL) times to their weekly storytime

sessions which have become extremely popular. The library is also increasing their outreach and visit approximately 36 day-care and pre-schools monthly, telling stories and conducting parenting workshops. They will soon begin working with a local clinic to provide board books to new parents along with a “prescription for reading.” The books will actually be prescribed to the parents by their pediatrician along with early literacy suggestions. They have also created a new collection of “literacy kits.” Each kit includes a book and suggestions for how to share the book with a child and to extend beyond the book with a fingerplay, craft idea, song, etc. The library currently has 100 kits in the collection and they are very popular with parents and teachers. Finally, they have a Peek-a Book kiosk in the young children’s area and everyone is busy enjoying it!

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be May 15, 2008 at San Marino Library from 10-12:30 pm.