

## **MCLS Children's Committee Meeting**

Glendora Public Library

September 20, 2007

In attendance: Cassandra Stearns (ALT), Liela Hassen (AZU), Cathleen Bowley (BUR), Gloria O'Donohoe (BUR SAB), Sigrid Hudson (CMM), Joy Shaup (COV), Gina Orello (DOW), Sindee Pickens (ELS), Cindy Romero (DORA), Candace Powell (LBPL), Shawn Thrasher (MON), Christina Yueh (MPK), Nissa Perez-Montoya (POM), Tara Smith (SMAR), Ellen Braby (SAM), Chan Harris (SIG), Maida Wong (SOPAS), Ruth Ann Garcia (TOR), Julie Todd (ELS) and Christina Carlisle (MCLS).

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Cindy Romero. Introductions followed.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes were approved. MSP (Wong/Braby).

### **Reports:**

#### ***MCLS News***

Christina Carlisle (MCLS) reported:

- MCLS Reference Center has had a reduction of staff. Currently has two F/T librarians. Administrative assistant Christina Carlisle works half-time at Reference Center and half-time at HQ.
- MCLS has installed MS Vista operating system on new PCs at the Reference Center.
- There will be two upcoming workshops. "Developing Proactive Public Relations and Marketing Program" will take place on October 9, 2007 at Redondo Beach Public Library. Web 2.0 / Library 2.0 is a three-part session that is currently full. Session will repeat in January 2008 at Monterrey Park Library. Dates and times TBA.
- Big box programming grant funded for a statewide database of programming ideas for adults and children.
- MCLS has hired a delivery service to act as a substitute when regular MCLS delivery drivers are off. During the previous weekend to the meeting, the delivery service van and all library materials inside were stolen. Libraries with possible materials on the van are being contacted.

#### ***Catalogs received at MCLS HQ***

MCLS HQ receives many catalogs from publishers, etc. Discussion about what MCLS should do with catalogs. Committee decided

that catalogs should not be brought for distribution at meetings but can be discarded instead.

### ***Performer's Resource Directory Information***

Performer had called MCLS HQ with questions regarding his removal from Performer's Resource Directory. Committee confirmed that performer had been removed from the directory at the last meeting for various valid reasons. Committee discussed how performers should be removal from the list. Discussions about performers should remain confidential to the committee. Christina Carlisle (MCLS) wanted to know committee's thoughts on how to respond to performers who inquire about their removal from the directory. She will come up with a reply for these kinds of inquiries and present it at a future committee meeting for approval of the wording.

### **Children's Committee Workshop 07-08:**

- The 2008 Children's Committee Workshop will be Share Fair.
- Shawn Thrasher (MON) and others explained to new members on the committee what Share Fair entails.
- **Share Fair Packets.** Committee discussed challenges with Share Fair 2006. After discussion, it was decided that a packet of some sort would work best instead of displaying extra copies of Share Fair material on tables after the event. It was suggested that the cost of copying these packets be included in the workshop fee. The packet would contain only the registration form. Additional craft patterns or other materials would be distributed in the small groups only. There is contact information of participants on the Share Fair registration form. Sindee Pickens (ELS) suggested having group members compile packets at the end of the event. Details regarding distribution of packets will be determined at a later planning meeting.
- **Registration Forms.** Christina Carlisle (MCLS) will look for previous Share Fair registration form and other sample publicity from the event.
- **Speaker.** Pam Carlson, who spoke at the last event, will again be approached to speak at the start of the Share Fair about ideas for Summer Reading. Candace Powell (LBPL) will ask Carlson about her availability.
- It was MSP (Thrasher / Pickens) to hold the Share Fair on **Wednesday, February 13, 2008. Time of program will be 9:30-12.**

- **Possible locations** will be scouted. Christina Carlisle will check Glendale availability. Maida Wong (SOPAS) will check South Pasadena availability. Shawn Thrasher (MON) will check Monrovia Community Center availability. Reservation times should be from 8-1.
- **Share Fair committee** was appointed. Cindy Romero (DORA) will chair the committee. Members include Thrasher, Carlisle, Wong, Cassandra Stearns (ALT) and Darlene Bradley (ARC).

**NOTE:** *Committee also discussed the 2008 statewide Summer Reading preparation and committee. Thrasher reported that statewide CLA Summer Reading committee was apparently defunct. Thrasher will do some research. Also since Pam Carlson is on the state SRP Committee, Candace Powell will check with her for additional information on the status of the 2008 program.*

**Structured Exchange: 2007 SRP Review / Preview 2008:**

- **MCLS Summer Reading survey.** After discussion, it was decided to continue doing the Summer Reading survey. MCLS will administer the survey and report back to committee.
- **Online Summer Reading.** LAPL tried out online Summer Reading this summer, hoping it would increase participant statistics. **Arcadia** did online registration as well.
- **Long Beach** Summer Reading registration was up. The library formed a cooperative relationship with Molina Health Center and South Bay Volunteer Center to distribute free books each week to participants.
- **Glendora's** Cindy Romero described baby and adult book clubs. Glendora also had a Harry Potter kickoff and an ice cream tasting program for teens.
- **South Pasadena** worked with Friends of Library bookstore for Summer Reading. Participants were allowed to choose a free book from the bookstore's last chance shelf.
- **Monterey Park** had Monique's Fairy Tale Magic Show; 220 people showed up for the event, overflowing the meeting space.
- **Covina** programmed events twice in one day, one at 2:00 pm and then a repeat at 4:00 pm. If too many people showed up for the 2:00 pm show, the extra were asked to wait until 4:00 pm. This worked out very well. Programs during the summer included a Harry Potter week, and a very popular treasure hunt. Grand prize this summer was two tickets to Disneyland.

- **Santa Monica** had a five hour Harry Potter event. Children were divided into Hogwarts houses and participated in classes such as Defense Against the Dark Arts and Herbology. Santa Monica library director was Dumbledore (but refused to wear a beard). The library also showed all four movies as a precursor to the fifth movie.
- **Downey's** Harry Potter Read Week featured booktalks, trivia, and a "seeker" scavenger hunt. Participants made robes, hats and wands. They were able to earn galleons and knuts that were redeemable at Diagon Alley at the end of the week. 500 children attended during the week. Downey also showed the Harry Potter movies. Downey also suggested calling Costume Specialists to rent storybook character costumes for a minimal shipping fee. Clifford the Big Red Dog and Curious George attended events at Downey this summer. Another popular event at Downey was Sandy Lynn Animal Extravaganza, featuring a farm animal petting zoo.
- **Asuza** hosted its annual carnival for 600 people. Candy apples and hot dogs were prepared and served to the crowd by staff. Local organizations also set up informational booths and displays and included the Forest Service, National Guard and a Fossil Excavation company.
- **El Segundo** had grab bags full of various prizes to give away for every 10 books read. There were no oral reports.

**Note:** *Children's Book Week will be moved to May 2008.*

### **Round Table Reporting:**

**Arcadia.** Upcoming programs at Arcadia Public Library include Wayside School is Falling Down featuring KidsArt (September 22 at 2:30 pm), String Fever (October 3 at 7 pm), Trick or Treat Special (October 24 at 4:00 pm), Michael McCarty's Scary Stories (October 25 at 7:00 pm), and Who's Your Favorite Book Character (November 3 at 2:30 pm).

**Asuza.** The library's Summer Reading Program was a success with registration numbers increasing and weekly program attendance averaging 350 people. Another success was the unveiling of the new CSI Teen Program for ages 10 and up. This consisted of a forensics workshop with a seasoned detective from the Azusa PD. The two-part series attracted a young crowd totaling 100 where some audience members learned how to fingerprint, as well as the "do's and don'ts" of crime scene investigation. The library has just welcomed the new school year with its popular Azusa Reads and Azusa Calculates after school tutoring programs.

**Burbank** staff changes include a new Supervising Librarian for Reference, Patrice Samko, and Supervising Librarian for Children's Services, Cathleen Bowley. Children's Department started a new monthly program called Monday Morning Movies where we screen Weston Woods short films for preschoolers.

**Covina's** Homework Center re-opened September 10 and has an all-volunteer staff. Grandparents & Books Storytimes are Mondays through Thursdays 2:30-4:30 pm. Pajama Storytimes are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Preschool Storytimes have moved to Wednesdays at 11:30 am. The library's first guest performer on October 25, 2007 at 4:00 pm will be Holly Cleeland, author of *Glue & Go Costumes*. Magician Allen Oshiro will appear November 8 and Jim Lewis as Santa on December 6. Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 27. Artist Art Mortimer completed the historical mural featuring views of the 1905 Carnegie building and 1942 remodel as well as the first librarians and other scenes. The mural covers the Second Avenue side of the building behind the new xeroscape garden.

**Glendora.** The Glendora City Council voted for an addition to the library. Cindy Romero will be redesigning the children's room.

**Long Beach.** The library celebrated the grand opening of the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library on August 11 and celebrated the first summer of fully restored hours and days since 2003. Currently, the library is gearing up for a joint LBUSD, Library Foundation, Miller Foundation, and LBPL Dictionary Days project which delivers 3,000 dictionaries to all third grade students in Long Beach and culminates with a Dictionary Day event at the Main Library.

**Monrovia** will be closing at the end of October 2007 to move into temporary quarters. Construction of the new library should start in November 2007.

**San Marino.** (sent via email) San Mario is now accepting applications for 2 (p/t) Library Assistants, 1 (p/t) Librarian, and 1 (f/t) Library Operations Manager. The library is preparing for the grand opening of the new library scheduled for the week of January 26, 2008. Storytimes, monthly movie matinee, and Barks & Books are ongoing programs. Special events to come are "Wendee's Musical Adventure" on September 29 and Theater of Puppets on October 20.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be November 8, 2007 at Monterey Park Library from 10-1:30 pm. Members are reminded to bring Performers Resource Directory and a brown bag lunch.