

SCLC CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Torrance Public Library

September 30, 2009

In attendance: Cassandra Stearns (ALT), Heather Cousin, (ARC), Leila Hassen (AZU), Kay MacDonald (BEV), Jill Nevins (CAB) Dominique McCafferty (COV), Gina Orello (DOW), Sindee Pickens, (ELS), Katherine Loeser (GDL), Eva Mitnick (LAPL), Lynda Poling (LBPL), Christina Yueh (MPK), Meg Thackoorie (MOOR), Sharon Henegar (OCPL) Martha Castillo (OXN), Marisa Perley (PVP), Nissa Perez-Montoya (POM), Shana Johnson (SAM), Terra Forest (SMAR), Maida Lin Wong (SOPAS), Christina Carlisle (SCLC), Gail Van Vranken (TOR), Patricia Higley (TOR), Zoe Yun (TOR Intern), Lucy Salvado (YLPL), Cristina Benitez (Glendale Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Marisa Perley. Introductions followed.

MINUTES & AGENDA

Agenda was approved by consensus. It was MSP to accept the MSP (Wong, SOPAS/Thackoorie, MOOR).

REPORT: SCLC NEWS

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting. Christina Carlisle (SCLC) highlighted the following from the written report:

- The new domain for SCLC is socallibraries.org. (SCLC emails not end with @socallibraries.org)
- Cerritos has withdrawn from SCLC. There will be no delivery service between SCLC libraries and Cerritos. It is also unlikely that we will be able to hold meetings or workshops at Cerritos any longer.
- Committees are now known as "interest groups." Subgroups may form out of the larger group. Orange County has formed a sub group to work on the Performer's Showcase.
- There will possibly be virtual meetings in the future.
- Committee information is on the website.
- Upcoming web workshops include Children's Webliographies on November 4th and Education on June 9, 2010.

REPORTS ON SRP 2009

The Natalie Cole Be Creative @ your library state survey is due October 9th.

Since not all libraries participated in the state theme Christina will develop a SurveyMonkey survey to be distributed to the group. Only the libraries that did

not participate in the state theme should complete the survey. Christina will use Natalie's figures for Pre-K and School-age stats, family stats will be incorporated into children's and YA will be separate.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE WORKSHOP 09-10

The group decided to move forward with the Train the Puppeteer workshop with special guest trainer Ilene Cohen. A subgroup will form to workout the details. Katherine Loeser (GLD) will be part of the group and possibly Sigrid Hudson. Suggested dates were Feb 9, Feb 10, Feb 23 and Feb 24. Suggested locations were Downey, Long Beach and Carson (county library). The group expressed a desire to find the most central location between all the member libraries. The workshop will probably be from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

(Note: Workshop date and location later confirmed as February 23, 2010 at Long Beach Main Library.)

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE(S) DISCUSSION

Orange County will continue to put on their annual Performer's Showcase. The County of Los Angeles Public Library will not be doing a Performer's Showcase this year. The group felt that a Performers Showcase in the LA County area should take place. Gail Van Vranken (TOR) will investigate the Music Center Performers Showcase that takes place for schools. Cassandra Stearns (ALT) will review the information generously provided by Sharon Henegar and will take on the planning of the LA County area Showcase, should one occur. It was suggested that the LA County area Showcase take place in November 2010. The group will explore this topic further at the January meeting.

Structured Exchange: Performer's Resource Directory

The group reviewed performers from the Performer's Resource Directory.

ROUNDTABLE REPORTS (emailed)

Alhambra Civic Center Library

At the Alhambra Civic Center Library, we are currently offering 3 regular story time programs a week: Family Story Time on Wednesdays at 7 pm (including a puppet show every other week), Preschool Story Time on Thursdays at 10:30 am, and Toddler Story Time on Fridays at 10:30 am. We will be holding chess club meetings on alternating Fridays and Saturdays. The library will also start offering Homework Help again on Monday-Thursday from 3:30-5:30 pm on October 19th. Students in grades K through 12 can come to receive free assistance from high school volunteers.

The Children's Room will also be hosting a number of special events in the coming weeks:

- Creepy Cuisine on Monday, October 26th
- the “Fall Back Into Reading” program in which patrons 10 years old and younger can read 10 books and earn a free kids’ meal at Denny’s (November 2 – December 30)
- Gaming Day for grades 2 and up on November 12
- “Book Time” with Ronald McDonald on Saturday, November 14th
- Chapter Book Club for grades 4-6 featuring a discussion of *Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White on November 16th
- an afternoon of turkey crafts on Monday, November 23rd

Arcadia Public Library

Our full-time Children’s Librarian, Marie Lanier, resigned in October to relocate back east. We do not have a timetable for posting the position due to a Citywide hiring freeze. We hope to have more information and a possible timetable for recruitment following the City budget update in early November. Currently, we have not reduced our programming or other services despite the vacancy.

Our Summer was brisk with our overall SRP numbers holding steady. However, we had fewer participants completing the program. Staff suspects it may be to the earlier start back to school.

Azusa Public Library

The Azusa Library just celebrated its space planning and remodeling project with an Open House. To keep costs low for this project staff and volunteers helped paint walls and shelf panels and public works employees removed excess shelving units to clear the way for Wi-fi user spaces and browsing areas. The library has several Halloween themed activities planned beginning with the annual Pumpkin Decorating event October 14th. 50 registrants receive a free mini-pumpkin and spend an afternoon decorating with staff. The following weeks will include a Costume Contest, Teen Anime Cosplay Night, Magician David Skale’s Vampire Magic Program, and a Horror Night Edition of the Teen Comic Book Club.

Burbank Public Library

BurbankPL partnered with the [Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley](#) on the Big Read. The 4th/5th Grade Bookclub received hardcover copies of Edgar Allan Poe’s Tales of Mystery and Madness, illustrated by Gris Grimley. Mr Grimley was kind enough to visit the club meetings at all three branches and sign books for the kids. His artwork is amazing!

Calabasas Library

The Calabasas Library had a great 2009 Summer Reading Program. It was the first full summer in our new building. We signed up 855 children ages 0-18. In our last full summer in our old facility we signed up 525.

We had 8 events for elementary school age children, 6 events for preschoolers, and a family concert which was held in the city's new amphitheatre. There were a total of 1760 people in attendance at all the events throughout the summer.

Los Angeles Public Library

Our Summer Reading Club theme was "Treasured Islands" and librarians at our 72 branches and Central Library got creative with programs, books, and displays featuring pirates, tropical islands, sea life, and more. Although our sign-up numbers held steady, many branches reported an increase in audience numbers at programs.

Monrovia Public Library

August and September were busy months for Monrovia Youth Services Librarians. Reference questions, programming statistics, and circulation of youth materials have all increased at various but considerable paces. Local schools and organizations are knocking at the door for tours and outreach visits. One of the two local middle schools had every sixth, seventh and eighth grade English class take a tour and check out books; there are plans in the works for the other school to walk the entire student body (over a mile away) for tours over a three day period in the fall.

Programs during the past few months of interest include Masquerade Madness (a teen masquerade ball; come as your favorite book character), an evening tour of the local cemetery (for teens), Halloween stories and activities (for youth of all ages), a costume contest (in conjunction the Recreation Department), In-N-Out Food For Thought and Teen Read Week.

Moorpark City Library

Summer Reading Program 2009

Surprise! The best idea that worked so well was my Storytime programs with Reader's Theatre Teens. I did a traditional storytime for the first 15 minutes with songs, fingerplays, and just one or two books. All of the books I chose were about libraries and the value of reading like *Library Mouse* or *Tomas and the Library Lady*.

The last 15 minutes were the Reader's Theatre Teens part. The structure was they would tell a 'Joke of the Day' and then the designated Narrator would recite the Title of the Story and the characters names played by each Teen. I used some scripts from Upstart: *Skippyjon Jones*, *Miss Rumphius*, etc. I also used the puppet show from the manual, *The Big Bad Shark and the Three Little Fishes*. In closing, the Reader's Theatre Teens would do the tambourine chant from the manual-*I Got Summer...* and end with a sing-a-long song like *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* or for the Fourth of July, Woody Guthrie's *This Land Is Your Land*.

Orange County Public Library

- Sharon Henegar, along with OCPL branch managers Carla Hope and Helen Richardson, and Huntington Beach Director Stephanie Beverage will present a workshop at the CLA conference: Save Your A.S.S. (After School Sanity). They will also present at the PLA conference in Portland in March, 2010.
- SRP: our participation by children and teens totaled 26,060, an increase of 2% over last year even with two large branches closed all summer. The 6 city libraries who participated in Home Run Readers had 22,487 participants, for a total of 48,547 in the Angels program.
- OCPL gives four awards annually for outstanding volunteers as part of a county-wide program. One of these will be now go to a teen volunteer; the recipient will receive a certificate from the Board of Supervisors, be featured on a Read poster, etc. We plan to give this annually during Teen Read Week.
- OC Performing Art Center will present a series of plays this season based on children's books. The first is Strega Nona, 10/23-10/25. OCPL has provided a bookmark bibliography encouraging families to visit their favorite library and extend the book experience.

South Pasadena Public Library

The Summer Reading Program was another record-breaker, with an 8% increase in participation and 13% increase in returning participants compared with the participation rates in 2008. The second year of offering the Outreach Summer Reading Program to local preschools and day camps was another success, as counselors and day care providers incorporated reading time into their daily schedules. Students ages 9 – 14 years old engaged in a five-week creative writing series featuring weekly presentations by authors Lisze Bechtold, Alison Bell, Amy Goldman Koss, Sherri L. Smith, Mark London Williams, Lisa Yee, and Paula Yoo. The series was so popular that the Library is offering a fall series with Alison Bell, Ron Koertge, Ann Whitford Paul, and Sherri L. Smith. In December, the Library is looking forward to hosting a local folklorico dance troupe and mariachi band to bring a festive mood to the winter holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Submitted by Cassandra Stearns