

Inland Library System – Children’s Services Committee
Minutes
May 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Joan Elison at 1:40 p.m.

Present: Renee Tobin/Rancho Cucamonga , Suzanne MacConnell/Corona, JoLene Vert/Murietta, Helen Fisher/San Bernardino County, Susan Erickson,/ILS, Joan Elison/Hemet, Joyce Lea Brown/Murietta, Beth Jones/Murietta, Mary Chartier/San Bernardino Public, Nell Ramsay/Beaumont, and Mim Gottschalk/Rancho Mirage.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected to show the correct spelling of Margaret Hatanaka’s name.

Director’s Report:

- Sid Fleischman passed away last month and Susan has delivered three tributes to him. She distributed copies of her post to the Under the Green Willow blog <http://greenwillowblog.com> (under older entries, May 5, 2010)
- Eureka Scholarship Leadership Institute: Funds are available for projects related to libraries and benefiting ILS. Everyone in the early years of their careers is encouraged to apply. (update: 5/27/10 The ILS Administrative Council approved one ILS scholarship to Eureka... the \$500 covers the institute registration, room and board. Applicants must indicate that due to financial need, they could not attend otherwise. Applications due to Infopeople by June 4, 2010)
- Holly Macriss has been named CLA Executive Director (www.cla-net.org). She has a background working with professional associations and plans to collaborate with the State Library. One of the first steps is for CLA to partner with CSLA for the Fall (11/12-11/15/10) Conference in Sacramento.
- Susan mentioned to Holly a revenue idea she has had – special interest license plates from the DMV which would benefit libraries. There is a \$50 fee and a minimum of 7500 orders before the DMV will issue such a plate. This would provide revenue by zip code to benefit local libraries. The CLA membership committee will decide if this is a project they want to pursue.
- 2010 Beatty Award named: *Operation Redwood* by S. Terrell French. (See www.cla-net.org/awards/beatty10.php). The Beatty Breakfast and the CA Young Reader Medal celebrations will be held together at the annual CLA Conference.
- ILS has submitted an LSTA grant proposal “Job Search@ your library” for the 102 member library outlets. Includes the Gale subscription database, Career Transitions, a core collection of job-related books, HelpOnClick for 6 member libraries, 2 Infopeople workshops and Gale training sessions.
- ILS has a second LSTA grant in the works, “Reinventing ILS” with Rosario Garza, SCLC (Southern California Library Cooperative). Rosario will interview ILS Directors, make suggestions and assist the Administrative Council in deciding the future direction of ILS.
- Question from Beaumont regarding how the CLSA ILS funds are allocated. These funds from the State Library (in accordance with the CLSA Law) are

- limited to how they are spent: Reference; Communications & Delivery; and System Advisory Board. Communications & Delivery funds are spent on the internet (email, web page), salary for contracting with the delivery driver, mail and UPS costs for the tri-county system. A minimal amount of local funds are received in the form of membership fees.
- Mango Languages: Friday's Administrative Council will discuss ILS providing access on behalf of member libraries. (Update 5/27/10... Mango Languages online database will be funded under the ILS 2010-11 Plan of Service. All member libraries will have free access to this resource which includes 15 ESL courses for native speakers.)
 - CLC's Fall Gala will be held Sat., Nov. 6th, Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 90049. Registration online: www.childrensliteraturecouncil.org. The keynote speaker will be author Jacqueline Woodson.
 - The revised (3/12/10) ILS-CSC goals, objectives and functions were attached to the meeting's agenda.

Old Business:

- CSC officers for 2010-2011:
 Chair: Joan Elison/HEM
 Vice-Chair/Recording Secretary: Mim Gottschalk/RM
- No meeting in August. Instead, we will meet following the 10/26 workshop, meeting from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Susan reminded us we also have the option of meeting via Web-Ex.
- Other workshops:
 - * It was moved and seconded to hold an El Día de Los Niños workshop in the week of December 6th depending on availability of the trainer.
 - * "Simply Irresistible" workshop will be scheduled in April at Corona with a class size limit of 30. (Update: SAVE THE DATE for April 19th @ Corona PL, 8:30-4)
- Children's Literature Council Spring Workshop speakers have been secured for an ILS workshop for Children's and Youth Committees on Tuesday, October 26, 10 to 2 at Fontana Branch Library. "Old Passions and New Technologies: Children's and YA Literature in a Web 2.0 World." Registration information will be available closer to the workshop date.
- Joint CSC/YA SRP workshop: Barbara Bowie & Helen Fisher will begin planning process.
- Sayers Lecture: Jules Feiffer was well-received. Susan also delivered a tribute to Sid Fleischman who had passed away shortly before the Lecture.
- Arbuthnot Lecture was very enlightening, highlighting the importance of children's books addressing diversity.

New Business:

- Serra Tween Workshop: Helen Fisher distributed a handout (bibliography of tween titles) and is attached.

- Fingerplay video project: several videos are on YouTube with more to come. <http://www.youtube.com/user/SBCountyLibraries>
Additional volunteers are needed to film more songs/fingerplays. Contact Helen Fisher at: hfisher@lib.sbcounty.gov

Round Robin:

- Mary Chartier (SBPL-Feldheim) Debbie Clark is the new director. They are looking into Family Place. There have been staff reductions with furlough Fridays. Summer storytimes (Reading Game), weekly arts and craft day, movies on Saturdays.
- Joyce Lea Brown (MUR) SRP (K-2, 3-5, and teen programs) 6/12-7/31 with Luce Puppets for kick-off. Many changes in the library with staff reductions and a reorganization (17 City-wide layoffs). No furloughs yet, still in negotiation. Not filling openings and library is busier than ever. Friends are paying for the presenters. Offered 2 sessions of Red Cross babysitting training at Spring Break. Course is available thru Riverside County Red Cross (Barb Mullen) at a cost of \$40 or \$45 per student; Friends paid for this so course was free for teens.
- Mim Gottschalk (RM) Friends sponsoring SRP (0-11 and teen) 6/14 – 8/4; one night early bird sign-up on Wed., 6/2. Performers each Wednesday afternoon. Will have teen volunteers handle sign-ups and reading log sign-offs. Have visited first of several local schools to promote program. Library has several vacancies which will not be filled for some time to come.
- Joan Elison (HEM) Foundation will be funding a re-do of Children's area with a 3-D reading tree requiring relocation of stacks. Donor tree will also be installed. Computer area also to be redone with additional game computers. Friends along with Foundation are paying for SRP. Week of 6/24 will commemorate 100th birthday of HPL. Installation of automated sorter soon. Considering 10-20% salary cuts or furlough days.
- Helen Fisher (SBC) SRP committee has chosen outcome-based evaluation for next year with a one-page, 10-item questionnaire for children and teens to complete. Available online (Survey Monkey) as well as print copies (which staff will enter online). Incentives for kids to participate: small candy, root beer floats, etc.
- Suzanne MacConnell (COR) Layoffs including literacy supervisor. City offices now open only Monday thru Thursday. Library needs to be open Saturdays so staff alternates working every other Saturday, and 10-hour days. School district used to have all schools on year-round tracks but now are reverting to traditional school year. All schools are off in July. SRP will be "Summer Fest" for all levels (children, teen, adult), featuring movie series, paid entertainers. Community email newsletter promotes SRP. SRP decorations were done in December!
- Renee Tobin (RC) Busy. Received Family Place grants; three-day training for workshops to be given to parents of 1-3 year-olds. PAL islands functioning (Play and Learn). 5/29 will be Star Wars Day from 1 – 4 p.m. coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the release of Empire Strikes Back. Local oral history project is ongoing with a finale on 6/4/10. Cultural Arts Night for families.

- Nell Ramsey (BEAU) Friends will be sponsoring SRP (babies – 12) but targets 6-12 year-olds. Other staff member handles 0 – 5 year-olds. Writing club for 6-12 year-olds. Has been conducting outreach to schools, after school programs, kindergarten roundup as well as conducting library tours. Distributed two handouts, “A Child Becomes a Reader” from the National Institute for Literacy, and “Teen Survival Guide: Health Tips for On-the-go Girls” from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women’s Health (see girlshealth.gov)

Respectfully submitted,

Mim Gottschalk (Rancho Mirage)