

Minutes from the Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting
April 2, 2015
Middletown Library Service Center

1. Beth Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. Board Introductions
3. Minutes from March 5th meeting were accepted.
4. Old Business
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Reminder to have budgets in by May 1st.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Nicole Greco
 - i. We do accept American Express and Discover credit cards. Jen Datum will change the setting in Star Chapter to enable it to accept these credit cards.
5. New Business
 - a. Motion to approve CLA \$750 donation to Nutmeg Committee– Beth Crowley, Nicole Greco
 - i. Unsure whether we have this in the budget. We need it to be submitted for next year's budget. CLA supports the committee but since it is not part of our board we can not approve it. The \$750 donation should be submitted by the Nutmeg Committee, not Children's. We can discuss what it is used for at the annual meeting. Richard Conroy recommended submitting a report for approval at the June meeting.
 - b. Vote and approval of funds for Advocacy- Beth Crowley
 - i. Legislative committee is working with Libby Post, advocacy consultant from New York. ACLB, CLC, CSL proposed a budget and now CLA will need to chip in \$4500.
 - ii. Motion for CLA to approve \$4500 for Libby Post's fees for advocacy was approved and passed.
 - c. Approval of CLA letter in support of SCSU – Beth Crowley
 - i. Precandidacy package for ALA approval SCSU MLS program to include CLA letter from Board regarding mentoring and internship as part of professional responsibility to MLS students and to attract new members. Richard Conroy will be spearheading this.
 - ii. Cindy Schofield agreed to a resolution for CLA to display MLS student projects and research at the annual conference. She also made a motion for a resolution that CLA will work with CSCU to provide student mentoring and internship for the new MLS program. Richard Conroy will change the wording in the letter to reflect these changes.
 - iii. Both motions were approved and passed.
 - d. Approval of letter in support of CEN funding – Beth Crowley
 - i. Motion for Dawn LaValle as President of CLA to write a letter on behalf of CLA in support for CEN funding. The letter will be sent to the Governor, Higher Education Committee, and the chairs of the Appropriations Committee. Ken Wiggin will work on its distribution.
 - ii. Motion was approved and passed.
 - e. Approval of a letter in support of funding restored to CT Humanities – Jennifer Keohane
 - i. CT Humanities is having a rally April 8th and working to quantify how much their funding has gone to help libraries.

- ii. Motion to vote for Dawn LaValle as President of CLA to write a letter on behalf of CLA in support for funding restored to CT Humanities was passed.
6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Report
- a) ADA: Ed Morrissey
 - i. Getting a signer for the conference speaker. Everything else is set.
 - b) ALA: Carl Antonucci
 - i. Libby Post is working with Marcie from the ALA Council and will discuss the regulatory laws in Indiana. Waiting to see what happens.
 - c) Awards – Sheri Szymanski
 - i. Awards have been reviewed and will be announced at the annual conference.
 - d) Career Development: Beth Crowley
 - i. Scholarships have been awarded to two MLS students and one LTA student. They received a lot of MLS applications from all over the state. Winners will be getting their scholarships at the annual conference.
 - ii. No Leadership Conference this year. May move in a different direction for the future. Giving consideration to offering a workshop on how to mentor MLS students not just from SCSU but all library students instead of the Leadership conference. Beth may also coordinate something with NELA.
 - e) CLC: Jennifer Keohane
 - i. Thanks for support working with CLA and CSL to put together advocacy report. Information is available on the CLC website.
 - ii. Leah Farrell has moved on to Farmington. Staff is filling in to take on Leah’s responsibilities.
 - f) CSL: Ken Wiggin
 - i. Rescission from personnel line of budget. Rescinded \$12-13 million. Vacancies are piling up and more are coming.
 - ii. Appropriations subcommittee met on March 13. Proposal on how to keep CLC, ConnetiCar, ConnectiCard and State grants going.
 - iii. Appropriation moved to Senate line 942 so it is still pending. Hoping the bill does not go through because it will be difficult to bring back those library programs.
 - iv. Both State Senators signed the letter to Appropriations to save library programs.
 - v. We need the State Funds to keep Federal funding. Two requirements are needed: State needs to match 1/3 to retain federal funding and maintain things that support libraries. The feds monitor this and will cut funding if not properly funded by state budget which has been cut. Discussion to clarify which programs are being cut. Goal is to have a budget out end of April or early May.
 - vi. Opportunity to make the Governor aware of different perceptions about libraries at the Aspen Institute on April 8 because the Governor will be giving the keynote.
 - vii. Appreciative all of the response from members and encourage to continue contacting your Representatives so we are not forgotten.
 - g) Children’s: Bernadette Neidermeier
 - i. Faith Hektoen award recipients are Cindy Wall and Lynn Pawloski of the Southington Library and Museum for Outstanding Program and Alice Sherwood, recently retired Head of Children’s Services at Greenwich Library, for Career Achievement.
 - ii. Mary Beth Rassulo will present the awards at the annual conference.
 - h) College & University: Kristina Edwards
 - i. They will be presenting four programs at the annual conference.
 - i) Conference 2015: Lisa Karim/Julie Styles

- i. There are 595 registered for the conference. They are showing a good profit so far.
 - ii. Aaron Schmidt cancelled last minute. Jessamyn West will fill in.
 - iii. Any needs for the annual conference, please let us know.
- j) Editorial: Jennifer Datum
 - i. Delayed the deadline to April 15th and would like to feature a library for the May newsletter issue. Suggestions welcome. Suggestions include CSL and Southington.
 - ii. A study into how many people we are reaching with the newsletter showed 1200 email recipients and 800 members. Wonder if this includes Goodnight Moon group.
 - iii. You are able to send letters directly to your Legislature directly through the CLA website.
 - iv. The Advocacy page on the CLA website has been updated.
 - v. Update Jenn with committee chair and co chair information. Reminder that chairs and co chairs must be CLA members.
- k) Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - i. Bobby Shea got Andrew Fleischman to be our sponsor at the rally in room 2B on April 15th Tax Day. There will also be 1,000 Vets and other groups. Please try to get out there.
 - ii. Libby Post is not our lobbyist, she is just training us.
 - iii. Welcome your feedback and suggestions. CLC has more information on their website. Must push advocacy always and make your patrons aware and to keep contacting your legislature. Brainstorming ideas to get attention for libraries.
- l) Membership: Cindy Schofield
 - i. Institutional membership is up to 45 from 22.
 - ii. There are 28 joint ALA members. Our share of this is \$527.00
 - iii. There are 62 student members. 24 are ALA joint members
 - iv. Changes in membership seem to be positive.
- m) NELA: Beth Crowley
 - i. Attended the March 20th Board meeting and presented what is going on in our state regarding the budget. NELA is drafting a letter.
- n) Nominations: Richard Conroy
 - i. Nancy Abbey dropped out of Region Representative 5 race.
- o) PEG: Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Will consider PEG money for NELLs applicants for what is left in the budget.
- p) Procedures: Karen Jensen
 - i. Looking at bylaws for changes.
- q) Publicity: Julie Menders
 - i. Publicity conference was a success.
 - ii. Award winners will be announced at the annual conference.
- r) Public Library: Sally Tornow
 - i. Meeting next month to plan for fall conference.
 - ii. Passport program has spread to Vermont libraries and other states.
- s) Reference and Adult Services: Alison Wilkos
 - i. Taking a look at the bylaws.
- t) Technical Services: Steve Bernstein
 - i. Speaker in place for the annual conference
 - ii. Meeting in May to plan fall program.
- u) Technology: Melissa Ceraso
 - i. Tech Meet Up scheduled for March 6th in Clinton was cancelled due to snow and will meet at the conference this month.
- v) Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Several libraries holding poetry events including several open mic nights

- ii. Prosser, Bloomfield – to celebrate National Library Week they're asking patrons to write a poster telling why they like the library, then they'll photograph patrons with it for a display.-- hosted an Anime Day for teens in March
 - iii. Bristol -- hosting a local author fair, April 15, 7- 9 PM
 - iv. Canton -- hosting Family Feud book trivia contest, ages 10+, April 14, 2 p.m.
 - v. Enfield -- hosting family dance class, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
 - vi. Farmington -- from their newsletter they posted a link to a YouTube video of their director talking about library events -- got a \$57,000 state grant for a media lab. Library matched it
 - vii. Hartford – partnered with Hartford Stage to host the actress/author who is performing there-- partnered with Connecticut Science Center for a lunchtime science series. First one, April 6, 11:30 a.m.--hosting the Connecticut Pardon Team in a program on clearing your criminal record, April 15, 6 p.m.-- hosted several female government officials for a panel discussion on well-behaved women seldom make history
 - viii. Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington -- council restored money to library budget so that it would be able to stay open Sundays
 - ix. Simsbury – for National Library Week they're partnering with a local restaurant: show your library card and get a free non-alcoholic drink.-- hosting Night of 1,000 Stars, with local celebrities (including a nurse, a middle-schooler and their teen librarian) reading from a favorite work, April 23, 7 p.m.-- joining with 3 other community groups to hold an Innovation Fair, April 25, 10-3
 - x. South Windsor -- hosting a shredding truck April 11, 10-2
 - xi. Kent Memorial, Suffield – building on their success hosting an all-ages spelling bee is hosted poetry contest for ages 6-adult in March-- hosted Socrates Cafe, a discussion on a variety of topics using the Socratic Q&A method
 - xii. West Hartford -- hosting an afternoon of poets laureate, April 26, 2 p.m. with the state poet laureate and poet laureates from 5 towns-- hosting program on how to sell to the LGTB community, May 14, 7 p.m.
- w. Region 3: Janice Wilson
- i. Abington Social Library-\$25 for Princess Tea Party (one young lady 7-11 and her adult companion) on May 3rd from 2-4
 - ii. Andover Public Library-Their friends' group sponsored rearranging, painting, and sprucing up their kids' room. Book discussion on March 30th was about Mud Season by Ellen Stimson. Looking for patron input about new library hours to close gaps (10-1, 3-8 and open a few hours on Saturdays).
 - iii. Babcock Library-New! – Online Driver Permit Practice Tests for drivers, motorcycle, and CDL. Also CT handbooks for drivers, motorcycle, and CDL. Spanish language tests and handbooks for CT drivers. Held open house for Ginny Moses, former library director as she heads to a new position.
 - iv. Bentley Memorial Library-Llamas from Country Quilt Llama Farm at the library on April 14.
 - v. Canterbury Public Library-April 6, Animal Communication with Suzy Graf. April 20, Declutter your life by Denise Lamb. April 20, Growing vegetables 101 with Andy Rzeznikiewicz. April 23, Understanding ISIS by Dr. Stephen Wibberley. May 2, shred your documents for free.
 - vi. Saxton B. Little Library-The Saxton B. Little Library is happy to share that the Connecticut State Library has offered us a revised state grant for renovation of \$596,150. Like the construction grant, these are matching funds and would be reimbursed to the town contingent upon the project's parameters.The Library has been working with the town and a local architect, and we have devised a functional proposal. This proposal is currently included as a capital project in next year's

- fiscal budget, to be voted on by the town on May 12th. If the budget passes and the project moves forward, renovation will begin late August or early September. The Library will temporarily relocate to the Meeting Place, and we will continue to provide new books and limited services. The project is estimated to take six months. They have *Roku boxes* that can be checked out for a week. Offer *Freegal music* – can stream three hours of music per day and download three free songs per week. Also *Freegal movies* – stream three movies or TV episodes per week. *April 21*, Rick Spencer will present Historical Songs of Outlaws, Villains, and Rogues.
- vii. Booth & Dimock Memorial Library-Began in March, but also on April 1, 8, 15, & 22 – Music & Movement (ages 5 and under). April 8, Let's Get You Hired-Wayne English will present a workshop on using the best resources, resumes, and cover letters to land a job.
 - viii. Hall Memorial Library-April is Food for Fines month, 1 item=\$1 to pay late fees only. April 21, "Put the Fun Back Into Dating" with Jaimy Blazynski. Join the Date Doctor from 96.5 TIC for an entertaining, interactive, and informative talk on dating and relationships. April 10, monthly coffeehouse starring Phil Rosenthal. April 14, make "Lotus Flower Lanterns" with Younhee Shin.
 - ix. Fletcher Memorial Library-April 4, Tune Up Your Guitar Skills with Mark Davis.
 - x. Douglas Library of Hebron-April 8 movie night, Mockingjay Part 1. Looking for P/T Library Assistant II. April 16, Lunch with a Llama.
 - xi. Mansfield Public Library-One small piece of good news is that Mansfield is going to be opening a "library outpost" at the Nash Zimmer Transportation Center in Storrs Center – in July. We will be offering a browsing collection of new materials, an access point for people to pick up their holds, an online catalog, and wireless for downloading digital content. It's to reach a new population that is growing in that part of town, and is (obviously!) accessible by mass transit, which the library itself is not. For Money-Smart Week - April 21, Identify Theft-Protecting your Financial Information. April 22, Tax-free investing: it's not what you make, it's what you keep. April 23, training for a relaxed dog that's a joy. April 30, An Evening of Laughter with Andy Weil.
 - xii. Thompson Public Library-Looking for Library Assistant for Reference Services. April 8, Friends of the library Annual Program will feature young musical talents of all ages from both the Thompson Public Schools and St Joseph's. Performances will showcase singers and acoustic musicians from Elementary School through High School.
 - xiii. Willimantic Public Library-The state bond commission approved the funding for their renovation, so they're jumping into the find-a-contractor phase now. April 16, llama in the library. Offer Universal Class containing over 500 free online continuing ed classes.
 - xiv. Pomfret Public Library-Hoping for budget approval to open Wednesdays from 10-6. Now have checkout receipts listing everything checked out to patron's account and when items are due.
 - xv. Putman Public Library-Will be offering subscription to online education service, Universal Class, patrons can take up to five classes at a time. April 29, Journey to financial security: Managing Income & Expenses.
 - xvi. Scotland Public Library-One of the Quiet Corner Reads libraries, on April 15 will reveal this year's book and author.
 - xvii. Somers Public Library-April 4-Read to the dogs, April 7-Wild Birds of CT, April 12-A visit with Elephant & Piggy. Somers district art show will run from April 30-May 13.
 - xviii. Stafford Public Library-April 4-Sensory Story Time, Easter egg hunt, April 6-Night of a thousand stars (Stafford high school madrigal singers), April 16-Strange & Unusual Cases of the State Archaeologist (Nicholas Bellatoni), April 14-Cooking demo with chef Joshua James
 - xix. Willington Public Library-April 16-Foods for Staying Young, April 7-Gluten-free living with chef Robert Landolphi.

- xx. Killingly Public Library-Conversational Spanish on Saturday mornings. Started new e-mail newsletter last month.
- x. Region 4: Sheri Szymanski
 - i. Greenwich Library is hosting [“Shakespeare with Bob Smith”](#) begins a 7 week course on April 1st covering “Romeo & Juliet” . The program, will run on Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm, and is free and open to all.They are also hosting [“The Broke and Beautiful Life: Small Town Budget Big City Dreams”](#) with Stefanie O’Connell on April 23rd. This program is built for aspiring writers, influencers, and entrepreneurs who wish to establish themselves as experts in their fields of interest. In this talk, Stefanie shares the secrets to her success and gives the audience the tools they need to do the same in their own respective fields of interest.
 - ii. Ferguson Library is hosting a fundraising event ‘A Novel Affair’ on 4/9 at 5:30pm. The evening will honor Reyno Giallongo, Chairman and CEO of First County Bank and First County Bank Foundation and will feature food, wine & beer, silent and live auctions, and entertainment with illusionist, Ryan Oakes.
 - iii. On Wednesday, April 15th, the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library will present Hamis Lutris, speaking on Lincoln’s Assassinati on the Close of the Andebellum Era. The Danbury Library is offering a preschool robotics program on 4/11 with Dash and Dot. Patrice Gans from Random Hacks of Kindess, Jr. will be presenting this robotics program in a warm, friendly setting.The Burnham Library in Bridgewater will host veterinarian Dr. Sarah L. Timm who will discuss how to protect against ticks and prevent Lyme disease infections in our pets on 4/26.
 - iv. Bridgeport Library is collaborating with Sacred Heart University to plan the first annual North End Community Day on 4/11. Bring the whole family for a fun filled day of Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games, Food Prizes, Community and much more.
 - v. Stratford Library is working with a team of students to develop a marketing plan and logo through the Non-Profit Institute at Sacred Heart University.
 - vi. On 4/21, Wilton Library will host New York Times bestselling author Erik Larson. With his remarkable new work of nonfiction, *Dead Wake*, he ushers us aboard the Lusitania as it begins its tragic and final crossing. It is a timely trip, as 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the disaster. Tickets are available for \$30 and include two seats and a copy of his book.
 - vii. Cyrenius Booth Library in Newtown is giving patrons the opportunity to give discarded books a new purpose with “Make a Unique Planter from a Discarded Book” on Wednesday 4/15. Participants will create a small succulent garden using a discarded book as its base. Maxine Bleiweis, Executive Director of the Westport Library, will be presented with the Charlie Robinson Award for 2015 by the Public Library Association (PLA). This award honors one public library director each year who has demonstrated a professional record as “a risk taker, an innovator and/or a change agent in a public library”.
- w. Region 5: Christy Billings
 - i. Levi Coe Library-Susan Brown Mizla has been promoted to Assistant Director. Kim Pronovost has moved on to a law firm in Hartford. Sue will be in the position starting April 6th.
 - ii. Wallingford Public Library-Reading to Rover onTuesday, April 14th 4PM-6PM Come have fun practicing your reading skills by reading to a certified reading therapy dog! Books will be on hand to choose from, but feel free to bring a favorite from home. Registration is required, please call or stop by the library and pick a specific 15 minute time slot when you sign up. Wallingford residents may pre-register beginning 4 weeks before the program. Registration for non-residents begins 2 weeks prior to the program. No online registration will be available, please call or stop by the libraryLet's Make Breakfast and See a Movie Wed, April 15th10AM-1PMRoll out of bed and come make breakfast. Learn how to make

pancake bites. You can choose plain, blueberry, chocolate chip, or a combination. After breakfast we will be watching Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Matthew Broderick stars as Ferris Bueller, a kid who knows how to enjoy a sick day, a hilarious throw back comedy. Registration is required. Environmental Film: Watermark April 22nd 6:00PM-8:30PM CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! *Watermark* is a feature documentary film that brings together diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water: how we are drawn to it, what we learn from it, how we use it and the consequences of that use. A panel discussion will follow the viewing of the film.

- iii. Branford Blackstone Library Murder at Blackstone "Who killed Agatha Mystery?" Fundraiser. May 9th 7-10PM Solve Clues, Interview Suspects, and help catch a killer. Tickets are \$40.00 and include food, drinks and a deathly funny play. Living With Dementia: Middle Stages Thursdays at 10AM on April 2nd, 16th and 23rd. Presented by Maria Tomasetti from the South Central Regional Director of Alzheimer's CT Chapter. Steppe Eagles and other Raptors of Nepal Wed April 8th at 7PM Dr Robert DeCandido will discuss the 10,000 to 40,000 Steppe Eagles that migrate each autumn along the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. Shakespeare and Star Trek Tuesday April 28th 7-8PM Explore Shakespeare's cosmic connection in this lively and entertaining talk with Rob Nelson Asst Proff of Developmental English at Housatonic College. Russell Library India programs
- iv. Rachna Ramya Agrawal, dancer, educator, and author, will perform the classical North Indian dance Kathak on Saturday, April 11, 3-4pm in the Hubbard Room. Expressive, sharp, alluring and precise, Kathak originated over 2000 years ago as a temple dance. It derives its name from ancient 'Kathikas' of India, who were professional storytellers and recited verses from the great epics using explanatory gestures and music. This program is for all ages and is funded by the Meigs Local History Grant from the Wesleyan University History Grant. Film: *The Lunchbox* Thursday April 16th 7PM This film, written and directed by Ritesh Batra, is about two people whose lives are accidentally connected when a lunchbox is delivered to the wrong person. Indira Karamcheti will lead the discussion following the film. A Taste of India Wednesday, April 22nd 6:30PM Pre-registration required. An Indian cooking demonstration with Madhu Gupta will give participants a chance to sample the regional differences in spices, flavors and recipes. Free.

x. Region 6: Kate Byroade

7. Adjournment

Attendance: Michele Martin, Nicole Greco, Ellen G. Cartledge, Peter Ciparelli, Cindy Schofield, Carl Antonucci, Janice Wilson, Lisa Karim, Julie Styles, Sally Tornow, Sheri Szymanski, Kristina Edwards, Tome Piezzo, Beth Crowley, Richard Conroy, Gerald Seagrave, Karen Carey Marge Ruschau, Steven Bernstein, Ed Morrissey, Lorna Rhyins, Melissa Ceraso, Carl DeMilia, Tara Borden, Allison Wilkos, Lisa Mann, Katy Dillman, Karen Jensen, Kate Broyard

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will be June 4th, 2015 at the Scranton Library.

Minutes submitted by Michele Martin, Recording Secretary.