

**Connecticut Library Association-Executive Board Meeting**  
**Middletown Library Service Center**  
**February 7, 2013**

- I. Call to Order: Carl DeMilia called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board introductions: None
- III. Approval of Minutes: Barbara Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2013 board meeting. Betty Anne Reiter seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. President's Report
    - i. IMLS National Leadership Grant for Libraries: Carl DeMilia reported that the State Library has asked for support in this endeavor. The goal of this grant is to help libraries, archives and museums develop good relationships with first responders. Tasks include working with fire departments to develop training materials and workshops. CLA gives their support of this project.
    - ii. TransCare Individual Long Term Insurance: Carl DeMilia was approached by this company that also works with the NY and MA library associations. They offer reduced pricing on long term care insurance at no cost to the association. Carl asked the board if they wanted to offer this as a benefit to CLA membership. After discussion it was decided that Carl would see if any other companies offer this as well to ensure the best pricing for members.
  - b. Treasurer's Report: Christina Baum reported that there isn't much new or different on this month's report, and said we are "ahead in terms of the bottom line." She is hoping that there will be a boom in membership renewals just before the conference like last year to meet the membership goal.
  - c. Past President's Report
    - i. Betty Anne Reiter presented the nominations for 2013-2014  
Vice President/President elect: Benjamin Shum and David Boudinot  
Recording Secretary: Michele Martin  
NELA Rep: Beth Crowley  
Region 1: Patricia Lunn  
Region 4: Sherry Szymanski  
Region 5: Karen Jensen and Christy Billings
  - d. Conference Update: Michele Martin and Ben Shum reported that the keynote address on Monday April 29 will be with ALA President Maureen Sullivan. The keynote presentation on Tuesday April 30 will be a live broadcast of "Where We Live" with John Dankosky. He will interview Maureen Sullivan, CLA President Carl DeMilia, and State Librarian Ken Wiggin.

- V. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Region Representative Reports
- a. **State Library:** Ken Wiggin reported that there is a hearing today 2/7/13 on e-book legislation. He stated that the way the proposed law is written now would be hard to enforce for Connecticut only but does open the door for discussion. Ken also reported on the Governor's proposed budget and the troubling item about the reduction in ConnectiCard payments. He urges libraries to contact their legislators regarding this item.
  - b. **Career Development:** Michael Spellmon reported that on March 26 from 9-12 at MLSC there will be a panel workshop to explain NELA's NELLs program.
  - c. **Customer Service:** Brandie Doyle reported that there is a committee meeting on Monday March 4 from 9:30-11 at the West Haven Public Library to plan spring and fall programs. She also reported that they are co-sponsoring an assertiveness training with the State Library on March 13 from 1-4pm at the South Windsor Public Library.
  - d. **Awards:** The Awards Committee asks people to please nominate people or libraries for the annual awards
  - e. **CLC:** Pam Najarian reported that there is a new look to the CLC newsletter and that there is a new column called "One Great Thing." She also reported that the new marketing roundtable had their first meeting last month and 10 people attended. Meetings of this roundtable will take place all over the state to make it accessible to everyone. Pam reported that Take Your Child to the Library Day was a success and she urges people to send in their photos from the day.
  - f. **Membership:** Cindy Schofield reported that the Membership Committee now has 6 members and they are meeting this month. They are going to survey other state library associations about their membership dues and their strategies for getting and maintaining members.
  - g. **Region 2 – Marge Rushau**
    - a. **Berlin Peck Library** – has added winter reading programs for adults and children
    - b. **Bristol Public Library** – received a \$1,600 grant from Thomaston Savings Bank for ESL and Literacy materials
    - c. **Burlington Library** – has a program with a woman portraying Bessie Coleman, the first Black female pilot
    - d. **East Granby Library** – is sponsoring a juried art show through March
    - e. **Granby Library** – has added Sunday hours for the next 3 months, funded by their friends group
    - f. **Hartford Public Library** – has added the Zinio magazine database. They have scheduled an indie pop concert series. They are inviting writers to pitch a book proposal to a panel of judges. The winner will get an introduction to an agent or publisher.
    - g. **Lucy Robbins Wells Library, Newington** – is sponsoring an adult winter reading series, complete with raffle tickets for each book read
    - h. **Plainville Library** – has added back Sunday hours through April

- i. **Cora J. Belden Library, Rocky Hill** – is adding IndieFlix and also some new databases for children.
  - j. **Simsbury Library** – received money from the Westminster School for 125 YA books in honor of the school’s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - k. **Windsor Public Library** – has added a Gadgets to the Geeks program, encouraging people to bring in new technology items they have and talk with experts about how to use them. They are sponsoring an all-ages winter reading challenge in January and February, to end with a luau
- h. Region 3 – Peter Ciparelli**
- a. **Willimantic Public Library** has a new web site and new official mascot courtesy of Creature Teachers.
  - b. **Thompson Public Library** now has Atomic Training on their web site. It offers 30 online computer and technology tutorials. It is available to Thompson library card holders. The library continues to show “Movies on the Big Screen” on Fridays in February.
  - c. **Somers Public Library** has a new web site. They are having a Dr. Seuss Family Night on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature the reading of *Green Eggs and Ham* and then some sampling of real green eggs and ham, making hats and other Seusstastic things.
  - d. **Killingly Public Library** is moving forward with our grant-related summer reading program “READY for the Grade.” Children’s librarians are connecting with our local schools (K-3), contacting teachers, distributing library card applications, etc.
  - e. **Quiet Corner Reads** has chosen Archer Mayor as its author for 2013. We are having a Skype conversation with him sometime in March to announce the featured book.
- i. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski**
- a. **New Canaan Library** is offering Artscapades, a 5-part lecture series enhancing understanding and appreciation of art.
  - b. **Edith Wheeler Memorial Library in Monroe** is celebrating Valentine’s Day with a Blind Date with a Book program.
  - c. **Trumbull Library** is ramping up for a One Book One Town series on the theme of “How Technology Has Changed Our Lives” featuring the Steve Jobs biography by Walter Isaacson.
  - d. **Norwalk Public Library** is partnering with the Norwalk Health Department to offer a “Healthy Resolutions” series of programs including Zumba and Yoga programs. The Healthyville exhibit from Stepping Stones Museum has temporarily been installed in the Library.

VI. Adjournment

- a. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Peter Ciparelli, seconded by Kate Byroade. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Attendees: Katie Fargo, Linda Williams, Sally Tornow, Barbara Bailey, Cindy Schofield, Dana Tonkonow, Sheri Szymanski, Lucy Maziar, Arianna Schlegel, Peter Ciparelli, Christina Baum, Chris Angeli, Jason Neely, Benjamin Shum, Michele Martin, Carl DeMilia, Betty Anne Reiter, Kate Byroade, Rachel Pollak, Ken Wiggin, Mary Engels, Brandie Doyle, Jennifer Datum, Gerald Seagrave, Douglas Lord, Paula Cook, Pam Najarian, Marge Ruschau