1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. The minutes from the December 1st, 2016 meeting were approved, with changes. Mary Etter made the motion to approve and Peter Ciparelli seconded, Karen abstained due to absence.
3. Old Business
   a. President’s Report – Karen Jensen let us know that the CT Parents Union recently brought a Reading Express bus around to libraries to host fun events and they delivered a thank you plaque for all CT librarians and staff. There will be a full write up of the event in CLA Today.
   b. Treasurer’s Report – Scott Brill reported that everything is on track. Fall workshops have all been wrapped up and there are only a couple of reimbursement checks outstanding. Scott clarified that the reimbursement form is online, it can be emailed to him or handed to him at a meeting. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made by Beth Crowley, seconded by Mary Etter, and passed unanimously.
4. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:
   a. ACLB: Dawn LaValle reported that the ACLB is continuing work on expanding their executive board, making their website more accessible to members, and looking over their recruiting procedures. Please send current board chair information to Dawn's office. The committee is also continuing work on their newsletter.
   b. ACLPD: Dawn let us know ACLPD is recruiting for a representative from a medium sized library. They are also continuing work on their best practices document. There will be electronic badges for participating libraries.
   c. Career Development: Richard Conroy let us know that the Leadership Institute committee is meeting on the 20th to discuss scholarships.
   d. Commission on Ed Tech: Colleen Baile gave us a report on their meeting in December. They decided that they won’t be changing statutes until 2018. They are continuing to interview for the position of CEN Director, formerly held by Scott Taylor. The current CEN prices are now available. They had several E-rate funding conversations, thank you to Maria for helping with that process. 92 towns are currently on the network. Advisory council reports came in and highlighted many topics to be discussed in the future. They are looking into multiple grant opportunities.
   e. CSL: Ken Wiggin let us know that there is nothing to report on the budget. They will start distributing copies of Harold and the Purple Crayon to libraries across the state very shortly. The CSL received a small NEH grant to fund digitization days for WWI and many are planned for the spring. CEN had a small board retreat and discussed a new model for funding internet access. Dawn reported that the Excite Innovation project will be finishing up with a “Shark Tank” style pitch session. They are working on an IMLS grant application to make the project more wide spread.
   f. College & University: Kristina Edwards reported that the InfoLit conference planning continues, the keynote has been chosen and will also facilitate a half-day pre-conference boot camp.
   g. Conference 2017: Kristina Edwards & Sara Martone are trying to finalize the schedule today, confirmation emails will go out shortly. An email announcement with keynote speaker info will go out to members soon.
   h. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge-Janpol & Lisa Karim are sending out slides from their recent presentation as soon as possible.
   i. Legislative: Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter report that the committee will meet after this meeting. Kate Robinson will be joining them.
   j. Membership: Jen Datum prepared a report for Tom, there are 675 members currently. Tom has been busy meeting people at section and committee meetings, roundtables, and
meetups. He will also be meeting with the publicity committee so that they can work together to encourage membership.

k. PEG: Peter Ciparelli let us know that the committee is looking over scholarship applications. They want to spend as much money as possible each year.

l. Publicity: Julie Ann Menders told us that the application for publicity awards is on the CLA website. The awards presentation will occur at a main conference session this year, in addition to the workshop for winners to present their projects in depth. They are making plans for Media Matters.

m. Technology: Gen Francis is aiming for a committee meeting in March. She has been actively recruiting committee members.

n. Region 2: Susan C. Ray Avon Library – Begins a new art series Land, People, City on January 15th at 2:00 pm with Rena Tobey. Berlin-Peck Library – Will be holding a program entitled: Reviving 5000 years of Chinese Civilization on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm. The presentation will include the essence and uniqueness of the traditional Chinese culture. Bloomfield – The WWII Discussion Series continues with a discussion of the book When the Emperor was Divine by Julie Otsuka. The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Roberta Tansman on January 11 at 6:30 PM. Bristol Library – Will be hosting a Soup & a Movie Social featuring the movie Cold Comfort Farm on January 19th at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a warm bowl of soup and coffee while enjoying the movie. Burlington Public Library – If you enjoy browsing through cookbooks and trying out new recipes and techniques then come to the Library for its ‘Cook the Book’ Book Club on January 7th, February 4th and March 4th at 1:00 pm. You select the recipe and bring it to the meeting to share with others. Canton Library – The Library will be hosting a special program at the Canton Community Center on Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors on January 22nd at 2:00 pm. Hear Connecticut Muslims share their stories, respond to questions, and share their own concerns. It is intended to promote mutual respect, understanding, and peace through dialogue. East Hartford Raymond Library – The Library will be sponsoring a TEDx talk The Power of Stories on January 10th at 6:30 pm. Farmington – 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the Farmington Libraries! There will be a year of celebrations in honor of 100 years of service, experiences, and resources. Journey back through the history of the Libraries, and of Farmington itself! Libraries have had a long and storied history in Farmington, reaching all the way back to 1704. Glastonbury Welles Turner – The Library will present author Susan Harrison Rashid as she discusses her first novel Beneath a Shooting Star on January 29th at 2:00 pm. Granby Library – The Library will host the lively, humorous and engaging presentation of Hail to the Chief: The Inauguration of a President at the Salmon Brook Park House on January 8th at 2:00 pm. Learn fascinating facts about inauguration locations, the oath of office, presidential speeches, parades, balls and moving in to the White House. Hartford Public Library – The Library will present two dramatic performances of King’s speeches and writings, with New York-based actor David Mills in his performance as Martin Luther King in Dare to Dream: The Words of Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18th at 2:00 pm. Manchester Mary Cheney Library – James Gifford will teach you how to Cut The Cord and End the High Cost of Your Cable TV and Phone Service in a seminar on January 12th at 6:30 pm. Learn about the basic and TV entertainment system needed to get the most from Internet providers, the inexpensive equipment needed to connect to these sources, and how to cut Internet costs by more than just rates. Newington Lucy Robbins Welles Library – The Library will be hosting their Friends Wine and Cheese Social on January 20th at 6:30 pm. Come taste test a variety of wine, beer and cheese and enjoy the crudités. Tickets are $15. Be entertained with music from the 50’s and 60’s. Rocky Hill Cora J. Belden Library – Take a video visit to Hawaii’s National Parks without leaving your seat on January 25th at 2:00 pm. Simsbury Public Library – Tolkien fans can rejoice when the Library presents The Stars of Middle-earth: J.R.R. Tolkien’s Tumultuous Love Affair with Astronomy on January 23rd at 6:30 pm. Come along for a journey through space and time through Tolkien’s universe, where the planet Venus is a flying swan-shaped ship, the moon is a silver flower, and the constellation Orion
foretells the end of the world. Southington Library – Congratulations to Southington Public Library’s for having their Renaissance Fair event featured on ALA’s Programming Librarian website. Suffield Kent Memorial Library – Begins their Winter Reading Program for Adults with Around the World in 42 Day. Win prizes, savor great international cuisine and travel the world through books. West Hartford Noah Webster – The Library presents Author Nicole Blades, who will be discussing her book, The Thunder Beneath Us, on January 11th at 6:30 pm. After the lecture there will be a book signing. Windsor – Have you missed Downtown Abbey since the show went off the air? The Library is hosting its Third Downton Abbey Inspired Tea featuring trivia, tea, and wonderful food on January 22nd at 2:30 pm Windsor Locks – Begins their new BookBuggs Book Club on January 3rd and will meet monthly every first Tuesday. Share with the group information (title, author, and a brief personal review) on novels or nonfiction recently read and enjoyed and speak about it for at least five minutes.

o. Region 3: Elizabeth Thornton Killingly Public Library ADULT PROGRAMS WINTER WELLNESS SERIES *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library* ABSENT-MINDEDNESS & HOW TO OVERCOME IT Presentation by Jo Anne Harrison-Becker, MS (Gerontology) Tuesday January 17th 10 -11 am *Snow Date Tuesday February 21st 10-11 am* REDUCE STRESS, NATURALLY! Presentation by Brad & Pamela Thompson Saturday January 21st & Saturday January 28th 10-11:30 am DRUMMING FOR WELLNESS Featuring Craig Norton & Hands on Drumming Saturday February 11th 1-2 pm EXPRESSIVE ARTS WORKSHOP SERIES Featuring Judith Bird, Expressive Arts Educator Tuesdays March 14th, March 21st, March 28th & April 4th 1:30-2:30 Coloring Club 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:30-2:30 pm Genealogy Club 2nd Wednesday of the month 6-7:30 pm Writer’s Express Last Thursday of the month 6-7:30 pm Last Saturday of the month 10:30am-12 pm BOOK CLUBS The Breakfast Club 3rd Monday of the month 8:30-9:30 March-May Afternoon Book Club 2nd Thursday of the month 2:00 pm January – May Let’s Talk Books 1st Tuesday of the month 6-7 pm January – April Cloaks & Daggers Last Wednesday of the month 6-7 pm January – April GAME NIGHTS January 12th 5:30-7pm April 27th 5:30-7pm ESCAPE ROOM April 21 & April 22 Times are by appointment Looking for something unusual and exciting to do? Are you up for a challenge? Work as a team to gather clues & solve puzzles to complete your mission & escape in this immersive, real-life gaming experience! HISTORY PROGRAMS The Power of Chocolate: Tracing How a Nut Gained So Much Influence on Culture February 9th 5:30-7pm *Lecture & Chocolate Tasting* Inside the Royal Bedchamber: Scandals & Triumphs of Women in Charge March 9th 5:30-7pm POETRY SLAM April 10th 5-7:30pm Ages 14+ We will be scheduling poets every 15 minutes! Refreshments will be served. DIGITAL SERVICE PROGRAMMING Google CS First- Storytelling with Scratch Create. Code. Tell Stories. Ages 9-14 | Wednesdays | 5:00-6:30pm | January 18th-March 22nd Join the library’s first computer science club where you’ll learn to code and use the computer to design your own stories, create and share your own animations, and learn how technology is used in the film and media industry! Free Code Camp Learn to code and help nonprofits! Ages 15+ | Meetings TBD Killingly Public Library will be hosting its own Free Code Camp campsite! Learn to build web applications in JavaScript; then get hands on experience working on real development projects for nonprofits Computer Basics Boot Camp Learn the basics and make computers work for you! Saturdays | 10:00am-1:00pm | April 1 & 15 Register for this two-day basics boot camp to learn to use the keyboard and mouse, browse the Internet, and create your very own Google account for email, creating documents, and storing files! Book our Techie KPL’s Technology Specialist now takes appointments! Our Tech Specialist loves helping patrons, but sometimes there’s no time. Now Killingly residents can book our techie in advanced for up to an entire hour! Need to learn some computer basics? Want to get started with email or social media? Could use some help typing a resume or getting through that pesky online job application? Get a new device you have no idea how to use? This service is for you! CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING Take Your Child to the Library Day All Ages Saturday 10 am February 4th Featuring Story Faces with Agostino Arts. Valentine’s Day Story Time Ages 2-5 February 14th 10:00 am Preschool Story Time Ages 3-
5 Wednesdays 10:00 am March 15th- May 10th Babies Books and Bounces Ages 6 months - 18 months Thursdays 9:30-10:00am March 16th – May 11th Tinker and Tales Ages 1-5 Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am March 16th – May 11th

5. A motion to adjourn was made by Peter Ciparelli, seconded by Lorna Rhyins and passed unanimously.


Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary