

## Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### Middletown Library Service Center

1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. The minutes from the October 6th meeting were approved, with changes. Peter Ciparelli made a motion to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Susan Ray, and passed unanimously.
3. Old Business
  - a. President's Report – Karen Jensen introduced our new Region 1 Rep Britta Santamauro, a school librarian from the Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury. A big thank you to all the Sections and Committees who offered great fall workshops. Karen recently went to meeting for two committees, the CT Center for the Book, which is being revitalized by the CT Humanities Council, and CT Places Matter. March 29<sup>th</sup> will be a legislative action day for CT Places Matter at the Capitol Building. The Fairfield Public Library and Waterbury Public Library will be hosting forums to teach people how to be advocates for important places around the state. The December CLA board meeting will be an opportunity to go over conference proposals.
  - b. Treasurer's Report – Scott Brill reported that he recently received an email from our CPA, CLA's taxes required slightly more paperwork this year due to the amount of money made.
4. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
  - a. ACLB: Dawn LaValle shared that the executive board issued their first newsletter to all library board chairs. Their annual conference is tomorrow and registration is high. Dawn shared some details from their conference.
  - b. ADA: Maria Bernier reported a successful fall meeting at the West Haven library. Topics included mental health issues and service animals.
  - c. Advisory Council for Library Planning & Development: Dawn LaValle reported that the ACLPD committee has recently written their bylaws for the first time. A subcommittee was created for library standards work going forward.
  - d. CLC: Jennifer Keohane reported that the annual membership dues letters were just completed. There were no changes in the dues this year. Their year in review report is also completed and Jennifer brought extra copies for anyone interested. They are working on their non-print media bid for audio books, DVDs, etc. Streaming media and e-books will be done separately. If you have a vendor you'd like to recommend, please contact the CLC office. CLC is offering a discount for admission to a new Maker event titled "Why Making Matters" from 2-8pm on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the University of Hartford.
  - e. CSL: Ken Wiggin let us know that the budget is currently in limbo. He will keep us informed of updates. There may or may not be a reduction in federal funds. A notice will be going out about a public hearing regarding DeliverIt CT to inform the new consultant. The meeting will take place at the CT State Library from 10-12pm on Monday, November

14<sup>th</sup>-LSTA focus groups will meet November 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30pm. Please let Dawn know if you'd like to participate virtually through Go To Meeting. Also, The Edge is back and you can sign up your library for free now. The first session for Excite was an intense three days. The State Library is closed on Monday for an all staff day.

- f. Children's: Sunnie Scarpa & Danielle Valenzano proposed an update to the Children's Section bylaws, the changes were approved at the fall section meeting. After a brief summary of the changes a motion to accept the updated bylaws was made by Kara Gilbert, seconded by Scott Brill, and unanimously accepted.
- g. College & University: Kristina Edwards reported that there was no fall program this year, but the committee has been focusing on the annual conference and InfoLit. They are working collaboratively with CCALD to provide a boot camp/pre-conference before InfoLit.
- h. CLASS: Lorrie Goings & Alberto Cifuentes. Jr. reported that the CLASS Conference was great and the conference was at full capacity with 110 participants.
- i. Conference 2016: Kristina Edwards & Sara Martone reported that the due date for conference proposals is tomorrow. Not every section has submitted a proposal yet. She'll be letting everyone know if there will be a deadline extension by tomorrow morning. One keynote speaker has been chosen and the second one is still under discussion.
- j. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge-Janpol & Lisa Karim reported that they had a great fall workshop this year. Participants were very positive and the feedback indicated that they would change their behavior in response to what they learned. The section has several conference proposals that they are very enthusiastic about.
- k. Editorial: Jenn Datum reminded us that she'd love for us to submit a quick write up and photos from fall programs for the CLA newsletter. She also reminded us that she'll be asking for our most memorable read for 2016, to include in the December newsletter.
- l. FOCL: Frank Ridley reminded everyone that their fall conference is November 19<sup>th</sup> at Central CT State University. The registration deadline is November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- m. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert reported that they're finishing up some proposals for the annual conference. They also are writing a letter to send out to legislators that should be ready at the next meeting or early in the New Year.
- n. Membership: Tom Piezzo thanked everyone for inviting them to their fall workshops to make connections with people who are not yet CLA members. New member discounts are in the works.
- o. NELA: Gail Hurley reported that the NELA conference was last month and she was happy to see CT librarians and staff there. CT almost won the NELA snail back at the NELA games. They came in second place this year and the vendors won. At the annual business meeting, President Deb Hoadley passed the gavel over to the new NELA President, Mary Danko. Gail hopes to invite Mary to a future CLA meeting. The new incoming VP/President Elect, who also chairs the annual conference is Debbie Gadwah-Lambert (NH). Kara Reiman (ME) is incoming Junior Director and Katherine Aydelott (NH) is Secretary. There is still time to register for the Academic Library section program "Academic Library as Maker Space," which is being held Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at the UMass-Lowell Inn & Conference Center.

- p. PEG: Peter Ciparelli reminded everyone that they have money! He'll meet with Regional Reps to look at an application after the meeting.
- q. Public Library: Lorna Rhyins reported that they had a great fall meeting and tour of the new Collaboratory at the Wallingford Public Library. They put in four proposals for the annual conference.
- r. Reference & Adult Services: Lisa Gugliotti reported that their fall workshop went well. They had a webinar with Sarah Mackey the Director of Community Engagement for the National Novel Writing Month (also known as NANOWRIMO).
- s. Resource Sharing: Stephen Cauffman reported that the MLSC roof is done and they're enjoying the peace and quiet.
- t. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan had to cancel their fall program due to low registration. The speakers were very understanding. Laurie is working on some last minute conference proposals.
- u. Young Adult: Jennifer Rummel let us know that they have their fall workshop coming up in two weeks. They're also finishing up their proposals for the annual conference.
- v. Region 2: Susan Ray Avon Free Public Library – Thursday November 3, 2016. Avon Reads Talk: Connecticut's Role in Aviation History - Jerry Roberts, Director of the New England Air Museum, will present an evening lecture on the numerous contributions that the Nutmeg State made to aviation. An "Avon Reads One Book: The Wright Brothers by David McCullough" event. Berlin Peck Library - Banish Bullying Book Discussion, Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:30 PM Girl Scout Cadet Troop 66312 will hold a discussion of the book *Twerp* by Mark Goldblatt. For grades 4 and up, boys and girls welcome. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon Gift Card. Refreshments will be served! Bristol - Nam Sense: Surviving Vietnam with the 101st. Airborne Division, 11/17/2016, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Connecticut 's Arthur Wiknik, Jr. was drafted into the US Army in 1968 at the age of 19 and went on to serve with the 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War. Wiknik tells the story of sporadic episodes of combat, mingling with the locals, tricking unwitting U.S. suppliers into providing his platoon with a year of hard to get food, defying a superior and being punished with a dangerous mission, and struggling with himself and his fellow soldiers as the anti-war movement began to affect his ability to wage war. Burlington Public Library – On November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am the Friends of the Burlington Library will be holding a One Dish Wonder Fundraising event to support the building expansion. Canton Public Library – Furoshiki: The Japanese Art of Wrapping with Fabric with Beth Van Ness on November 19, 11:00 AM. Free workshop to learn basic knots for wrapping and types and sizes of suitable cloth. East Granby Public Library – East Granby continues with their Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies series every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. East Hartford Raymond Library – Hosting a TEDx event on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 pm. East Windsor Warehouse Point library – The Pokemon club for children ages 7-12, will meet on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7 pm. Bring cards to trade and battle. Enfield - Author Katherine Anderson will speak on November 2 at 7:00 pm. For many years Kate has researched the insane asylums and state schools in New England, publishing nonfiction works and lecturing on the history of mental illness. *Hospital Hill* is her first novel on the subject. Farmington Public Library – Their Indie Film Series continues with a showing of the *Wondrous Boccaccio* (2016) on Tuesday, November 29 at 6 pm. Catch the newest critically-acclaimed independent films this fall! Glastonbury Welles Turner Library – James R. Benn, Author of *Blue Madonna* will speak

on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He is the author of the popular Billy Boyle World War II mystery series. Granby Public Library – Granby Public Library and Simsbury Public Library will be teaming up for a series of events during National Novel Writing Month. Activities will be taking place at both libraries during the month with the culmination of a last ditch effort write-in till midnight at the SPL on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Hartford Public Library – Will be holding The 21st Annual Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm; in the Center for Contemporary Culture. Author and teacher Glen MacLeod will talk about “Wallace Stevens and Modern Art: Duchamp, Picasso, Matisse.” Manchester Public Library – Will hold a Middle School Night on Wednesdays, 6-8:30 pm at Cheney. Hang out at the library to play Minecraft, video games, board games and other fun activities. New Britain Public Library – Will be hosting a lecture on A History of Connecticut Food & Wine at 2:00 pm on November 13<sup>th</sup> with Erich Lehmann. Newington Lucy Robbins Welles Library – On November 2<sup>nd</sup> will present an author talk Strapped into an American Dream at 6:30 with Glenn Maynard. Travel with Glenn and his wife through 23 National Parks, Las Vegas, Mardi Gras, and dusty ghost towns. Plainville Public Library – On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm the Library will hold the program Finding a Job Over 50. How do you start to transition to a new career or job especially after having worked for one company for many years? How can you use social media to your advantage? What are the skills needed in this new economy, and how to gain them? How do you put your best foot forward. Rocky Hill Cora Belden Library – Will be holding a book discussion on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 pm on The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens. Simsbury Public Library - Simsbury Public Library and Granby Public Library will be teaming up for a series of events during National Novel Writing Month. Activities will be taking place at both libraries during the month with the culmination of a last ditch effort write-in till midnight at the SPL on November 30<sup>th</sup>. South Windsor - Learn about stop motion animation with the Amazing Animators on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 pm. Work as a team then post your completed video on YouTube. Southington Public Library – Continues their Healthy Living Series of programs presented by area physicians or staff of local medical centers and care centers, including MidState Medical Center, University of Connecticut Medical Center, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Wheeler Clinic, Alzheimer’s Resource Center and Central Connecticut Senior Health Services, Inc. Suffield Kent Memorial Library – Will present Understanding Your Best Friend so Your Best Friend Understands you with Phil Klein, dog listener on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. West Hartford Noah Webster Library – The Benefits of Acupuncture on November 2, 7 pm. Acupuncture has been a staple in traditional Chinese Medicine for centuries, however it remains a mystery to many Americans. Clear up some of the misconceptions and to learn why so many people have decided to seek treatment. During this conversation, you’ll hear about the history of the practice, some of the theories behind why it is effective, and what kinds of ailments can be treated. Wethersfield Public Library – Will be holding their Fall book sale Saturday-Sunday, November 5-6<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Friends Group. Windsor Locks Public Library – Clearing up the JFK Assassination on Tuesday, Nov 22 at 6:30. The Windsor Locks Public Library and the Windsor Locks Library History Group will be hosting a program on the 53rd anniversary of President Kennedy’s assassination. Windsor Public Library - Lincoln Center presentation of Danny Elfman’s Music from the Films of Tim Burton on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The music is accompanied by film clips as well as original sketches and storyboards created by Burton.

- w. Region 5: Christy Billings **Milford Library**: Two exciting things that happened at the Milford Library this month. Early October we had the unveiling ceremony for a WPA

mural that was restored and hung at the Library. The mural had originally hung at one of the local elementary schools and lay, damaged, in storage for many years. Through the efforts of the City of Milford Permanent Arts Committee, funds were raised for the restoration. We hosted a number of programs about the WPA prior to the ceremony and are very excited to have the mural hanging in the Library where everyone can enjoy it. Last weekend, our Friends of the Library hosted our first-ever, adults only event here at the Library, Party in the Stacks. Over 150 people came for this literary themed cocktail party, many in costume! We had a Dj and dancing, literary themed hors d'oeuvres, an awesome silent auction, our City Poet Laureate did a community poem writing activity, our 3D printer was on display printing a large pumpkin (as well as souvenirs for each attendee to take home). We received many comments on what a fun – and different – evening it was!

**Middlefield: Levi Coe:** School is closed for District 13 on November 8<sup>th</sup> for Election Day. Edward Leonard will be in the Lucia K. Ginter's Children Room, Tuesday at 10:30AM with to perform Silly Songs. November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, Marc Youngquist, author of *The 143rd in Iraq: Boots on the ground training Iraqi police* will speak on his experiences overseas. In November, bring in Food for Fines! Bring in canned goods & non-perishables to decrease or eliminate Levi E. Coe Library fines during the month of November. All items will go to the MDF Food Pantry. Please note, donations lower only fines for Levi E. Coe Library.

**Russell Library, Middletown:** Concert: Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3PM in the Hubbard Room Exotic Romanticism Concert with the FaReLa Duo. This concert will include pieces by Manuel de Falla and Cesar Franck, as well as *Pierre et Luce* by Masatoshi Mitsumoto. Common Ground: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival ***The Fool***, (Russia, 2014, directed by Yury Bykov) A dramatic tale worthy of Dostoyevsky, tells the story of one man's fight against a corrupt political system. A young plumber's assistant eking out a living in modern day Russia finds himself drawn into a world of dark secrets and cancerous corruption. Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale Recently published books in excellent condition will be available for holiday gift giving! Fiction, non-fiction in a wide range of subjects will be sold! November 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Open during regular Library hours. Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>: Yoga in the Courtyard. 11AM-12PM No prior experience necessary, and no mats will be used. Our instructor for our outdoor class will be Jeff Hush, founder of Food and Movement Therapy and a local instructor of Family Yoga, Tai Chi and Chair Yoga. Come experience what Yoga flow can do to assist you in feeling calmer and also more energetic. Learn how it helps in having a stronger immune system and better sleep patterns.

**Shelton Library System:** 1. C. Elspeth Lydon has retired from her position as Library Director of the Shelton Library System. Despite pressure from the Library Board to begin a search for a new Director, currently the City of Shelton has no plans to begin such a search and the position may remain unfilled indefinitely. This is compounded with the fact that the position of Assistant Director has not been filled since Karen Jensen left that position over seven years ago. 2. Marcia Austin, Director of the Huntington Branch Library has launched a new program for adults called Creative Juices. The program gives adults a chance to explore their creative minds. Each week on Tuesday from 1-2 we will feature activities to relax, amaze, stimulate and entertain patrons including origami, music appreciation, Lincoln Center concerts, TEDTalks, adult coloring and much more. 3. The Huntington Branch Library will be mark the 25th Anniversary of its opening on January 6, 2017. Plans are underway to celebrate the milestone and make the day special for members of the community and patrons who visit the Library.

5. Jennifer Keohane asked that if you have author events, please send that info to the CT Center for the Book event listing/map on their website.

6. Karen Jensen adjourned the meeting at 11:01. The motion was made by Kym Powe, seconded by Glenn Grube, and passed unanimously.

Attendance: Britta Santamauro, Beth Crowley, Tom Piezzo, Sunnie Scarpa, Laurie Haggan, Lorna Rhyins, Jennifer Rummell, Ken Wiggin, Glenn Grube, Peter Ciparelli, Ellen Cartledge-Janpol, Gerald Seagrave, Marge Ruschau, Susan Ray, Drusilla Carter, Kara Gilbert, Gale Bradbury, Christy Billings, Jennifer Datum, Colleen Bailie, Scott Brill, Karen Jensen, Kristina Edwards, Kymberlee Powe, Stephen Cauffman, Dawn LaValle, Danielle Valenzano, Maria Bernier, Sara Martone, Lisa Gugliotti, Frank W. Ridley, Gail Hurley, Jennifer Keohane, Lorrie Goings.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will on Thursday, December 1st at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.