

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
Thursday, October 1st, 2015
Middletown Library Service Center

1. Beth Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:04am.
2. Board Introductions.
3. The minutes from the September 3rd meeting were approved, with changes.
 - a Peter Ciparelli made the motion, Carl Antonucci seconded and the motion was passed.
4. Old Business
 - a President's Report – Beth Crowley
 - i. Beth recently sent a letter to the President and Academic Dean at Three Rivers Community College in support of their LTA program. The President responded that they will be assessing the programing with the goal of continuing it in a sustainable way.
 - ii. On September 17th Beth met with Access Health. They would like to provide libraries with information to disseminate to the general public. A representative from Access Health will attend next month's meeting to discuss this opportunity. Beth also met with the Secretary of the State regarding online voter registration. They will also attend next month's meeting. Beth believes by helping people/organizations disseminate information when their budgets are tight we will create advocates in case library budgets are threatened in the future.
 - iii. Beth also reminded everyone that she'll be participating in a state leader panel discussion at the upcoming NELA conference. Please email her with any issues you think she should discuss.
 - iv. A motion was made to send a letter to President Obama recommending that the next Librarian of Congress be a Librarian. This motion was made by Carl Antonucci and seconded by Peter Ciparelli. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b Treasurer's Report - Nicole Greco
 - i. Nicole noted that income on the most recent report is mainly from membership dues. Starting in September we'll see more income from fall workshops. CLA's tax return is currently being prepared.
 - ii. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Karen Jensen, seconded by Chris Angeli and the motion was passed unanimously.
5. New Business
 - a We had a special presentation for State Representative Andrew Fleischmann, who serves the 18th district and is in his 11th term. As Chairman of the Education Committee, Representative Fleischmann has recognized the role libraries play, along with schools, as part of CT's educational system. Ken Wiggin and Carl Antonucci said a few words about

the importance of Representative Fleischmann's advocacy for libraries. Beth presented him with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of CT libraries and librarians. Representative Fleischmann talked briefly about why he believes in the importance of the library system. He thanked everyone for their advocacy efforts, especially Ken Wiggin for providing him with information to take to the leadership and appropriation committee, and asked that we all continue our advocacy efforts - even when budgets are not being threatened.

- b Bobby Shea brought up the idea that some decision makers have discussed charging fees for special library services, as a way of making up for budget cuts. Beth added that suspending services to, or charging, out of town residents for services has also been brought up and that librarians would like to avoid this situation at all costs. Representative Fleischmann noted that he thought it would be helpful to educate the public at large that we have a great CT State library system, and all the ways this system benefits patrons. Bobby Shea asked if it would be a good idea to invite lawmakers to visit their public libraries, to learn more about what they offer during this "off season." Representative Fleischmann added to that idea by proposing a "thank you tour" where legislators might stop by a library for a 30 minute program to highlight programs that weren't cut during the most recent budget season. Richard Conroy commented that a statute that penalized libraries financially if they charged fees for service might be useful. Ken Wiggin will look into the possibility of a statute update. Dawn also mentioned that there will be relevant financial information included in the forthcoming library standards. Jennifer Keohane asked Representative Fleischmann to consider how CLC's value could be better communicated with lawmakers and voters. Dawn highlighted the importance of CT being able to operate as a regional system and thanked the Representative for his support to continue this efficient and effective system.
- c CCM Convention - Dawn LaValle
 - i. The Aspen Institute program worked with four "dialogue" libraries this past year and three of those libraries were recently chosen to be part of a national pilot program to develop strategies for library re-visioning. On October 20th at the Hartford Convention Center a distinguished panel of speakers will discuss this strategic partnership.
- d Review of proposed registration rates for the 2016 Conference and a call for action to approve the proposed rates - Katy Dillman & Thomas Piezzo
 - i. They are withdrawing the current rate structure that was sent out to board members, based on comments by Nicole regarding a bylaw that requires non-members to pay 30% more than members. They will present new registration and exhibitor rates at the next meeting.
 - ii. Beth would like to form a task force to take a look at the entire financial plan, since it was last updated in 2010. Please email Beth if you're interested in serving on this task force.
 - iii. Chris Angeli asked if parking, etc. was included in the proposed rates. Thomas responded that parking and all meals is included, the only extra charge would be

hotel costs. He also reminded everyone that November 6th is the due date for program proposals. They are working on creating an archive of past programs, so duplication can be avoided.

6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports

a ADA: Ed Morrissey

- i. Maria will be going to Farmington this weekend to staff a booth during their “Building a Better Life” event. The ACLB conference is scheduled for November 6th.

b ALA: Carl Antonucci

- i. He thanked everyone for endorsing the letter to President Obama. He also noted that he can send CT conference info to ALA.

c Career Development: Richard Conroy

- i. Their meeting in September was re-scheduled for October 26th, programs for the conference will be discussed.

d CLC: Jennifer Keohane

- i. CLC worked with Westport on a recent event called Makerspace 3.0, which included a panel of four libraries with new maker spaces, including the Brain Station at Milford Public Library, the Owl Lab at SCSU, the Collaboratory at the Wallingford Public Library, and Wamogo Regional High School’s makerspace.
- ii. An updated number of the amount of money CLC saved local libraries this past year will be going out in the mail soon.
- iii. There are currently two openings at CLC for librarians with MLIS degrees, please reach out to Jennifer for more information.
- iv. Jennifer is also currently working on Take Your Child to the Library Day, which is happening on February 6th, 2016 and is in its 5th year. She is shooting for 100% participation in CT this year. Demco is producing more products for TYCLD 2016 and they are planning even more outreach to partners, in order to steer non-patrons to the library.
- v. CLC has discovered that bus trips to ALA Midwinter in Boston may not be cost effective, but contact Jennifer for more info.

e Commission on Educational Technology: Colleen Bailie

- i. Colleen attended the recent CEN minecraft workshop. She reported that data centers will be moved to Hartford and expanding to more municipalities. They are continuing work on the library upgrade project and received money from the State to connect everyone to fiber. A sub-committee will be created to discuss benchmarks and open education resources. A new Executive Director position has been posted to CLC.

- f CSL: Ken Wiggin
 - i. Ken will work on an official proclamation for TYCLD, when info comes from Jennifer.
 - ii. The CSL received a SPARKS grant from IMLS in the amount of \$25,000 for libraries, archives and museums to teach how to use electronic finding aids. Watch for announcements about hands on training opportunities.
 - iii. The Governor may be cutting more from the CT budget in advance of the next budget season. An announcement about IConn reductions in service will be forthcoming, after a conversation with academic libraries. There will be some impact on public libraries as well. A reduction in Connecticut payments and grants to public libraries is also expected. However, funds could potentially be restored in February, before spring payments. Ken will propose no cuts to library funding, instead reducing non-library related expenditures. Tom Newman has relevant statistics if they are needed for advocacy efforts.
 - iv. Dawn commented that the Justice Fair was very successful. Legal aid representatives, judges, law librarians and others all discussed what libraries could do to help their communities. Dawn commented on how libraries and legal aid have similar missions. Resources and calendars were shared. More pro bono activities in public libraries will be encouraged, contact Dawn for more info. Fact sheets can also be sent via C-CAR. A ready reference tool for Reference Desks is currently in development.
 - v. An upcoming Health Literacy Summit will include information from Uconn's Health Net, 2-1-1, and the Dept. of Public Health; what resources are available to libraries and how they can be used.
- g Children's: Kimberlee Powe & Sunnie Scarpa
 - i. The annual Children's Section meeting is tomorrow. Forty-one people are currently registered. The question of videotaping the workshops was brought up and discussed. It was decided that there were too many issues to consider for this year, so only handouts and notes will be shared at this point.
- h College & University: Kristina Edwards
 - i. Kristina is nailing down the last speaker for their meeting mid-November at the Wallingford Public Library. The InfoLit conference committee is meeting mid-October.
- i CLASS: Alberto Cifuentes. Jr.
 - i. The CLASS conference info is now live. Registration is available online and via paper registration. Free parking passes are also available. Programming is finalized and includes Jennifer Keohane, Steve Cauffman, Ken Wiggin, and Janice Law, as well as workshops on laughter yoga, genealogy, and how to evaluate websites for reliability. Please encourage support staff to attend.

- j Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge
 - i. Ellen noted that their workshop with Maxine Bleiweis is coming up on October 8th and currently has 61 registrants.
- k Editorial: Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Marjorie told everyone to keep the photos coming. Jenn Datum told everyone she just tweeted the photo with Representative Fleischmann. They are getting ready for next month's newsletter. Thanks to everyone for using CLA StarChapter email. Check out CLA's social sites!
- l Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - i. Carl noted that the legislative committee would be meeting right after this meeting to talk strategy.
- m NELA: Beth Crowley
 - i. Beth went to her last NELA board meeting this month in Rhode Island. NELA will be working on the NEASC issue regarding academic library standards.
 - ii. Mary Etter is the most recent winner of the Emerson Greenaway award for making a contribution to the library profession in CT and regionally. Beth noted that Mary was the mastermind behind the NELA Games. This year's NELA conference is October 25th-27th.
- n PEG: Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Please remind staff to apply for PEG money.
- o Publicity: Kirk Morrison
 - i. The third annual Media Matters 2.0 will be held March 11th at the Wallingford Public Library. The focus will be using media in a transformative way. Their committee will be meeting soon to prepare for the CLA Publicity Awards. Kirk was very positive about the Justice Fair and will be working on an ongoing partnership. He will talk to Dawn to make sure that efforts aren't duplicated.
- p Procedures: Christine Angeli
 - i. Chris noted that documents on the CLA website need to be updated. She is working with Jenn on this project.
- q Public Library: Sally Tornow
 - i. Just a reminder that the Public Libraries Section will be holding its Fall Program (Creative Spaces: From Duct Tape to 3d Printers) at Bristol Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, beginning at 9:30 AM. Also, that registration for Passport to CT Libraries is open until Dec. 31st, and as of 10/1, 65 libraries had signed up.
- r Reference & Adult Services: Allison Wilkos

- i. The upcoming Hartford tour has been finalized. It will take place on Friday October 23rd and include tours of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, the Hartford Public Library History Center, and the CT State Library. Registration ends October 15th.
- s Technical Services: Laurie Haggan
 - i. Laurie is choosing speakers and creating tickets for the conference on November 12th. She's also updating bylaws and advertising materials and working on getting more people involved who work in acquisitions, mending, etc.
- t Young Adult: Lorna Rhyins
 - i. A Young Adult regional meetup will take place on November 13th with keynote speaker Teri Lesesne, author of "Naked Reading."
- u Region 1: Sue Dowdell
 - i. Sue sent in this report- Both **Beacon Falls** and **Woodbury** Libraries are hosting Matthew Bartlet this month for his program, "Demonology, the Occult and the Metaphysical During the American Civil War" Naugatuck's **Howard Whittemore Library** is hosting an Oktoberfest fundraiser with wine, beer, appetizers and German music tonight, Oct. 1st, at Jesse Camille' Restaurant. **New Canaan Library** is hosting a "Make your own Halloween monster out of clay!" for grades 3-5 where they will use the 3D scanner to create a digital version of their creation. At a later time, they can print their creation on the 3D printer. Torrington Library is holding a book discussion and presentation on *Brass Valley: The Fall of An American Industry* by Emery Roth II: on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30pm at Coe Park Memorial Civic Center in collaboration with the Torrington Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Trust. Gunn Memorial Library in Washington announces the opening of a new show of photography by local award-winning artist Terri Tibbatts featuring Connecticut and Vermont scenery. The opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from September 26 to November 7 and may be viewed during normal library hours. Besides being an accomplished photographer, Terri Tibbatts is a book artist, photographer, printmaker and calligrapher. She is a student of Japanese brushwork and book arts and has exhibited her work exclusively and in private and university collections across the U.S. Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury has a new director. Raechel Guest, a Waterbury resident, had worked as executive director of the Cornwall Historical Society since 2011. She begins in October. 8th ANNUAL FARMERS' MARKET at the **Watertown Library Association's** Parking Lot is continues on Saturdays (9-1) through October 10, 2015. Their Friends of Library's Book Nook is also open during market hours. On Saturday 3 October 2015 the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council will bring their Ancestors Road Show to the **Woodbury Public Library**. Between 10 AM and 2 PM professional genealogists will offer the public their services for 25 minute free consultations.

v Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau

- i. **Avon** -- hosting 3-part lecture series on medical ethics, Sept. 29, Oct. 22 and Nov. 17, 7 p.m. **Prosser, Bloomfield** -- providing coloring books and pencils for adults **Canton** -- storytimes that include a walk with the 3+-year-olds. Thursdays in Oct -- hosting a talk by the Visiting Nurses Association on importance of vaccines, Oct. 2, 1 p.m. --staff dressed like pirates for Sam Collins Day, which coincided with Talk Like a Pirate Day. **East Hartford** -- Governor cut the ribbon at the renovated East Hartford library in September. **Enfield** -- pairing with Asnuntuck Community College for discussions and other activities centered on Jack McLean's book "Loon: A Marine Story." **Hartford** -- held a panel discussion with local theater directors on banned plays. -- pairing with Connecticut Science Museum for a noon talk on DNA sequencing, Oct. 5. -- pairing with the Hartford History Center for a 3-month exhibit on former prince-turned-slave-turned-businessman Venture Smith. -- have ongoing class for teens on making apps, Wednesdays, 2 p.m. **Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill** -- beginning Python computer programming class for participants in grades 6 and older, including adults! taught by high school student, and will be going over a variety of beginner to intermediate level programming topics. Monday nights, Oct.-Nov. -- adding a tinkering program for adults, starting with Arduino, a \$25 microcontroller. Tuesdays in Oct. 11 a.m. **Simsbury** -- honored reference librarian Celia Ann Roberts for 50 years of service. -- holding an 80s family dance party for all ages, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. **South Windsor** -- Director Mary Etter will be honored with the Emerson Greenaway Award at the NELA Annual Conference **Southington** -- library received a \$6,000 donation in memory of a former library board member and volunteer. It will go towards library's expansion. **Kent Memorial, Suffield** -- Still in temporary quarters because of delays involving PCBs. Hope to back home in early 2016. -- Added BookFlix, an ebook database for the very young and a Krayon Kiosk iPad station to Children's Room. **Wethersfield** -- back by popular demand, a zombification workshop for teens by a special effects makeup artist, Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m. **Windsor** -- held grand opening for new Music Makerspace.

w Region 3: Janice Wilson

- i. Andover Public Library – September 23 event – Exploring northeastern caves
Babcock Public Library – Has a new website, Sept. 12 had Wine and Spirit tasting fundraiser event sponsored by friends group, Oct. 13 event – All You Can Craft Buffet and a long-term care seminar, Wednesdays 6-8 basic computer support person is in, has a gofundme page, booksale from Oct 14 through 18. Bentley Memorial Library – Sept. 13 had long-term care program, Oct. 13 – Howlariious Halloween with Mary Jo Maichack, Oct. 15 – black bear presentation by Ray Hardy – Master Wildlife conservationist, on 9/24, 10/29, 11/19, and 12/17 having Justice & the Community book discussions led by John Valeri. Canterbury Public Library – Oct. 8 and 15 – card stamping with Arlene Sweet, Oct 29 – Paranormal encounters an evening with the Cript team, Oct. 29 – Halloween

cake decorating Saxton B. Little Public Library - Saxton B. Little Library's building is now closed and the majority of the collection is in storage until further notice. The Library has moved across the street to very small building that was the original library. The "Mini B" as we are calling it, will officially re-open on Oct 13. Booth & Dimock – Sept. 23 toddler dance party, Oct. 8 archaeology with Charlie Blanchard, Oct 13 – author visit by Will Sis - CT Beer, A history of Nutmeg state brewing, Oct 1 – cookbook club (make your favorite recipe and join them for dinner), still going strong with their 3D printer. Douglas Library –Intro to 3D printing classes (beginner Oct. 6 and Nov. 10, intermediate Oct. 20 and Nov. 24), Sept. 30 booking signing and discussion – Sidonia’s Thread by Hannah Perlstein Marcus, Fall Friday Foreign Films from Sept. 18-Oct. 23. Killingly Public Library – Began Fall 2015 Genealogy Workshop Series:

- Genealogy Basics
- Web Research and DNA Testing
- Using the Census and Military Records
- Record Searching the Old Country
- Brick Walls, Where Do We Go From Here?

Also offering five-session course on Essentials of Typing. Mansfield Public Library - As our librarians perform a lot of outreach in different parts of town each month, and we also do a daily “run” to our Library Express station, the Town has provided the library with an electric car, which is a heck of a lot of fun to drive! We had magnets made with the Library Express logo and put them on the sides of the car to help promote our new service. It’s great to work in a community that so supports its library. Oct. 7 – estate planning workshop, Oct. 1 – Thursday night with Fast Jack Farrell, author of Fast Jack, The Last Hustler, spent 50 years as a professional gambler. Pomfret Public Library – October 23rd program on CT Ghosts and Legends by authors Tom D’Agostino & Arlene Nicholson. Putnam Public Library – New teen librarian, Jen Lamoureux. Rockville Public Library – Oct. 6, Remnants of the Loom City by Robert Hurd discusses Rockville’s growth during 19th and 20th centuries. Oct. 19, Adult coloring book group. Oct 24, CT Science Center program Science in Motion. Somers Public Library – October 3, Read to the Dogs with Allan’s Angels. Oct. 20, Howlariious Halloween with Mary Jo Maichack. Oct. 21, Scrabble Night. Oct. 26, Halloween crafternoon for kids. Stafford Public Library – On any Friday afternoon at 3:30 for Calling all Young Actors, come try out for a play “First Thanks to Giving Feast” written and directed by retired school teacher Kit Randall. Sterling Public Library – Clothing Bank, library accepts clothing contributions and during specified hours anyone is free to choose needed items. Thompson Public Library – Has adult coloring station and group meeting Monday nights.

x Region 4: Kymberlee Powe

- i. Saturday October 3, 2-3PM: The Friends of Greenwich Library will present a free concert with Graham Clarke as part of the Friends Children’s Series. Graham Clarke is the tri-state area's premier children's musician. Since he started in 1995, he has released six albums. With thousands of gigs up and down the U.S. eastern seaboard, his brand of high-energy interactivity and off-center humor

and songs have made him a perennial favorite for children and their parents. This 60-minute concert is open to all at no charge through the support of the Friends of Greenwich Library. Assigned seating tickets are limited to six per person and will be available at noon at the Cole Auditorium. Return at 1:50 pm when the doors will open for the performance. Saturday October 3, all day: Calling all Greenwich history enthusiasts! Take part in our Greenwich Library geocaching adventure. Geocaches are hidden near Greenwich historical locations, and it is your job to find them! Arrive at the Main Library's Welcome Desk any time after 9 am to receive an important information packet plus some free swag! At that point you will be equipped to explore downtown Greenwich and locate some caches. Will you be the FTF (first to find)? Fun for all ages! Upload photos using #GLgeocaching2015 to share in the experience with everyone. Contact: Siobhan Schugmann. Monday October 5, 7-9 PM: Greenwich Library has been selected to serve as a host site for the 9th annual China Town Hall webcast sponsored by the National Committee on United States-China Relations, one of only two CT locations. The program will take place on Monday, October 5 from 7-9 p.m. in the Cole Auditorium. Wednesday October 7, 7-9PM: Join AuthorsLive@GreenwichLibrary and JCC of Greenwich for an evening with Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of People of the Book, Year of Wonders, and March. Her new novel, The Secret Chord, is about one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: King David, a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage. Cole Auditorium Fridays October 2-23, 11 AM-1PM: The New Yorker Discussion Group is a 6 week series of lively community-based discussions about the articles, covers, poems and cartoons in each week's magazine. The scope of the New Yorker discussions include topics such as the political scene, finance, medicine, the law, contemporary culture, profiles of world leaders and cultural figures, food, travel, fiction and humor. Readers also enjoy the unexpected, such as a humorous Talk of the Town piece, an exploration of the Cronut or a provocative small, spot illustration. Participants discuss essays and commentary by leading authors and bestselling writers such as Malcolm Gladwell, Evan Osnos, George Packer, David Sedaris, Jill Lepore, Rachel Aviv, Michael Pollan and David Remnick, the editor of the New Yorker. Second floor Meeting Room. Wednesday October 14, 7-8 PM: The first meeting of the Middle School Greenwich Student Leadership Council volunteer teen advisory group. Info at <http://bit.ly/1iZSxp7>. For grades 8-12, the older Student Leadership Council group gets together on two Thursdays this month, October 8 & 22, 7-8 PM. Saturday, October 17, 11 AM- NOON: Free Comic Book Day at Greenwich Library. Students up to grade 12 are invited to pick up free comics, trade with

other collectors & fans, and watch comics related videos. This program kicks off Teen Read week 2015, which will run October 17-24 across US libraries.

y Region 5: Christy Billings

- i. The **Milford PL** is poised to open its new makerspace, The Brain Station. In partnership with The Milford Education Foundation, we will soon be offering 3D printing, audio/visual editing with an iMac (5k retina display), Intuos tablet and pen, small electronics and more. We are also sponsoring a First Lego League Robotics team, called The Station Masters. Due to our small space we have planned to keep much of our smaller equipment mobile, and staff participated in a city festival last week making posters using our portable green screen and ipads. We have chosen the 2016 title for our community reads program, *One City One Story*. The adult title is *The Boys in the Boat*, with companion titles for our younger readers. The middle grade title is *Jim Thorpe: Original All-American* by Joseph Bruchac and our preschool title is *Wilma Unlimited* by Kathleen Krull. Most programming will take place in the spring, but titles were chosen early to allow the schools to incorporate the titles into their curriculum. Our new - and first ever - teen librarian, Diana Preece, has started and we are excited to be expanding programs to this age group. Hopefully, we should soon be filling two library assistant positions, made vacant due to retirement and promotion.
Coming Soon – Renovations at Meriden Public Library MERIDEN – In the next couple of months, Meriden Public Library will be replacing its 43 year old circulation desk with a new fully-wired and efficient service desk as well as a matching reference desk. As part of the project, new lighting will be installed to brighten the Library's entrance and main checkout area. New carpeting will also be installed in most of the public areas. Until the project is completed, the Library will set up a temporary check out desk and may divert patrons to alternative entrances depending on where work is being done. The public should also expect the Library to closed for a few days when the carpeting and new desks are installed. Closing and other disruptions will be posted on our website, telephone system and in the newspaper. Although these overdue and much needed improvements will cause temporary inconvenience to the public and staff, the end result should be fantastic! Funding for this project has come from a State Library Construction Grant, the generous support of the Friends of the Meriden Library and from the Meriden community. **Oct 19th Author Kristen Higgins 7PM East Hampton Public Library** thought we might share info about a series of local programs that speak to the maker movement in both libraries and communities. In short form, East Hampton Public Library is partnering with our local Rotary Club and a local/major child care center, Kids of Chatham Organization (KOCO), to offer S.T.E.A.M. related programs to grades 5-7 on some national holidays (library closed) and on select school vacation days. The programs will be hosted by KOCO -- where some kids already are -- and without excluding kids who aren't. Programs are co-developed by Rotary/library and staffed by Rotary/library volunteers/KOCO staff. All programs are free. **Levi E. Coe Library! Crafting at Coe**
Adults need time for crafts, too! Every other Wednesday, join us to explore a craft project. October 7 6pm-Beading October 21 Paper Crafts. Join us on Wednesday, October 7 for a story time and trip to the [Middlefield Volunteer Fire](#)

Company. Please meet at Levi E. Coe Library at 10:30 for a story, then as a group we will walk across the street to the fire house. Take a *Story Walk*! Check out the newest story, *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina, at Peckham Park. Reading *Caps for Sale* while going for a walk around the Peckham Park track will make your workout go by quickly! The Story Walk is a group collaboration between Levi E. Coe Library, CVEF (Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation) and Middlefield Parkandrecreation Russell Library Friends Book Sale Oct 9th and 10th New YA Librarian: Heather Scussell will be joining our team on September 1st. Heather has been a Reference and Teen Librarian at the Guilford Free Library for the past few years and has interned and worked as a substitute librarian at the Otis Library in her hometown of Norwich. We are very excited to get started with putting more emphasis on our teen services! *Middletown International Film Festival: 7th Annual: Common Ground Tuesdays at 7PM Oct 6th-Nov 10th Multiple locations*: Russell Library, Wesleyan University and Middlesex Community College (check each date). Free admission; brief introductions and Q&A following each film, provided by area scholars. *Understanding Shakespeare: Wed Oct 7th 6:30PM Hubbard Room A* quick dip into the language of Shakespeare, including metrical structure, rhythm, literary devices, rhetoric and tools for understanding the text. This workshop will be off the page and on our feet. Don't be afraid! Seasoned aficionado or new to the Bard, we welcome you to join us. Ages 15 and up. *Accessing Mental Health and Addiction Services Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm, Hubbard Room A* big part of getting well is knowing where to find the people and resources that can help you. River Valley Services will help guide you through the various mental health and addiction agencies within Middlesex County. Come and find out what is offered, and how you can get started! Drop-in, no registration.

z Region 6: Betty Anne Reiter

- i. Plans are in the works for an Eastern regional One Book, One Region program featuring the book "Just Mercy." Info will be posted on onebookeoneregion.org.

aa FOCL: Frank Ridley

- i. A State Senator will be coming to speak at the upcoming event. John Kehoe, a rare book dealer, will be discussing pricing for older books and attendees are invited to bring old books for appraisal. Registration is available on the FOCL website.

7. Beth Crowley adjourned the meeting at 11:53am.

- a The motion was made by Carl Antonucci and seconded by Allison Wilkos. The motion was passed unanimously.

Attendance: Kymberlee Powe, Dawn LaValle, Tom Piezzo, Beth Crowley, Karen Jensen, Nicole Greco, Steve Cauffman, Betty Ann Reiter, Vivian Bordeaux, Alberto Cifuentes, Jr., Cindy Schofield, Mary Etter, Frank W. Ridley, Kristina Edwards, Allison Wilkos, Carl Antonucci, Ellen G. Cartledge, Sally Tornow, Kirk Morrison, Christy Billings, Laurie Haggan, Richard Conroy, Marge Ruschau, Danielle Valenzano, Chris Angeli, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Lisa Karim, Colleen Bailie, Bernadette Niedermeier, Sunnie Scarpa, Janice Wilson.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will be on Thursday, November 5th at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.