

**Connecticut Library Association-Executive Board Meeting  
Middletown Library Service Center  
August 2, 2012**

- I. Call to Order: Carl DeMilia called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: the members of the board introduced themselves
- III. Approval of Minutes: Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mary Etter. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. President's Report
    - i. Carl DeMilia announced the Standing Committee Chair appointments as follows:
      1. ADA: Elaine Krikorian
      2. Archivist: Gerald Seagrave
      3. Awards: Region Representatives
      4. Career Development: Michael Spellmon
      5. Customer Service: Brandie Doyle
      6. Development and Planning: Lucy Maziar
      7. Editorial: Kate Sheehan
      8. Intellectual Freedom: Peter Chase
      9. Legislative: Carl Antonucci and Jay Johnston
      10. Membership: Kate Byroade (interim)
      11. Procedures: Mary Etter
      12. PEG: Peter Ciparelli
      13. Publicity: Tara Borden
  - b. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Outgoing Treasurer, Alison Wang, distributed the profit/loss report for FY 2011/2012. The conference was successful and cash flow is good however membership is down. The July Leadership Institute drew 79 attendees and earned a profit of \$1,500.
    - ii. Alison reminded Section Chairs that 2012/2013 budget requests need to be in as soon as possible and definitely before August 31.
    - iii. Incoming Treasurer, Christina Baum, said she is getting up to speed and will be making her first report as Treasurer next month.
    - iv. Christina asked that Richard Conroy, Vice President-President-Elect, be added as an authorized signature for check signing. Jay Johnston moved, Alison Wang seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- V. New Business
  - a. Reader's First Initiative
    - i. Guest Vince Juliano from the Middletown Library presented the ReadersFirst Initiative, a nation-wide movement to improve e-book access and services for public library users. Vince said the tenants of the movement are fundamental

to our profession and as CLA speaks for a large group of libraries and librarians he asked Board members to approve signing on as a supporting organization. The LION Consortium has joined as well as the Hartford Public Library, the Essex Library and the Connecticut State Library. 158 library systems across the country have joined in support of this effort. After some discussion, Peter Chase moved that CLA sign the ReadersFirst Initiative, Mary Etter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. ALA 50 State Salute
  - i. Peter Chase said in honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Banned Books Week, ALA had asked all 50 states to create a 2-4 minute PSA about the importance of this annual observance that will be uploaded to YouTube. CLA is going to participate by shooting a video at the Mark Twain house with Carl DeMilia narrating a passage from *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Discussion followed regarding whether to directly or indirectly address the censorship issues with the book including language that may be offensive to viewers. Jay Johnston agreed to provide the video camera. Peter reminded Board members Banned Books Week is the first week of October so if libraries are doing displays they should order materials soon.

## VI. Reports

- a. Association for Connecticut Library Boards
  - i. Betsy McIlvaine said their fall workshop has been scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at the University of Hartford and topics will include advocacy as well as how to give money to your library.
- b. Children's
  - i. Lynn Zaffino said the Children's Annual Meeting, "Tuning In, Reaching Out," will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Easton Library. The Connecticut Humanities Council is sponsoring keynote speaker Michael Sullivan who will discuss how to connect boys with books. Registration is currently live on StarChapter.
- c. College & University
  - i. Susan Slaga said their fall workshop will be held in October with more details to come.
  - ii. Central Connecticut State University's One Book, One Community program has selected the book *Beyond Religion: Ethics for the Whole World* by the Dalai Lama in anticipation of his visit to Connecticut in October 2012. The Dalai Lama will be speaking at Western Connecticut State University on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Conference
  - i. Richard Conroy announced Chris Angeli and Jason Neely have been selected as the 2014 Conference Chairs.
- e. Friends of Connecticut Libraries
  - i. Mary Engels said their fall workshop has been scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at Central Connecticut State University and topics include getting and keeping members and the impact of e-books on book sales.

- f. Reference and Adult Services
  - i. Paula Cook said their fall workshop has been scheduled for October 11 at the Henry Carter Hull Library in Clinton and will feature the Associate Director of Marketing for the New York Public Library who will discuss tips for using social media.
  
- g. State Library
  - i. Ken Wiggin said the State Library Board has given approval for the State Library to be a supporter of the ReadersFirst Initiative.
  - ii. ACLPD's e-book task force is still active and with Ernie DiMattia as Chair.
  - iii. Ken said the search for a Director for the Department of Library Development is going well. Mary Engels said one of the DLD's strategic plan initiatives to provide extra support to smaller, limited-funded libraries has started with each staff member visiting four libraries to let them know about the services and help DLD can provide.
  
- h. Young Adult
  - i. Linda Williams said their fall workshop has been scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wallingford Public Library. Topics will include a repeat of the CLA program on teenage brain development and rethinking and assessing teen programs.
  
- i. World Book Night
  - i. Betty Anne Reiter said registration for World Book Night 2013 is now open and will take place on April 23, 2013. Libraries sign up to be book pick-up locations for volunteers to get books to give away at places in the community other than the library.
  
- j. Region 1 – Sally Tornow
  - i. The New Milford Public Library is planning a month-long program in May 2013 to celebrate the history of the Town. Legendary film maker, Ken Burns, will be the keynote speaker during the event.
  
- k. Region 2 –Marjorie Ruschau
  - i. The Wethersfield Public Library added an adult summer reading program this year which seemed popular.
  - ii. Kate Byroade said a \$12 million expansion for the Manchester Public Library will be on the 2012 Presidential Ballot.
  
- l. Region 3 – Peter Ciparelli
  - i. The Quiet Corner Reads, an eleven library mini-consortium of libraries in Northeast Connecticut recently concluded a very successful 2012 season. QCR had as their "One Book" this year, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The "One Book" program ran from April to June and concluded with a wonderful author event on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Tyrone Farm in Pomfret. Vanessa gave a great presentation and autographed copies of her novel. Over 125

people attended the event which was held for the second year at the farm. For more information please see the web site [www.quietcornerreads.org](http://www.quietcornerreads.org).

- ii. The Killingly Public Library will be adding a new permanent sign to its property. As part of the “lease-burning” and receiving the library property from the Blumenthal Trust, the library will receive a sign bearing the new library logo which is now on the KPL library cards. The sign will be installed on the property near the corner of Westcott Road and Route 12. It is expected to be in place sometime after the Labor Day Holiday. An open house is being planned for the middle of October. More information will be forthcoming. The library web site is [www.killinglypubliclibrary.org](http://www.killinglypubliclibrary.org).

m. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski

- i. The Ridgefield Library is preparing to move into temporary quarters in the former Balducci’s Market in downtown Ridgefield. The Library will close on August 20th to prepare for the move, storing a large portion of the collection while the library is renovated and expanded. They will reopen in temporary quarters on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The project is expected to take 16-18 months.
- ii. Darien Library is hosting a Library Journal Lead the Change Leadership Event on September 18<sup>th</sup>, featuring John Blyberg, Matthew Poland and Ken Wiggin. This event is taking place at locations across the country featuring speakers who will energize, inspire and enlighten.
- iii. Stratford Library has selected Connor Grennan’s “Little Princes” as their One Book, One Stratford title. Focusing on volunteerism, Nepalese culture and the tragedy of child trafficking, a variety of programs and events are scheduled September through November.

n. Region 5 – Chris Angeli

- i. *Russell Library – Middletown* is dealing with a bedbug issue. The Library was closed Tuesday, July 31 at 5:00 through Thursday, August 2 for extermination. The pest control company brought in a dog to identify occurrences of infestation, and found very few. Suspect items were treated using the extreme heat method and staff continues to be vigilant and isolate any returned items that might be suspect. UPDATE 8/14/12: The pest control dog returned Thursday evening and found no occurrences anywhere in the building. The Library has contracted for routine “check-ups” with the pest control company and has on order a PackTite portable heating unit so that we may treat any suspect items found between exterminator visits. We will also be replacing much of our upholstered furniture with a more bug-resistant style.
- ii. *Scranton Library - Madison* has started planning for the installation of a drive-up outside book drop in response to requests from residents. The book drop is being donated by Anthony Perrelli a resident who also donated one to the Henry Carter Hull Library in Clinton. They are aiming for a fall installation. The Library is offering its first online Adult Summer Program with 48 participants signed up to date. Participants log the number of books they read to earn prizes

and entries into the Grand Prize raffle for a Kindle Fire. Several programs have also been planned related to the "Between the Covers" nighttime theme including a book making class and nighttime photography workshop. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Scranton Library. Teen librarian, Katie Fargo, is collaborating with the Madison Senior Center to offer Teen Tech help for older adults. The program is held at the Senior Center and is a drop-in format where seniors can come with any device or question and receive help from the over 15 teen volunteers. The first two, hour-long programs brought in 8 and 12 seniors respectively.

- iii. *Cromwell Belden Public Library* Each summer the Library chooses a theme to help publicize the library. This year the theme is "Cromwell Reads, You Can Make A Difference." It's a green theme with the schools. The Library will host a family music, artwork, and lemon ice event in August. Amidst the arts, students have helped create displays of endangered animals, how a computer cartridge is refilled, and a bulletin board of green ideas. They give a prize each month for the best idea. September's event will be "Glorious Greens" with Robin Glowa, the conscious Cook. They will also invite their community garden coordinator, Farmland coordinator (not much left in Cromwell). In October, they will finish with a MAKE A DIFFERENCE Day "used book sale" on October 27. (Make a Difference Day, of course).
- iv. *The Henry Carter Hull Library –Clinton* The Library has partnered with the following shoreline libraries and agencies to develop programs and share information to assist job seekers: Acton (Old Saybrook) Library, Scranton Memorial (Madison) Library, Guilford Free Library, Unilever, CTWorks, Valley Shore Literacy Volunteers, Southeastern CT SCORE, Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, and Old Saybrook Social Services. Some of the programs/ideas under development are:
  - a. **Programs** Social Services Help Day, CTWorks programs in Branford and Old Saybrook, Photographer taking LinkedIn photos, Small group computer skills sessions, Job Fair with CTWorks, Get Youth and Family Services volunteers to teach one-on-one computer skills, Motivational programs, Networking breakfasts but call it something else to limit the stigma of looking for a job, CTWorks grants for small business, Job scams program.
  - b. **Ideas** Create your own PSA and send it to radio stations or video PSA to TV stations, give out jobseeker resource kits with USB, social service info, vouchers to free dry cleaning, laundromat, haircut, etc. Get your library patrons to send letters to the editor, and Jobseeker questionnaire.

VII. Adjournment

- a. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Bailey, seconded by Sally Tornow.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

VIII. The regular business meeting was immediately followed by the CLA Board Annual Retreat.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Crowley  
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Ken Wiggan, Vince Juliano, Brandie Doyle, Barbara Bailey, Lynn Zaffino, Marge Ruschau, Kate Byroade, Paula Cook, Arianna Schlegel, Sarah Marek, Susan Slaga, Gerald Seagrave, Sally Tornow, A. Constance Sear, Benjamin Shum, Peter Ciparelli, Linda Williams, Mary Engels, Mary Etter, Alison Wang, Christina Baum, Richard Conroy, Betty Anne Reiter, Peter Chase, Jay Johnston, Betsy McIlvaine, Chris Angeli, Jill Adams, Carl DeMilia, Bill Uricchio (for Kate Sheehan), Sheri Szymanski, Beth Crowley