

**Connecticut Library Association – Executive Board Meeting
Middletown Library Service Center
December 6, 2012**

- I. Call to Order: Carl DeMilia called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: None
- III. Approval of Minutes: Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting, Kate Byroade seconded, motion passed with one abstention. Jay Johnston moved to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2012 meeting with corrections, Carl Antonucci seconded, motion passed.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Carl DeMilia announced the "I Love My Librarian" award ceremony will be held on December 18th in New York City. Two Connecticut librarians have won.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Christina Baum presented the monthly profit/loss budget statement for the period from October 27, 2012-November 30, 2012. Membership dues are up and the insurance for the conference has been paid.
 - c. Past President's Report
 - i. Betty Anne Reiter said the slate of nominations for 2013-2014 CLA Board Year will be presented at the February meeting. She reminded all committee chairs they serve on the nominating committee and should submit names as soon as possible for: **Vice President/President-elect, Treasurer-elect, Secretary, NELA Representative, and Region Reps for 1, 4, and 5.** Betty Anne will send out reminders to the committee members.
 - ii. Richard Conroy said the officer positions are currently heavy in public librarians and it would be nice to have librarians from other disciplines. He said anyone interested in holding a position can self-nominate. Discussion followed regarding the merits of a single versus multiple candidate slate.
 - d. Conference Update
 - i. Ben Shum said 24 program submissions have been received to date. The deadline for submissions is December 14th at 5 p.m. Registration for exhibitors is open.
 - ii. Carl DeMilia said the Conference Committee met and discussed the proposal of free or reduced rates for conference program planners but decided the loss of \$3-5,000 dollars would be too much for CLA to absorb.
 - iii. Ben said he will contact the President of CASL to see if they are interested in sponsoring programs at the conference as their annual conference was cancelled due to Storm Sandy.
- V. New Business
 - a. ALA Chapters issue joint statement on e-content pricing
 - i. Carl DeMilia said CLA, along with 44 other state library associations, has signed ALA's joint statement in opposition to unfair pricing in the sale of ebooks to libraries. Carl said this document will be posted on the CLA website.

- b. Review of Graduate Programs at Southern Connecticut State University
 - i. Arlene Bielefield said this spring all graduate programs at SCSU will be undergoing a program prioritization process to determine whether or not they will continue to be offered. Arlene said enrollment in graduate programs is down 25% across the nation.

VI. Reports

a. Awards

- i. Sally Tornow said the 2013 awards nomination information is almost ready and will be available shortly.

b. CLASS

- i. Sandy Rosado said feedback from the annual CLASS conference was overwhelmingly positive and the committee is planning to submit two programs for the CLA Conference.
- ii. Sandy said the Support Staff Salary Survey, conducted every five years, will be done again next year.

c. CLC

- i. Connie Sear said the Bed Bug workshop was successful with 50 attendees. The event was filmed and will be available on the CLC website. Ken Wiggin said informational posters will be going out to every library.
- ii. 60 librarians attended the performers showcase.
- iii. A new Marketing Roundtable will be starting in January.
- iv. CLC has worked on their budget and has identified areas where to cut without affecting member benefits or staffing.
- v. The supplies bid is complete and contracts are being sent out.
- vi. Highsmith has scheduled a promotional launch on December 12 for the "Take Your Child to the Library Day" materials.
- vii. The CLC Newsletter has a new look. Please submit items for the "People News" and "Great Idea" columns.
- viii. The annual holiday booklist is out.

d. Connecticut Humanities

- i. Sandy Santy said they have 28,000 books available and she can send out a list to interested libraries.
- ii. Applications for 2013 One Book programs are due on December 14, 2012.
- iii. Beginning in December 2013, the Smithsonian Exhibit "The Way We Worked" will be held at seven locations in Connecticut including the New Haven Public Library, the Groton Public Library and the Warner Theater.
- iv. The Connecticut Humanities Annual Conference will be held on May 10, 2013 at the Manchester Community College. The Conference will focus on the past, present and future of work in Connecticut.
- v. The Big Book Club Getaway will be held on February 1 & 2, 2013 at Mohegan Sun.

e. CULS

- i. Susan Slaga said the College & University Section's fall workshop went well. The committee is submitting three programs for the Annual Conference.

f. Customer Service

- i. Brandie Doyle said 25 people attended the "Effective Communication" program on December 3rd. The December 12th workshop had to be cancelled due to low

enrollment. The committee is submitting 2-3 programs for the Annual Conference.

g. Editorial

- i. Doug Lord said they have seven members on the editorial committee but are always looking for more.
- ii. Board Member's teeny little book reviews of 50 words or less are due before December 15th.

h. Legislative

- i. Carl Antonucci said the committee will be meeting today with the CLA lobbyist and a group of urban library directors to garner support as the legislative session draws closer.
- ii. Jay Johnston encouraged Board Members to visit their legislators in April during the publicity display and to write congratulation notes to the newly elected officials in their region and invite them to tour their libraries.
- iii. Mary Etter said she still needs people to sign up as legislative links.

i. Publicity

- i. Tara Borden said the P.R. Tune-Up workshop, cancelled due to Storm Sandy, has been rescheduled for Friday, April 4th, 2013.
- ii. Information about the Annual Publicity Awards has been posted on the CLA website. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2013.
- iii. Snapshot Day will be held on April 14, 2013.
- iv. The annual display at the Legislative Office Building will be up from April 1-12 and will again be a video display rather than posters.

j. State Library

- i. Ken Wiggin said he did not have any additional information regarding the budget beyond what went out in his earlier email. He asked Board Members to be ready to communicate the value of their library to legislators and that a potential \$140,000 in Federal Funds could be at risk depending on what happens in Washington.
- ii. The bid for the iCONN suite of databases goes out in January with contracts to be awarded in early spring.
- iii. Ken signed the contract for the Evanced Online Summer Reading Program that will be available free to all Connecticut libraries for at least three years. Susan Cormier and Linda Williams will be providing training and support to libraries. This program will allow the State Library to more easily collect data and the software can be used by libraries year-round.
- iv. The Department of Library Development has a new Facebook page and Director Dawn LaValle has created a new marketing plan that includes the use of social media.
- v. The State Library Board has approved LSTA grants for Meridan, Norwich and East Hartford libraries. Ken has included funding for non-distressed areas in next year's budget proposal.

k. Technology

- i. Arianna Schlegal said a meeting for anyone interested in joining the Technology section has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

I. Young Adult

- i. Linda Williams said they had 40 attendees at their annual meeting in November and have received positive feedback.

m. Region 1 – Sally Tornow

- i. **Cornwall Library:** had the author, Calvin Trillin, on Dec. 1st, as their major fundraiser.
- ii. **Goshen Library:** is offering Food for Fines for an entire month: 11/17-12/19. They will also host a Victorian Holiday Tea on Dec. 12th for all “well-behaved” patrons. Patrons may sign up for and obtain recipes of traditional fare to make and bring.
- iii. **Sherman Library:** has a temporary location pending Planning and Zoning approval.

n. Region 2 – Marjorie Ruschau

- i. **Avon Library** – Glenn Grube, formerly of the West Hartford Library and Region 2 rep, is now director. Along with hosting the national travelling exhibit on Lincoln and the Civil War, they’re hosting a Civil War film series.
- ii. **Berlin Peck Library** – is asking patrons to sign the ebooksforlibraries.com petition that will be sent to publishers
- iii. **Bristol Public Library** – is offering Salem Press database geared for students doing research.
- iv. **Welles-Turner Library, Glastonbury**—has added the GymAmerica database with training and workout plans.
- v. **Granby Library** – has added the Atomic Training database
- vi. **Hartford Public Library** – will be hosting their Baby Grand Jazz series on Sundays, January-April at 3:30 p.m.
- vii. **Lucy Robbins Wells Library, Newington** – has added Freading
- viii. **Cora J. Belden Library, Rocky Hill** – has added Ancestry.com and CTMoneySchool databases, the latter of which provides online financial classes for adults.
- ix. **Simsbury Library** – has added Freading.
- x. **West Hartford Public Library** – has the Zinio database for downloading magazines and the IndieFlix database for downloading independent movies.
- xi. **Windsor Public Library** – has set up Exploration Stations in their children’s department, where adults can read on a topic with their children, then do related activities. They have not renewed their subscription to Universal Classes.

o. Region 3 – Peter Ciparelli

- i. **Columbia (Saxon B. Little Library)** – The library’s referendum was defeated. They are not sure what Plan B looks like yet.
- ii. **Hall Memorial Library, Ellington** – Played a big part in Ellington’s Winterfest 2012. The library sponsored a concert, ornament workshop, and an open house.
- iii. **Thompson Public Library, Thompson** – is showing “Movies on the Big Screen” on Friday’s in December.
- iv. **Putnam Public Library, Putnam** – has an interesting character for their Mitten Tree this year. The Grinch is accepting mittens and scarves as donations to provide warmth to those who need them.
- v. **Killingly Public Library, Danielson** – The Killingly Public Library had a very successful dedication of their new library sign and soon-to-be renovated

courtyard on Sunday, November 18th. The *Norwich Bulletin* covered the event as only they can, with a reporter and photos in the following day's paper.

p. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski

- i. **Wilton Library:** received some unexpected publicity with the death of musician, Dave Brubeck. Elaine Tai-Lauria spoke briefly to the press about his impact on the Wilton Library. If you have the opportunity to attend a music program in the Dave Brubeck Room at the Wilton Library, be sure to do so.
- ii. **Trumbull Library:** is collaborating with local businesses, the Economic Development Commission, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club to enhance library services to local businesses, including librarian-by-appointment service.
- iii. **Mark Twain Library:** in Redding celebrated its 40th annual Art-Show with a 'Groovy Gala' champagne reception.
- iv. **Elaine Barrie:** of the Ferguson Library has established the Next Chapter Book Club, whose participants are adults on the Autism spectrum. This month the club's 15 members are reading *Stuart Little*.

q. Region 5 – Chris Angeli

- i. **Russell Library, Middletown:** The City of Middletown has chosen "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline as its One Book One Town read for 2013. The OBOT Committee is comprised of various city representatives, including staff from the Russell Library. Planned activities include a city-wide scavenger hunt using QR codes and a skype visit with the author.
- ii. **Plumb Memorial Library, Shelton:** Plumb Library hosted M&M Productions out of NY in November. They presented a 4 woman show of Nora & Delia Ephron's version of *Love, Loss and What I Wore*. The program cost \$300 for the 90 min. dialogue plus time for Q&A. The group is eager to book other library showings and have no problem with small audiences.
- iii. **Portland Library:** The Library has updated its teen room and is embarking on a publicity program. The Friends of Portland Library are enjoying support in their annual membership drive.

VII. Adjournment

- a. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Kate Byroade. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Attendees: Beth Crowley, Betty Anne Reiter, Carl DeMilia, Susan Slaga, Lynn Zaffino, Jay Johnston, Carl Antonucci, Gerald Seagrave, Connie Sear, Katie Fargo, Linda Williams, Sally Tornow, Marge Ruschau, Jennifer Datum, Douglas Lord, Benjamin Shum, Christina Baum, Brandie Doyle, Kendall Wiggin, Kate Byroade, Peter Ciparelli, Richard Conroy, Sandy Santy, Jason Neely, Chris Angeli, Mary Beth Rassulo, Mary Etter, Mary Schwietzer, Sandy Rosado, Arianna Schlegel, Sarah Marek, Arlene Bielefield, Lucy Maziar, Alison Wang, Cindy Schofield, Elaine Barrie, Sheri Szymanski, Tara Borden