

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
Thursday, September 3rd 2015
Middletown Library Service Center

1. Beth Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
2. Board Introductions.
3. The minutes from the July meeting were approved, with changes.
 - a. Motion made by Karen Jensen, seconded by Peter Ciparelli, the motion passed with one abstention.
4. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Beth Crowley
 - i. Beth brought to the board's attention an issue that Three Rivers Community College is having with LTA classes being canceled due to low attendance. Three Rivers offers one of the very few ALA accredited LTA courses in the region. It would be a big loss to the profession to have this program close. Staff at Three Rivers is currently looking into the possibility of partnering with another college to offer the courses online.
 - ii. A motion was made to allow Beth to write a letter in support of the LTA courses from CLA to the Administration at Three Rivers Community College. The motion was made by Peter Ciparelli and passed unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer's Report - Nicole Greco
 - i. Nicole brought to our attention a \$19,000 deficit in last year's budget, due to unforeseen circumstances. She mentioned several things currently being done to prevent this from happening again. She told us that this is a quiet time of year financially, so there is not too much to report.
 - ii. Jennifer commented that reports on past programs are available for planning purposes, contact the CLC office for info.
 - iii. Beth clarified that according to our bylaws expense forms need to be filled out within 30 days after a workshop, but she encouraged everyone to submit them as early as possible. This is especially important for workshops that take place close to the end of the fiscal year.
 - iv. Motion to approve June and July reports – Sally Tornow, seconded by Karen Jensen. Passed unanimously.
5. New Business
 - a. Kristina Edwards explained the potential removal/revision of NEASC's standards regarding information literacy and adequate library services (standard 7). This standard currently holds colleges accountable to support adequate library services in order to receive accreditation. Kristina has been in discussions with Martha (previous CULS chair) and representatives from ACRL to see what can be done to positively impact this process. There was some discussion of possible advocacy methods.
6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
 - a. ACLB: Betsy McIlvaine
 - i. The Association of CT Library Boards is responsible for keeping boards effective, in order to support library effectiveness. They are currently offering one on one consultations with library boards that have questions. The annual trustee leadership conference will take place on Friday, November 6th at the University of Hartford. Flyers were given out and more information is available online.

- b. ADA: Maria Bernier
 - i. This year is the 25th anniversary of the ADA and the 45th anniversary of IDEA. The IDEA Conference: Building a Better Life is planned for October 2nd and 3rd. Ed Morrissey will be staffing a booth to tell people what libraries do for disabled people in the state, along with a representative from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- c. ALA: Carl Antonucci
 - i. If anyone has concerns, please contact Carl so he can represent those concerns to ALA.
- d. Archivist: Gerald Seagrave
 - i. Nothing to report, but Beth wanted to express her thanks to Gerry for his recent help with a major project.
- e. CLC: Jennifer Keohane
 - i. ALA Midwinter will be taking place in Boston on January 8th-12th. CLC is looking into running buses to the conference. A survey will be coming out soon to decide what stops would be most important to make.
 - ii. CT Arts for learning is offering a Fall Artist Showcase on September 18th. CLC members can attend for free, call (860) 344-8777 to receive a coupon code.
 - iii. CLC is currently offering training for roundtable chairs and other interested Librarians. A few slots are still available for the workshop to take place at the Fairfield Public Library on September 10th. Several new roundtables are taking shape, including a "Maker roundtable." Roundtable chairs are being encouraged to check in with section chairs and the state library when booking speakers, etc. to reduce redundancy. Also, CLC is looking into ways to encourage more feedback in order to share learning after events.
- f. CSL: Ken Wiggin
 - i. Eleven libraries applied for Construction grants this year and there is plenty of money available for this purpose. The State library recently received a supplemental award of \$250,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to continue to digitize historically significant Connecticut newspapers through the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) over the next two years. The State Library also received \$25,000 from the IMLS to help discover hidden collections. The CT Education Network (CEN) for 90 libraries, requested to be on the bond agenda. Ken is hoping the new FCC order will give 10% additional discount to maximize e-rate. High speed fiber connection for CEN by next year. Steve (division of library development), added that Libby Post will be leading a workshop on library advocacy on September 17th and there will be a health literacy fair at the Wallingford Public Library on November 4th.
- g. Children's: Kymberlee Powe & Sunnie Scarpa
 - i. A draft of the registration forms for the Children's fall workshop is ready and invitations will be going out on Tuesday, the workshop will be held on October 2nd at the Wallingford Public Library. This year's theme is "Thinking Outside the Box" and the speakers are: Linda and Sue from the CT State Library to discuss news and updates, Librarians from the Wallingford Public Library to discuss alternative Summer Reading Programs, Caroline Ward to discuss sensory storytimes, and Jona from Infinity Music Therapy to discuss using music to

create inclusive programming. Danielle Valenzano has volunteered to help out this year and will join as co-chair next year.

- h. College & University: Kristina Edwards
 - i. Fall program planning is underway. It will be taking place mid-November and the topic will be open educational resources.
- i. CLASS: Alberto Cifuentes. Jr.
 - i. CLASS will be holding its 17th annual conference this year. The steering committee is currently finalizing programming, flyers were handed out and registration will be available online starting September 21st. The keynote speakers will be Ken Wiggin, State Librarian, and author Janice Law. Other workshops topics include genealogy, ILL, and Laughter Yoga. The conference will take place at the University of Hartford. Please let library support staff know about the event and encourage them to attend. The cost is \$45 for CLA members.
- j. Conference 2016: Katy Dillman & Thomas Piezzo
 - i. Katy - Keynote and lunch speakers have been confirmed – Ben Bizzle, James LaRue are the keynotes; Roz Chast and Brian Mayer are the lunch speakers. More information is now available on the website. Program submission packets are also up on the website, Workshop forms can be submitted anytime between now and the November 6th deadline. Quality is being emphasized over quantity this year. The co-chairs are still looking at registration rates, and will discuss those details in October.
 - ii. Thomas - a significant amount of money can be saved by using our own LCD projectors. Please contact him if you are able to loan out a projector for the two days of the conference.
- k. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge & Lisa Karim
 - i. They will be having a workshop with Maxine Bleiweis' "How to make Yes the Answer" on October 8th. The cost will be \$25 for CLA members, 23 people are currently registered.
- l. Editorial: Jenn Datum & Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Please send in write-ups of events after the fact, for folks who couldn't attend. Photos are encouraged!
- m. Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - i. The legislative committee will be meeting today. They are gearing up to ask for more money. They have a great partnership with the CT State Library and highly recommend the upcoming Libby Post workshops. They are taking a pro-active stance to the budget this year. Beth commented that they want to keep the momentum from last year going and keep talking to key decision makers. Beth will be talking to region reps and urban library directors ahead of the next budget season and is looking into opportunities for legislators to come to the annual conference.
- n. NELA: Beth Crowley
 - i. The annual NELA conference will be held October 25th-27th in Manchester, NH. They are hoping to send a strong team for the NELA games! Email any issues relevant to the regional panel discussion to Beth.
- o. PEG: Peter Ciparelli

- i. Peter also really wants to win the NELA games and bring back that snail for Ken's office! He also reminded everyone to send in applications for PEG and let staff know they are able to ask for scholarships up to \$400.
- p. Publicity: Kirk Morrison & Julie Ann Menders
 - i. The co-chairs are working together with the legislative committee to plan a display at the legislative offices. They have booked the Legislative Office Building Concourse for April 1st-15th, 2016. Tara Borden has booked the Wallingford Public Library for the next "Media Matters" program on March 11th, with a snow date of March 18th. Librarians with an interest in the Publicity Committee are often in charge of planning events and outreach at their organizations. On September 24th, for the first time, the CLC Eastern and Western Programming Roundtables will host a joint meeting at the Middletown State Library Service Center. Please see the CLC website for more info or to register.
- q. Public Library: Sally Tornow
 - i. The Public Libraries Section has opened both their Fall Program for registration and the 2016 Passport to CT Libraries program. The Fall Program is October 14th at Bristol Public Library, opening at 9:30 with refreshments and a panel discussion beginning at 10:00. The theme of the program is Creative Spaces: Duct Tape to 3d printers and will include four panelists. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own affordable ideas to share. The Passport to CT Libraries will have registration of libraries from now until December 31st, with the actual program running through the month of April, 2016.
- r. Reference & Adult Services: Allison Wilkos
 - i. Allison is working on a fall program for late October, which will include a tour of Hartford. Tours are confirmed for the Wadsworth Athenaeum and State Library, and may include the Hartford Public Library and the Hartford Historical Society.
- s. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan
 - i. A date has been set for their fall workshop. It will be held on November 12th in the morning. The next Technical Services meeting is September 15th.
- t. Young Adult: Bernadette Niedermeier & Lorna Rhyins
 - i. The YA committee has a brainstorming meeting on September 15th. Their fall program is planned for November 17. A Save the Date has gone out. Together with Linda Williams, they are working on program plans for the day titled "Summer Reading: matching what we do, to why we do it." Teri Lesene, author of *Naked Reading: Uncovering What Tweens Need to Become Lifelong Readers* will be talking about the inner workings of the adolescent brain. There will also be a workshop titled "Making the Match" regarding great readers advisory.
- u. FOCL: Frank Ridley
 - i. FOCL will hold its Annual Fall Conference at Central Connecticut State University, in New Britain, CT on Saturday, November 15th. This year's program features four topics that address some of the challenges you and your Friends group face.
- v. Region 1: Sue Dowdell
 - i. The Beacon Falls Public Library will be using an older adults LSTA grant to run an 8 session genealogy series and four healthy cooking classes.
 - ii. The New Canaan Library now has Raspberry Pi kits for checkout in the Maker Lab, which also has a 3D scanner.

- iii. The Beardsley and Memorial Library has a Scrabble club which meets every Friday.
 - iv. The Cornwall library has a six week creative writing class starting in September.
 - v. The Goshen Public Library has downloadable comic books through ComicsPlus Library Edition.
 - vi. The Harwinton Public Library has a proposed expansion plan.
 - vii. The Morris Public Library has updated their website this past summer.
 - viii. The New Milford Library has started using Hoopla (movies, TV, music, comic books, and audiobooks).
 - ix. The Oxford Public Library is going to a referendum in November for a \$3.5 million bond to build a 10,000 square foot space near their elementary and middle schools. They are currently in a 3,000 square foot space in the basement of the Town Hall.
 - x. The Southbury Public Library will host a Vietnam Lecture Series in the month of September.
 - xi. The Thomaston Public Library is having a French and Indian War reenactment on November 7th at the library!
- w. Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau Region 2
- i. Avon – Friends are hosting Christina Baker Kline, author of “Orphan Train” on Oct. 8 11:30 a.m. at Golf Club of Avon \$40, hosting teen karaoke Wednesday afternoons and nail art once a month, hosting program on Isis and Islam Sept. 19, 2 p.m.
 - ii. Berlin-Peck -- hosting tomato tasting vent, Sept. 10 6:30 p.m.
 - iii. Burlington – hired Tecton Architects for expansion project
 - iv. East Hartford -- finally will reopen Tuesday after \$9.5 million almost 2-year renovation
 - v. Enfield -- got donation from the Autism Happens Foundation to fund storytimes for children with autism and books on autism spectrum disorder
 - vi. Welles-Turner, Glastonbury – has added self check-out, hosting the town’s first poet laureate, Alexandrina Sergio. Saturday, Sept. 19 2 pm
 - vii. Hartford – beginning a special section of books by local authors, especially Hartford ones, and books talks by some when they publish a new work
 - viii. Manchester -- town one-book program on "Let the Great World Spin"
 - ix. Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington – had a summer program for teens called Life Hack consisting of skills or shortcuts that increase efficiency in daily life. Teens will earn a ticket for every Life Hack program they attend. Tickets were entered into the final grand drawing for a \$75 gift card to a place of the winner's choice. Separate from the Teen Summer Reading Program.
 - x. Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill – partially shutting down to get new carpet. Held program on how to get to sleep
 - xi. Simsbury -- Mobile and wireless printing now available. Art of Food Presentation program by local chef drew 127 on a weekday afternoon! Summer weekly story times in Rotary Park drew nearly 400 people. Coming up: story times at local fire stations, Teens will celebrate Banned Books Week by making Banned Bookmarks. Has recently become a Funding Information Network with information on grant seeking
 - xii. Kent Memorial, Suffield – each time people checked out a museum pass they

- were entered into a drawing for a \$25 B&N gift card, holding a Frightful Nights storywriting contest for kids
- xiii. West Hartford -- named Martha Church as new director, hosting a talk by playwright Christopher Shinn on Wednesday, 7 p.m., 2 weeks before his play opens at Hartford Stage
 - xiv. Wethersfield -- find they've been getting a big turnout -- over 50 people -- by showing old movies from the 40s and 50s on Saturday afternoons, holding a program on what makes ideal fall foliage
 - xv. Windsor, Wilson Branch -- Fun with Fruit. Take fruit and turn them into art pieces (and then eat them). Thursday, Sept. 10th 4 PM
 - xvi. Windsor Locks -- closed for a few days in August for new carpeting
- x. Region 3: Janice Wilson
- i. From Mansfield Public Library: The Library Express in Storrs Center is coming along very nicely - slow and steady growth. We are going to begin some major PR now that September has begun. We will be participating in the Mansfield Festival parade on September 20 - a Jeep filled with inflatable dinosaurs, Admiral Ackbar from Star Wars, a human sized American Eagle, and Indiana Jones will hold signs saying "follow me to the Library Express!" I'm thinking I might add a sign for Admiral Ackbar saying "It's NOT a trap!!!" The party will continue during the Mansfield Festival - we will be having some fun activities at the Library Express. So it's been a fun summer - we also opened a children's garden and a butterfly garden, both of which have been very much enjoyed by our patrons. Lots of great programs set in the garden.
 - ii. From Saxton B. Little Library: As of the end of day Friday, Sept 11, 2015, the Saxton B. Little Library will be closing for renovation. We will be closed to the public completely until Tuesday October 13, 2015, when we will reopen in temporary relocated quarters, directly across the street from our old building. We anticipate being in this space for at least a year. During the 4 weeks we will be closed, most of our collection will be going into storage. During this time we will do our best to keep up with ILL and C-Car. While we are relocated, our space will be significantly smaller! We will continue to ILL, participate in C-car, etc. as best we can. Our phone number will stay the same, but our fax number will change (number TBA).
- y. Region 4: Kymberlee Powe:
- i. Norwalk Public Library is giving out free backpacks for Library Card Sign up Month and holding SAT prep classes due to changing SAT's
 - ii. Easton Public Library- Passport to CT Libraries program this year- will have their 6th Annual Cow Chip Raffle on Sept. 26 from 1-4- Banned Books weeks debate partnering with the high school debate team on Wed. September 30 at 7pm.- Community Magazine
 - iii. Wilton Public Library welcomes #1 international bestselling author Karin Slaughter on Tuesday, Sept. 29 which is the release date of her latest novel, [Pretty Girls](#). She will be speaking, have a Q&A session and sign books during the program that begins at 7:30 p.m.
 - iv. Weston public library will be holding an adult spelling be on Sept 27 at 3pm
 - v. Greenwich: Wednesdays at 10 am-noon in the library's Technology Training Center (TTC) from September 9-October 28th, ["The Modern & The Post Modern"](#),

[Part One](#)” MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) Class with Professor Michael S. Roth of Wesleyan University, covers the first half of a full semester course on European history, literature and philosophy. The class is divided into 7 modules, each with about four video lectures. This class will go over registration, syllabus and course logistics. [“Introduction to Python”](#) six week program for students in grades 6-8 meets every Saturday from August 29 to October 10 in the TTC at 1-2:30. Greenwich Library [Student Leadership Council](#) meets Thursday evening September 10th at 7 pm. Students from grades 8-12 get together at Teen Central on the second floor using library resources to initiate, develop & realize projects relevant to their peer group in exchange for community service hours. Students will assist the library to provide essential programs to their particular age group as well as contributing to the library community. [“SAT vs. ACT”](#) on September 10th at 7 pm. Adam Ratner from C2 Education will discuss which test (SAT or ACT) should be taken and the changes in these tests. Meeting from September 18 to October 23rd Fridays 11 am -1 pm in the library’s Meeting Room, [“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.

z. Region 5: Christy Billings

- i. Durham Library: CLOSED for the Durham Fair, Thursday at 2:00PM Sept 24th All day 25th 26th 27th. Farmer’s Market Storytime: Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Farmers’ Market Storytime on the Durham Green (all ages). Book Lovers’ Circle September Join the discussion! Book Lovers’ Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:30; *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway will be discussed. Copies of the book are available at the Library. All are invited.
- ii. LEVI COE: Middlefield: During the month of September, the Library will be collecting items for the Middlefield Food Bank. For every item that you donate, we will forgive \$5 from your fines.
- iii. Guilford Library: [The Heart of Organizing with Sheri Bertolini](#) - Sheri Bertolini, a professional organizer, has learned that organizing doesn’t start with trips to a donation center, or by purchasing labels, containers and bins. The first step is to connect with your heart to build a home you love to spend time in, and are proud to show off. With humor and tools to implement her ideas, Sheri will show how to make decisions about what goes and what stays and give you with fresh perspective and energy to reorganize your home. Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 pm. [Summer Scrap-booking](#) - Relive your best summer moments and preserve them forever with your very own summer scrapbook. Bring your pictures and other mementos of summer vacation and we’ll provide the paper and decorations. For all school-aged children and teens (under grade 4 must have accompanying adult). No registration necessary. Thursday, September 3rd, Drop-in from 9:30am to 5:00pm. Carl Balestracci and the end of World War II: September 16, 2015 7:00 pm - Carl Balestracci will tell the stories of Guilford’s men, women, and children as he reflects on the end of World War II, September

- 2, 1945. With photographs and artifacts he will show how Guilford was transformed by its response to the war. Soldiers' stories—Dick Chapman, David Cunningham, and Bill Bruce—provide a personal glimpse into the cost of war.
- iv. Orange (CASE MEMORIAL): Books & Breakfast Morning Book Discussion Group, September 15, 2015 @ 10:00 am - *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann: August 1974, and a mysterious tightrope walker is running, dancing, leaping between the Twin Towers. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary. Discussion led by Carol Davidson. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served. **The Cookbook Club: Cookbook Discussion Group** - Led by Librarian Rebecca Harlow, The Cookbook Club is a group for people who love great food and great discussion about cooking, cookbooks, and chefs. Participating is simple: choose a recipe from the featured cookbook, prepare it at home, and come ready to share your dish and your experiences with the group. New participants are always welcome. Sept 24th @7PM. BAFTA Film Fall Film Festival - Watch all of the major British Academy Film and Television Award-nominated films on our big screen. Join us for a Monday evening screening or a Wednesday matinee with subtitles. For the full BAFTA Film Brochure see our website. Paddington Bear (Sept 14, th 16th for subtitles) and Mr. Turner (Sept 28, th 16th for subtitles)
 - v. Portland Library: Family Day on the Green September 12, 2015 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Family Day is an annual event organized by the Town of Portland Youth Services Department. Many groups have booths and offer free items as well as sales of food and other items. Come enjoy the fun activities for kids! The Library Board of Directors wishes to invite all to a ceremony to be held at 12 noon. We are celebrating Portland Public Library's 120th birthday! After a brief ceremony with a proclamation read by First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, please enjoy an entertaining performance by Danny Magic! Friends of the Portland Library Read and Recycle has been postponed until Oct 3rd.
 - vi. RUSSELL: 2015 Jazz Up Close - Resonant Motion, Inc. and series curator Noah Baerman presents the third of four installments in the 2015 Jazz Up Close series. Renowned drummer and composer Victor Lewis will be featured in a trio with bassist Henry Lugo and pianist Noah Baerman. A native of Omaha, Lewis has appeared on hundreds of albums. He is on the jazz faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. This program is made possible by a grant from the Middletown Commission on the Arts. Saturday, September 12th 2:00PM-4:00PM. Jobs and Careers Program 'Success for the Seasoned Search ... The Benefit of Being Overqualified' Tuesday September 8, 2015 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Many seasoned job seekers find themselves being called overqualified because they have more years of experience than the job description calls for. Learn powerful strategies to to overcome your interviewer's misconceptions about you. It's impossible to BE overqualified unless YOU believe you ARE overqualified. In this seminar, you will learn: How to answer the overqualified question. The REAL reason why recruiters AND hiring managers are concerned about hiring overqualified applicants. How to change your cover letter and resume if you believe you are overqualified. Seven ways to explain on an interview why being overqualified is an advantage. How to handle the 'age factor.' Friends of the Library Book Sale: Book Sale September 11 & 12 'The Body in the Library' Award winning dancer/choreographer Eiko Otake will be

performing 'A Body in a Library" as part of her solo series, 'The Body in Places" in the public spaces of Russell Library in Middletown, CT on the evening of September 17th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a discussion after the performance. The performances are evocative and intimate encounters in which Eiko acts upon and reacts to the place and people surrounding her.

7. Beth Crowley adjourned the meeting at 11:17am.
 - a. The motion to adjourn was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Karen Jensen and passed unanimously.

Attendance:

Kymerlee Powe, Lisa Karim, Ellen G. Cartledge, Jennifer Keohane, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Danielle Valenzano, Chris Angeli, Colleen Bailie, Christy Billings, Marjorie Ruschau, Lorna Rhyins, Bernadette Niedermeier, Jennifer Datum, Kristina Edwards, Ken Wiggin, Carl Antonucci, Laurie Haggan, Nicole Greco, Karen Jensen, Beth Crowley, Tom Piezzo, Maria Bernier, Katy Dillman, Brandie Doyle, Alberto Cifuentes, Jr., Stephen Cauffman, Betty Anne Reiter, Betsy McIlvaine, Diane Deedy, Sue Dowdell, Sally Tornow, Lisa Mann, Frank W. Ridley, Allison Wilkos.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.