

BCLA Shelflist

Spring 2005

Newsletter of the Berks County Library Association



Greetings! Here is another issue of the BCLA electronic newsletter. If you have comments, questions or problems please let us know. lpirlroth@state.pa.us or jwzappa@reading.lib.pa.us

Spring Meeting

June 7, 2005

National Constitution Center 525 Arch St., Independence Mall Philadelphia, PA 19106

Greetings BCLA members,

The winter meeting was a great success. Carrie Gardner's talk on RFID tags was well received by those in attendance. Also discussed at the last meeting was the schedule for the Spring Meeting. It was agreed that a visit to the National Constitution Center would be a worthwhile undertaking. The plans for the June 7th meeting are as follows.

1. 8:15AM – Meet in the A3 Lot in front of the Beekey Building on the campus of Kutztown University, and board bus. (Follow link below)
<http://www.kutztown.edu/about/campusmap/campusmap.shtml>
2. 10:00AM – Arrive at the National Constitution Center.
 - a. We will first see the "Freedom Rising" show, and then tour the exhibits
 - b. After the tour we will have an opportunity see the resource room and ask questions about the museum
3. 12:00PM – Break for lunch. Two hours will be set aside for lunch and site seeing. A dining guide to restaurants in the area of the museum will be provided at a later date.
4. 2:00PM – The group will meet at the Chemical Heritage Foundation. There we will have the business meeting and tour the Othmer Library.
5. 4:30PM – Board bus for home. Due to rush hour traffic you can expect to be home by 6:00PM.

Cost of the trip per person: Members - \$14 Non-members - \$18

Send me your check. I will need to know if you plan to attend no later than May 11th.

Friends or spouses may sign up to attend if there is still room May 4th through the 11th.

Email your questions to me. jwzappa@reading.lib.pa.us

Thank you,

Joseph Zappacosta
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Exeter Public Library News

Here is a brief news clip about groundbreaking. The Exeter Community Library had groundbreaking for the new 15,000 square foot facility Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. It is located adjacent to the current facility at 4565 Prestwick Drive. Speakers included Senator Michael O'Pake, Honorables Dennis Leh; Dante Santoni, Jr.; & Sam Rohrer; Dona Starr Township supervisor; Ronald Shaffer, Synergetics Architect; Sandy Hanson, Friends of the Library President; and Michelle Kircher, president of the Library Board. Following the groundbreaking ceremony was the Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt which began at 11 a.m. Photos with the Easter Bunny and crafts for the children were held in the Dunn Community Center. The library's Capital Campaign has met 50% of its goal and is currently soliciting funds by selling personalized bricks. They are also planning a dinner dance auction at Stokesay in May. If you need more information or clarification, please let me know. Thanks for including information on our great event!

Sue Shipe, Library Director

Minutes

Berks County Library Association

Winter Meeting

March 4, 2005

Call to Order:

Joe Zappacosta, BCLA President, called the meeting to order at 1:55 PM at the Wyomissing Public Library, Wyomissing, PA, with approximately 18 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Ron Fisk, Secretary, distributed the Minutes of the November 12, 2004 Fall Meeting to all in attendance. After reading the provided copies, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie Rinehart and seconded by Robert Page. The approved 2004 Fall Meeting minutes will be filed by the secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

Billie Walker, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Report. As of November 12, 2004 the checking balance was \$966.26. From that date income totaled \$462.00, and there were no expenditures. The balance as of March 4, 2005 is \$1,428.26. Billie Walker mentioned that 48 individuals have renewed or joined. The Treasurer's Report is filed with these Minutes.

It was reported by Billie Walker that the BCLA Executive Committee decided to remain with M & T Bank but to utilize their "no fee" account with limited monthly transactions. We are restricted to 75 transactions per month, but our Treasurer thinks that that is a feasible number to work with in conducting our organization's banking.

Committee Reports:

Membership – there are still members who need to renew their membership for 2005.

Nominating Committee – Joe Zappacosta asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Krista Prock and Leslie Pirl-Roth agreed to serve and Linda Fisk will be asked.

Professional Development Committee –Julie Rinehart graciously arranged to have Carrie Gardner as our speaker for today's meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding the BCLA brochure that was distributed at the 2004 Spring Meeting. We are currently using the printed BCLA address "c/o Albright College Library" located on the back of the brochure. Some thought was given to changing that address, but nothing definite was decided. Ron Fisk is now keeping the supply of printed brochures if anyone needs them for

recruitment. Julie Rinehart is maintaining the electronic file for the brochure. Some members in attendance today did take brochures along with them.

New Business:

Billie Walker reported that BCLA members are eligible to be members of the Riverfront Federal Credit Union and that a speaker from that company could attend a BCLA meeting to explain the benefits. After some discussion the consensus was that we are not interested in pursuing this offer.

Joe Zappacosta updated us on the proposed bus trip to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia for our Spring Meeting. He was in contact with the staff there and we could participate in a general tour of the facility and also a "behind the scenes" tour, which should be quite interesting. The Bieber bus holds 47 passengers and the group felt that we should be able to fill the bus with BCLA members, relatives/friends, and Kutztown library school students. More information regarding registration and cost will be sent out in the BCLA Shelflist. If we have time we will be able to visit the Chemical Heritage Foundation library which is nearby. The date for the bus trip will be around June 10th. We will hold a short business meeting sometime during the event that day.

Announcements:

Joe Zappacosta acknowledged new members. He reminded everyone to check our BCLA web site for all the valuable information contained there, such as, membership information, directories, membership forms, grant guidelines, and older issues of the Shelflist, etc.

Adjournment:

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Program: the title of the program was "Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Tags and Libraries: Curse or Cure?" Carrie Gardner, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at Catholic University of America and ALA's expert on intellectual freedom issues. She gave a very complete presentation answering the practical questions of who, what, when, where, how and why this technology is being used. As with all new technologies there are pros and cons that need to be considered. The presentation was well received and it rounded out a pleasant luncheon, meeting and program at Wyomissing Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Fisk
Secretary
3/4/2005