

# BCLA Shelflist

**Spring 2006**

**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](mailto:lpirlroth@state.pa.us) or [chris@wyopublib.org](mailto:chris@wyopublib.org)

## *Spring Meeting*

*Where: Thun Library, Penn State Berks*

*When: Friday, June 2nd at 12:15pm (approx)*

*What: In between presentations from Steven Bell & Whittona Burrell, we will conduct our spring business meeting. In addition to our standard business, the nominating committee will present a slate of officers for the upcoming year.*

*Please RSVP if you will attend only the business meeting. Workshop attendees should have registered by May 26, 2006.*

### **Thun Library to Host BCLA Spring Meeting & Workshop**

The Thun Library, located on the campus of Penn State Berks, will host BCLA's spring meeting and workshop. This workshop features Google Guru Steven Bell, and Whittona Burrell from the U.S. Census Bureau.

At 9am, Steven Bell, Director of Philadelphia University's Paul J. Gutman Library, will share a presentation entitled "Exploring Google and New Search Options."

Google is a viable and necessary resource for finding information; however, it is just one option in the universe of information resources. During the first half of Bell's presentation, attendees will learn to be a better Google searcher and explore its new resources such as Google Scholar and Google Book Search.

The second half of the session will focus on developing more expertise with a variety of other search engines; techniques for helping patrons to understand why it is important to search more than one engine; and suggestions for improving your ability to keep up with changes in Google and the search engine world.

Beginning at 1:30pm Whittona Burrell, Information Services Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau, will present "The Data Connection: Census Information on the Web".

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about our nation's people and economy. In this session, get an overview of the wealth of information available and learn strategies for navigating census data online including the Hispanic Interactive Web Site and the American Community Survey. Included in the program will be techniques for creating customized tract maps and demographic profiles of your community and accessing current business and employment information.

(Information about the programs was gained from the Spring Meeting & Workshop registration form)

**Minutes**  
**Berks County Library Association**  
**Winter Meeting**  
**February 17, 2006**

**Call to Order:**

Chris Ritter, BCLA President, called the business meeting to order at 2:43 PM at the Wernersville State Hospital, Wernersville, PA, with approximately 17 members in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2005 Fall Meeting by Leslie Pirl-Roth and seconded by Celia Fritz. Motion carried. The Secretary will file the approved 2005 Fall Meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mindy Peters, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Report. The previous balance was \$1,974.73. For this reporting period, income amounted to \$1,500.00 and expenditures amounted to \$2,255.88. The balance as of February 17, 2006 is \$1,218.85. It was reported by Mindy Peters that there are 70 total members. There have been 19 membership renewals this year and 5 memberships that have been paid in the fall of 2005, for a total 2006 member count of 24. The Treasurer's Report is filed with these minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:**

The membership committee has not met to this date.

**Professional Development:**

Suggestions regarding professional development ideas were sought.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mindy acquired the gif file for the BCLA logo for use with the brochures. Joe was not in attendance to talk about the listserv. Krista was not in attendance to talk about the recruitment efforts.

**New Business:**

The committee members for the Nominating committee, Celia Fritz, Kathy Thren, and Kim Stahler, were appointed. Motion was made to approve the appointment by Leslie Pirl-Roth and seconded by Fiona Holt. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

Leslie Pirl-Roth announced that there is an open library aide position at the Wernersville State Hospital. However, you must be already working at the State Hospital in order to apply for the job.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM.

**Jennifer Balas**  
**Secretary**

**15 Minutes of Fame:**  
**Elizabeth Caruso**

**Position:** Library Director, Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library

**Where and when born:** NYC November 3rd

**First job:** Ordering and customer service in a bookstore

**Accomplishment I'm proudest of:** Being a mom

**When I have spare time, my favorite thing to do is:** Play with my husband and son

**Dream vacation:** A tropical island

**How I plan to spend my retirement:** Traveling

**Favorite TV program:** The Office

**All-time favorite book:** It's always changing. Right now it's "The Persian Pickle Club"

**The habit I just cannot break:** Worrying

**The craziest thing I've ever done:** Eloped in Jamaica

**Proudest moment of my life:** Giving birth to my son

**Job I would like to have for one day:** President

**People may be surprised to know that I:** enjoy spicy food.

**Berks County's biggest secret:** The most delicious corn in the world.