



Winter 2008

Shelflist

Winter Meeting and Library Tour

The Winter business meeting will be held March 26th at 1:00 at the Mifflin Community Library. After the meeting, Helen Sheimo Flynn, the director of MLC, will be giving a tour and presentation of the newly expanded and remodeled space. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.



Dues for the 2008 year are now being accepted.

See page 5 for details.

Check out page 4 for more information on the Library of Congress field trip!

Fall Meeting Minutes

Berks County Library Association's
Fall meeting - November 2, 2007
at Duke Street Business Center in the Lancaster Public Library

Call to Order:

Jennifer Balas, BCLA President, called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm at the Lancaster Public Library with 9 members attending.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2007, spring meeting by Fianna Holt. Motion carried. The Secretary will file the approved 2007 spring meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Mindy Peters, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Report. The previous balance was \$1,380.85. For this reporting period, income amounted to \$35.00 and expenditures totaled \$192.52. The remaining balance as of November 2, 2007 is \$1,223.33. A motion was made by Krista Prock to approve the treasurer's report of June 8, 2007. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: It was reported by Mindy Peters that there are presently 66 members.

Professional Development: No report. Discussion about how program attendance increases when C.E. credits are offered. Fianna Holt mentioned that Julie Rinehart is able to determine what level of C.E. to assign for any given workshop.

Old Business:

Discussed developing a program to capture local Kutztown University library science students.

New Business:

Mindy Peters announced BCLA's intention to schedule a field trip to the Library of Congress in April. This bus trip would include a behind the scenes tour of the library and free time in Washington D.C. The tour can be of a specific department if requested and the library is close enough to the walking mall that members could easily visit other D.C. area institutions during the free time available. BCLA members would receive a discount and guests will be able to attend.

Announcements:

Celia Colby announced the upcoming participation of a book cart drill team in the Reading Thanksgiving parade held on November 17, 2007. That Saturday, library employees and trustees will perform for the first time as the Berks' Bookettes. The Friends of Berks Public Libraries sponsored the library cart drill team.

A reminder was given that the BCLA listserv was open to any member who wishes to post an article, link or games.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:25 pm. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Celia Colby, Vice-President.

The meeting was followed by a presentation and tour of the exciting new Duke Street Business Center at the Lancaster Public Library. The DSBC fulfills a need on the part of businesses and nonprofits in the area with a valuable resource collection and a very knowledgeable staff. Thanks again to Diane Pawling for sharing this with BCLA.

For more information on the Duke Street Business Center, the website is <http://www.lancaster.lib.pa.us/lcl/cwp/view.asp?A=1152&Q=464082>

Spotlight on Marcina Wagner

Position:

Library Assistant at RACC

Where and when born:

Reading, PA (12-20-54)

Accomplishment I'm most proud of:

Becoming an English instructor at Albright College

When I have spare time, my favorite thing to do is:

Shop at vintage clothing stores

Dream vacation:

Visiting southern Italy especially Pompeii

How I plan to spend my retirement:

Writing

Favorite book:

Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

Favorite TV program:

Real Time with Bill Maher

Habit I just can't break:

Eating a handful of M and M's

Happiest moment of my life:

My marriage day

Job I would like to have for one day:

Chef at Chez Panisse

People may be surprised to know that I...:

am a certified Kripalu yoga instructor

Berks County's biggest secret:

its abundance of natural spaces

Did you know that a current BCLA membership makes you eligible for a professional development grant?

Any BCLA member attending library-related professional development (conferences, workshops, training, etc.) or completing library science coursework may apply for a grant of a maximum of \$100 during the fiscal year. The money may be applied towards your expenses such as registration, materials, transportation, etc. Interested applicants may contact Mindy Peters, BCLA treasurer, for more information and specific guidelines. More information is also available from our website: <http://www.reading.lib.pa.us/BCLA/grants.asp>

Confidentiality of all applicants will be respected; however when appropriate the grantee may be asked to present information gained (from coursework, continuing education, workshops) at a future BCLA meeting or write an article for the Shelflist.



BCLA Library of Congress Visit

BCLA has arranged a chartered bus to drive down for a day-trip to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Some of the scheduled activities include a building tour, a "behind the scenes" library tour, exhibits, a gift shop, and much more!

When: Wednesday, April 23, 3008

Departure: Meet at 6:45am, leaving at 7am sharp. Departing from Penn State Berks—the first parking lot section off of Broadcasting Road.

Arriving home: 7pm

Cost: \$20.00 members / \$30.00 non-members - Bring a Friend!

Time will be provided for lunch at the LOC cafeteria or on your own - cost is not included.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, March 21, 2008

Name _____	Total members _____	X 20.00 each
E-mail Address _____	Total non-members _____	X 30.00 each
Phone _____	Total attendees: _____	Amount Enclosed: _____
Guest Name(s) _____		

Please mail a copy of this form with your cash or check made payable to BCLA. Mail to:
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 P.O. Box 14662
 Reading, PA 19612



Questions? E-mail Mindy—mpeters@cartech.com or call: (610) 208-2807

http://www.reading.lib.pa.us/BCLA/bcla.asp
2008 Membership Form

MEMBERSHIP: NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

TYPE: REGULAR - \$10.00 _____ STUDENT / RETIREE - \$5.00 _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

LIBRARY/INSTITUTION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ FAX: () _____

EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF LIBRARY: _____ PUBLIC _____ CORPORATE
_____ MEDICAL
_____ SCHOOL _____ SPECIAL _____ ACADEMIC

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU DO
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