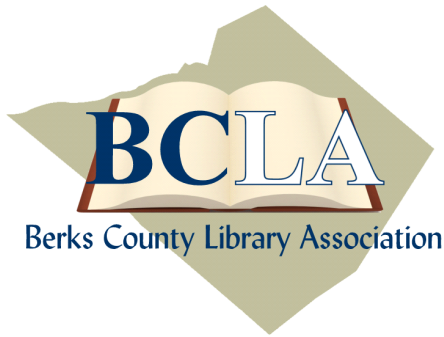


# Berks County Library Association



## SHELFLIST

Spring 2010

Dear BCLA Members,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the membership of BCLA and especially the members of the Executive Board for helping to make my term as President a happy success. As libraries in all sectors are squeezed in terms of budget and stretched in terms of staff, it is vitally important that we continue to share our knowledge and experience with one another through local organizations such as BCLA. It is also important that we continue to enjoy each other's company. Some of what I enjoy most about BCLA is swapping stories about the quirks of serving the public or using the latest technology over a glass of wine, a cup of coffee, or even, as we had the good fortune to do this year, some delicious Hershey's chocolates!

It has been an honor to serve BCLA as president and I must say that working with Mindy, Marcina and Colleen made that position downright easy! I look forward to seeing all of you at BCLA's Fall program and beyond. Best wishes, and good luck!

Sincerely,  
Kristin Brumbach



The BCLA Spring Business Meeting and Workshop will be held this Friday, April 30, 2010 at Noon at the Mifflin Community Library. For more details about this event, see page 4 of the newsletter.

I hope to see you there!

**Berks County Library Association  
Winter Meeting  
Friday, February 5, 2010  
Hershey Corporation Information Center**

**Call to Order:**

Kristin Brumbach, President, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kathee Rhode to approve the minutes from the Fall Meeting on October 16, 2009 and it was seconded Maryann Kruglinski. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mindy Peters, Treasurer, reported that the current balance is \$2,202.39. The recent expenses were for the Fall workshop including a speaker gift for David Spitko. The latest deposits included money collected for the Fall and Winter meetings and the 2010 Membership renewals.

**Committee Reports:**

- BCLA Membership
  - Mindy Peters reported that BCLA has 43 members, including 5 new members.
  
- Professional Development
  - No report.

**Old Business:**

Kristin Brumbach reported that BCLA has a new website which is being managed by Jonathan Moore at the Wyomissing Public Library. Please notify Jonathan of any changes or corrections you find on website. Jonathan Moore's email address is [jonathan@wyopublib.org](mailto:jonathan@wyopublib.org)

**New Business:**

Kristin announced that BCLA is searching for someone to fill the vacant Secretary position for next. She asked for volunteers willing to form a Nominating Committee in search of possible candidates. Colleen Stamm, Melanie Solon, and Kristin Brumbach volunteered to serve on the committee.

**Announcements:**

Mindy Peters reminded everyone that there is a professional development grant available through BCLA. For more details, go to the BCLA website and click on the "Approved grant guidelines" link.

Kristin announced that the Spring Business Meeting and Workshop will be held Friday, April 30, 2010 at the Mifflin Community Library. The speaker for the workshop is Herb Landau. Mindy Peters stated that copies of Mr. Landau's book, "The Small Public Library Survival Guide", will be available for sale at the workshop.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melanie Solon and it was seconded by Mindy Peters. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Colleen Stamm

Berks County Library Association  
Spring Meeting  
April 30, 2010  
Mifflin Community Library

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership
  - b. Professional Development
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Nominations for open Executive Board positions - Effective July 1, 2010
- VII. New Business
  - a. Election of new board member to the position of Secretary – Pat Lowry, Director, Schuylkill Valley Library
- VIII. Announcements
  - a. Grants available
  - b. Herb Landau's book available at the meeting for \$36.
- IX. Adjournment

*Friday, April 30th*

# BCLA Spring Meeting & Library Workshop

*Mifflin Community  
Library*

**Lunch & Meeting:**

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Workshop:**

**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost:**

**\$5.00 - Members**

**\$8.00 - Non-members**

**(Includes lunch)**

The focus of the workshop will be: how to thrive on less and grant writing. It will be presented by Herbert B. Landau, Executive Director of the Lancaster Public Library and author of the book "The Small Public Library Survival Guide". While in his previous position as Director of the Milanof-Schock Library in Mount Joy, PA, Mr. Landau was awarded the Bill and Melinda Gates Best Small Library Award in 2006.

**Public Librarians will receive  
3 CE credits for attending  
the workshop.**

Herbert Landau's book, "The Small Public Library Survival Guide", will be available for purchase at the workshop for \$36.00.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandwich:**

Turkey            Ham  
Roast Beef

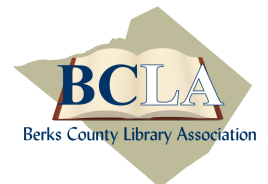
**Salad:**

Garden    Caesar  
Cobb       Spinach

Please RSVP no later than April 27, 2010.  
Thank you!

Cost: \$5.00 - Members / \$8.00 - Non-members  
Includes lunch and the workshop

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