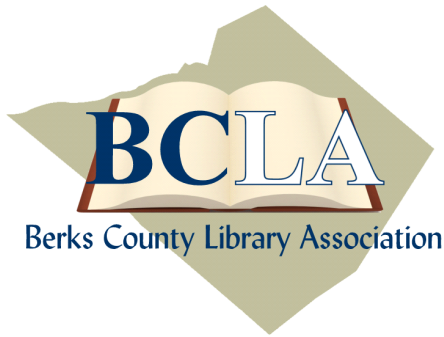


Berks County Library Association



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Winter 2011

Letter from the President

Dear BCLA Members:

At our Fall meeting, I shared the idea of making a donation to a community organization that supports and promotes literacy. A committee was formed consisting of myself, Colleen Stamm, Sue Shipe, Peg Robinson, Emily McNulty, and Corinne App. We decided that we would do some research in order to determine a group that could benefit from a contribution of money or materials. Upon conferring with our Treasurer, Sue Davis, we agreed that this year, \$200 would be an appropriate amount to spend. At our committee meeting, we decided to choose the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks, whose director Ryan Breisch shared that the organization needs textbooks for students too poor to purchase one.

I believe that BCLA can and should be a more active service organization. I hope that you agree with me, and I also hope that this will be the beginning of a yearly contribution, in the name of literacy, to a deserving organization.

Sincerely,

Marcina Wagner
BCLA President

**We will be voting on this charitable donation to the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks at our Winter Business Meeting.*

The BCLA Winter Business Meeting will be held at the Berks County Law Library on Friday, February 18th at 1:30 p.m. For more details about this event, see page 5 of the newsletter.



Member Spotlight: Sue Shipe

Position: Library Director of Village Library in Morgantown

Where and when born: Reading Hospital, January 16, 1953

First job: besides babysitting, library aide at Wyomissing High School during summer

Accomplishment I'm proudest of: graduating summa cum laude with an MLS while working full time, raising 3 kids and through the deaths of both my parents

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

Dream vacation: relaxing on any beach

How I plan to spend my retirement: reading and doing what ever I want, when I want

Favorite TV program: CSI

All-time favorite book: Mr. Popper's Penguins as a child, Diana Gabaldon series

The habit I just cannot break: procrastination

The craziest thing I've ever done: got married 2 weeks after graduating from college (undergrad)

Proudest moment of my life: birthing 3 children naturally

Job I would like to have for one day: I would like to be a man for 1 day (to see how the other half are treated)

People may be surprised to know that I: have lived in Berks County all my life (except for undergraduate college days)

Berks County's biggest secret: all the resources and culture available in our own backyard (county)

**Berks County Library Association
Fall Meeting
Friday, December 10, 2010
Wyomissing Public Library**

Call to Order:

Marcina Wagner, President, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Colleen Stamm to approve the minutes from the Spring meeting on April 30, 2010, and it was seconded by Sue Shipe. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Davis, Treasurer, was absent, so Colleen Stamm read the Treasurer's Report. The previous balance was \$2,202.60. Deposits totaled \$1,427.00. Withdrawals included the bus trip to NYC, a gift for Herb Landau, and refreshments for the Fall Meeting, which totaled \$1,706.58. The ending balance as of November 30, 2010 was \$1,923.02. There are two pending transactions: One is a withdrawal of \$61.00 as a donation to the NYPL, and the other is a deposit of \$146.00. Profits from the NYPL Bus Trip totaled \$156.00.

Committee Reports:

- BCLA Membership
 - Corinne App reported that they are currently investigating ways of increasing membership and attendance at functions. Ideas included more collaboration and communication, setting up a Facebook page, and attending college career fairs, such as Kutztown since they offer a Library Science degree. Anyone interested in helping should contact Corinne.

- Professional Development
 - Julie Rinehart could not attend the meeting. A list of names was taken to ensure that Continuing Education Certificates will be issued to those who requested them.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Spring meeting will be held at the Berks County Community Foundation on Friday, April 29, 2011. More information will follow. Topic for speaker is "Planned Giving and Philanthropy: Helping Library Lovers Support Your Cause."

Winter meeting will be held at the Berks County Court of Common Pleas Law Library. Melanie Solon will give us a tour of the library, demonstrate LexisNexis and Westlaw databases, show us packets that have been put together as how-tos for citizens (custody and simple divorce), etc.

Marcina Wagner also mentioned BCLA adopting a charitable cause in an effort to be a more active service organization. Idea was put out about donating audio books to a senior center. A committee was formed consisting of Sue Shipe, Marcina Wagner, Peg Henderson, Corinne App, and Emily McNulty. Ideas will be voted on at the Winter Meeting.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathee Rhode, and it was seconded by Emily McNulty. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Lowry

Berks County Library Association
Winter Meeting
February 18, 2011
Berks County Law 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. Adopting a community organization - Literacy Council of Reading-Berks
- VII. New Business
 - a. Nominations for open Executive Board positions - Effective July 1, 2011
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. Spring Meeting - April 29, 2011 @ Berks County Community Foundation
- IX. Adjournment

BCLA Winter Meeting & Law Library Tour



Date: Friday, February 18th

Time: 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Location:

Berks County Law Library
10th Floor, Courthouse
633 Court St., Reading, PA 19601

Parking: The parking garage is located at the corner of Court & Reed St. The cost of parking is \$2 - 1st hour, \$2 - 2nd hour, \$2 - 3rd hour, each additional hour \$1.50, \$12 Maximum per day.

Itinerary:

1:30-2:00 p.m.: Registration & Refreshments

2:00-2:30 p.m.: BCLA Meeting

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.: Berks County Law Library Tour

**There will be no charge for this meeting and informational tour. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

Name: _____

Library: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please RSVP no later than February 11, 2011. Thank you!

There is **no fee for this meeting & tour, but attendees are responsible for the parking garage fee (if you attend the entire meeting/tour the parking fee will be \$6).

Please RSVP by email or mail to:
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9 Reading Blvd
Wyomissing, PA 19610
colleen@wyopublib.org

