American Library Association
Committee Information Update Report

Report for Midwinter – The ALA-CBC Joint committee meets in the Fall and the Spring in New York – this report covers the Fall meeting which took place on October 29, 2012.

Name of Committee:
ALA-CBC Joint Committee

Chair:
Julie A. Cummins

Members Present:
Julie A. Cummins (Chair) (via phone)
Caroline Ward
Victoria Stapleton (Co-Chair)
Jason Wells
Michael Rogalla
Maria B. Salvadore
Allison Santos
Molly Thomas
Virginia (Ginny) Walter
Beth Yoke
Robin Adelson
Ayanna Coleman

Accomplishments:

• New Home Library Lists: The lists were originally compiled by the ALSC Quicklist Committee but then the ALA-CBC Joint Committee paired off and took looked at each list to make sure what was chosen and written adhered to what we foresaw for the lists.

• ALSC offers summer reading grants and PLA has a summer reading app in the works, The Collaborative Summer Library Program. We have the new concept of learning labs in libraries—not just for patrons to get content, but to create and share content.

• CBC at ALA: Decided to create a diversity discussion panel at ALA and enhance it online. Possible webinar as well. Topics should include but not be limited to diversity in books as well as the profession.

• At ALA Annual and ALA Midwinter: There is a need to reassert the professional nature of this event. One solution at Annual, we’re hosting a pre-conference summit all for bloggers of YA and children’s to give them some etiquette procedures. Bloggers are the main problem so ensuring their credibility goes a long way to handling the influx of bloggers and the problems that come with them in such large numbers.

• Common Core: Editors are interested but marketers don’t know how to do it. Julia at Booklist and Booklinks is addressing common core issues. HarperCollins has Appendix B which they can send to librarians and teachers. Other publishers are trying to do this and show how you can use their books. It’s the parents who are under-informed who come to you for help. This committee may decide to work together to help create a common core update website.

Planned activities for upcoming year:

• Home Library Lists Next list update to happen at March 2014 meeting.
• Further discussion of CBC at ALA involvement, especially with Diversity initiative.

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