

**Alaska Center for the Book**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**June 6, 2017**

**Attending:** Rayette Sterling, Camille Oliver, Page Brannon, Carol Sturgulewski, Lila Vogt, Tricia Brown, Sara Juday

We had no formal agenda. Topics covered during the potluck meal:

**Rosemary Wells' visit September 9-16:** Tricia Brown and Lila Vogt secured funding from the Alaska State Library to help cover the costs of the author travel and honorarium. Wells has offered to loan original artwork for exhibit throughout the state. Tricia is talking with others who could take on this multi-faceted task. Tricia has focused on Wells' presentation and travel. It's a packed schedule, and we are thankful for all the work by Tricia and Lila. Below is the rough schedule:

September 9: arrives in late afternoon

September 10: Afternoon tea with Best Beginnings

September 11: Event at Loussac (exact location at the library is under discussion and will likely depend on the construction)

September 12: Rabbit Creek Elementary, then flies to Fairbanks

September 13: Weller Elementary in the am; tourist adventures in pm

September 14: Morning free; Wonder Park Elementary in pm

September 15: Train to Palmer and ½ at Larson Elementary, Wasilla; flies to Juneau

September 16: Morning as a tourist; evening at Juneau Public Library

September 17: Departs for home

**Alaska Reads:** Will announce selection at Alaska Book Week and begin shipping books in October to libraries purchased with grant funds from the Alaska State Library.

**Alaska Book Week:** Ernestine Hayes, Alaska's Writer Laureate has offered to do events.

**CLIA Awards:** Carol, Sara, Page and Lila met to make the selections. Difficult choices with a number of worthy nominees. Winners include:

- Muldoon Elementary Library for its ongoing work of encouraging young writers through publishing books that are available in the library.
- Read on the Fly for the innovative program of working with airports and airlines to make available books for traveling children.
- Sherri Douglas for her years of service and dedication to literacy and reading both at the Anchorage Public Library and as a board member and past president of Alaska Center for the Book.

- Lance Twitchell, assistant professor of Alaska Native Languages at the University of Alaska Southeast, who works not only to preserve Alaska Native languages but to promote their use and acceptance, as well as broader and deeper understanding of Southeast Alaska's Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian culture and history.

**National Book Fest:** Discussed selection of book to represent Alaska and selected *Secondhand Summer* by Dan Walker. Also talked about who should attend. Camille, who has never attended, will see if she can take time off to go. Rayette and Page are both willing.

**Alaska Library Association Annual Conference:** Will be held in Anchorage in March 2018, ACB should work toward doing a presentation. Camille prepared a PowerPoint presentation a few years ago that she will pull out and update. We have pictures and new projects to include.

**Officers:**

President: Rayette will continue for her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as president.

Vice President: Page Brannon.

Secretary: Zeb Kraft was not present, but we're counting on him continuing

Treasurer: Lila Vogt will continue.

**Next Meeting:** No meeting in July. Should we meet in late August?