Do you enjoy reading children’s books and discussing them with others? Then join us at the Black Eyed Susan Tapestry (BEST) workshop, a celebration of children and teen literature. Learn how the Black Eyed Susan nominees are selected and participate in a full day of small group discussions of the 2015 nominees from picture book to teen. Children’s author, Priscilla Cummings will be speaking and sharing some of her great titles and characters. As an added feature, 2015 exceptional juvenile and picture book titles will be highlighted by librarian Paula Willey of Baltimore County Public Library and Tess Goldwasser, St Mary’s County youth services librarian. Buffet lunch is included. Participants will be required to read all titles in 3 of the 5 groups. Lunch will be available as part of registration. There will be books available for sale and signing. Payment for them must be by cash or check only.

9-9:15 Registration
9:15-9:35 Introductions and slides of additional 2015 Nominees
9:35-9:45 Black Eyed Susan Award Criteria
9:45-10:45 1st Book Discussion
10:50-11:50 2nd Book Discussion
11:50-12:30 Lunch
12:30-2:00 Author- Priscilla Cummings
2:00-3:00 3rd Book Discussion
3:05-4:00 New Titles, Best Bets
4:00-4:15 Evaluation

1. Picture Books: Carle, Eric - What's Your Favorite Animal?; Hatke, Ben - Julia's House for Lost Creatures; Raczka, Bob - Joy in Mudville; Reynolds, Aaron – Carnivores; Rosenstock, Barb - The Noisy Paint Box: the Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art

2. Grades 4-6 Nominees: Graff, Lisa - Absolutely Almost; Grimes, Nikki - Words with Wings; Hagen, George - Gabriel Finley & the Raven's Riddle; Holm, Jennifer - The Fourteenth Goldfish; Kadohata, Cynthia - Half a World Away

3. Graphic Novels, Grades 4-6 Nominees: Bell, Cece - El Deafo; Camper, Cathy - Lowriders in Space, Book 1; Keenan, Sheila - Dogs of War; Rodriguez, David A. - Finding Gossamyrr, Volume 1; Simpson, Dana - Phoebe and Her Unicorn: a Heavenly Nostrils Chronicle

4. Grades 6-9 Nominees: Auxier, Jonathan - Night Gardener; Johnson, Terry Lynn - Ice Dogs; Milford, Kate-
**Greenglass House**: Vernick, Audrey- *Screaming at the Ump*; Yousafzai, Malala- *I am Malala*


This program has been approved for 6 contact hours of continuing education.
Registration deadline: September 1st.
Refunds cannot be issued after September 5th.

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To register: [http://www.mdlib.org/calendar_day.asp?date=9/19/2015&event=58](http://www.mdlib.org/calendar_day.asp?date=9/19/2015&event=58)

**DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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| 15 | Conference Committee Meeting | 2:00pm-4:00pm | MLA Office | Andrea Berstler at aberstler@wicomico.org |
| 16 | MAPLA Meeting | BCPL-Owings Mills Branch | | |
| 22 | MLLI Showcase | | | for 2014 Maryland Library Leadership Institute Graduates. |

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