

**Maryland Library
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**MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
1401 HOLLINS STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21223**

**Childrens Services Division
Presents**

**Tunes, Tots and Tweens: Oh My!
Tried & True Techniques for Successful Programming**

**Monday, April 20, 2009 1pm—4:15pm
C.Burr Artz Library, Frederick, MD***

MLA members: \$35. Non-members: \$53. Students: \$30.

Join CSD for an afternoon of programming ideas, from tots to tweens. Joe Stover from Charles County presents 50 favorite books for story time, a "greatest hits" of finger plays, and songs to get kids up and moving! Elizabeth Rafferty, Youth Specialist for Baltimore County Public Library, explains how tweens' needs are unique and shares homemade kits for tween programming, along with demonstrations of successful programs that bring tweens into your library.

**This program is worth 3 hours of continuing education.
Refunds cannot be issued after April 13, 2009**

* for directions: www.fcpl.org

**MLA Legislative Day in Annapolis
Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

Elected officials and government executives are desperately trying to position their counties to withstand a future with great uncertainty. They are implementing freezes, cuts, and considering any options that might preserve "essential services". They need your help in setting the course for their counties and the state during this difficult time. We must demonstrate that libraries are an essential service, especially in the effort to overcome the current economic crisis. Protecting library budgets makes sense as a cost-effective strategy for recovery. This is our chance to speak out about what our libraries are doing every day to help people during this economic downturn by offering resources, assistance and other services. Several examples include enabling the unemployed to search and apply for jobs on line, setting up e-mail accounts to receive responses and taking online practice tests for job certification. We are providing a chance to learn how to manage and consolidate debt as well as giving information on improving business marketing or working out of the home. Public libraries are the only educational resource that serves all of our citizens throughout their lives and library services are available nights and weekends via the Internet. It is critical that our advocacy efforts increase awareness of libraries' valuable resources and services, particularly during difficult economic times. Join us as we explain to our elected officials how libraries are essential and encourage them to support library funding. We will gather again at 8:15am at the MD Law Library on Church Circle in Annapolis for coffee and a briefing by Denise Davis, Natalie Edington and Del. Mary-Dulaney James. They will bring us up to date about upcoming bills and current discussions concerning libraries and funding. We will meet in the spectator galley of the Senate Chamber for the reading of the Maryland Library proclamation and then disperse to visit our individual senators and delegates to give them a packet of information about libraries in Maryland. In the evening, we will join again at 5:30 with our fellow librarians as well as our elected officials for a reception in the Miller Senate Building. Now is the time to locate the name of your elected officials and plan to visit with them on February 4th.

DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| February | 3 | Author Award Endowment Meeting. 10am. MLA Office. Contact Ada Woods at 410 704-5326 or woods@towson.edu or Annie Young at 301 405-9172 or AYoung3@umd.edu. |
| | 4 | MD Legislative Day and Reception. Annapolis, MD. |
| | 6 | Legislative Panel Meeting, 10am-noon, AACPL Headquarters. Contact Denise Davis at: 410 996-1055 or ddavis@ccplnet.org. |
| | 11 | MD Library Leadership Institute 2pm - 4pm, MLA office. Contact Jim DeArme y at jdearmey@bcpl.net or 410 887-6124. |
| | 16 | Presidents Day MLA office closed. |
| | 18 | Steering Committee Meeting, 10am-noon, MLA Office. Contact Darrell Batson at: 301 600-1613 or dbatson@fredco-md.net . |
| | 18 | Conference Committee, 2-4pm MLA Office. Contact Elizabeth Cromwell at: 301 600-1629 or ecromwell@fredco-md.net. |
| March | 6 | Legislative Panel Meeting, 10am-noon, AACPL Headquarters. Contact Denise Davis at: 410 996-1055 or ddavis@ccplnet.org . |
| | 6 | IFAP Meeting, 12:30 pm, Hemingway's Restaurant, Kent Island. Contact Mary Somers at: msomers@harford.edu or 443 412-2268 |
| | 9 | CSD Meeting, 10am-12:30. Noyes Library for Young Children, Kensington, MD. Contact Julie Ranelli at: jranelli@quan.lib.md.us or 410 643-7098. |
| | 11 | MD Library Leadership Institute 2pm - 4pm, MLA office. Contact Jim DeArme y at jdearmey@bcpl.net or 410 887-6124. |
| | 12 | PSD Meeting, 9:30am-12:30pm Linthicum Library. Contact Sandy Meyers at: smeyers@aacpl.net or 410 729-1742 |
| | 18 | Executive Board Meeting, 10am-noon, MLA Office. Contact Darrell Batson at: 301 600-1613 or dbatson@fredco-md.net . |
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The Role of Libraries in Economic Hard Times

On January 7, 2009, the Diane Rehm show hosted Carla Hayden (executive director, Enoch Pratt Free Library, and past president of the American Library Association), Jim Rettig (President of the American Library Association and University Librarian at the Boatwright Memorial Library at the University of Richmond, VA) and Ginnie Cooper (Chief Librarian for the District of Columbia Public Library and former executive director of the Brooklyn Public Library) who discussed libraries and communities. This was followed by a question and answer session that included librarians from around the country. The entire program has been archived and is located at <http://wamu.org> under the archives for Diane Rehm.

BookExpo America

BookExpo America is Librarian friendly! BEA is the largest North American book fair featuring over 1,000 authors, special events, conferences and keynotes and books. Only at BEA can you meet the authors and touch the books and get your hands on advanced read copies and galleys. BEA is back in New York City May 28-31, 2009. The registration for BEA opens this month, so log on to www.bookexpoamerica.com/MLANews for more information and to register . Make sure that you mention MLA in order to get your \$20 discount . Book Expo America has signed on as a participant at our upcoming MLA conference. Stop by their table to learn more about the conference that will be taking place in New York two weeks later.

2009 MLA Annual Conference: Generation Why Not

Watch your mailbox as soon you will be receiving your official MLA Conference Brochure. The conference committee has done a tremendous job putting together programs that cover a broad spectrum of topics. On Friday, if you are a fan of *CSI* or *Law and Order*, you will particularly enjoy the workshop titled *CSI: Library*. Learn about current outreach library programs throughout the country and look at ABOS conference reports. Do you know how millenials use the internet? Do you know who a millennial is? Come and learn more about them and their searching habits. A conference favorite, Kathy MacMillan returns again and will teach us how to maximize programs with story boxes. Do you think virtual reference is the future of libraries? Come and discuss this with a panel of experts. You can learn how the first One Maryland, One Book initiative was received and what's coming for 2009. Can you develop a readers advisory? Learn the tricks at this session. Plan to learn about the Chesapeake Project- capturing government documents. Do you have excellent customer service skills? Learn more about them-no matter what the medium. The trustees are presenting a program that will teach you strategies for connecting to the community as a citizen or a trustee. Another popular speaker, Carrie Gardner is returning and will let us know about patron privacy and confidentiality laws. We are delighted to include a program put on by the Delaware Division of Libraries titled "Learning Journeys: Libraries' Claim on the Informal Learning Space". Come and learn about connecting people with state government agencies during times of crisis and join in the panel discussion. Our Friday luncheon speaker will be Tom Stechschulte, an actor who no doubt will share his expressive styles as a reader of dark maniacal characters as well as humorous and witty ones.

The Daily Record

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CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORTING

MLA Continuing Education Forms will report contact hours received for a program attended. We will no longer show a conversion to continuing education units (CEUs). If you have any questions, please contact the MLA office at mla@mdlib.org or 410 947-5090.

JOBLINE

Have you had a chance to look at the Jobline recently? We have been receiving listing from public libraries outside the state of Maryland as well as from special libraries found in corporate offices. Jobline is a chance for you to see opportunities that you might not think about in the position you are currently in, and we provide the information to take that next step and apply. We update the website on a weekly basis: send your listing to us by Wednesday noon and look forward to seeing it posted by Thursday at 5 PM. Unless a job has specific posting dates, each listing will appear on the website for two weeks. The cost for MLA Corporate Members is free and the cost for non-members is \$50 per listing.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

Educational programs and Division/Interest Group meetings will be cancelled or postponed in the event that schools are closed due to weather in the county/city where the event is scheduled to be held. A notice will be recorded on the office phone of the cancellation/postponement. The MLA calendar will be updated to show that the meeting has been cancelled or postponed. In the event that a decision is made to proceed with the program/meeting, the individual responsible for the program/meeting should notify the office of that decision and notify participants individually.

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