EDI PANEL PRESENTS

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE: IMPROVING LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED PATRONS AND STAFF

Thursday September 14, 2023 10:30am-12:00pm
Online via Zoom
No Charge

Learn about the types of disability, the history of disability rights, and ways to increase accessibility and accommodations for disabled patrons and library staff alike with Kayla Martin-Gant.
This program has been approved for 1.5 contact hours of continuing education.
Registration deadline is September 13th
Register here: EDI Panel-A Place for Everyone: Improving Library Access for Disabled Patrons and Staff (mdlib.org)
PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS

EMERGING ADULTS UNCONFERENCE

Thursday September 14, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm
Baltimore County Public Library-Sollars Point Branch
Members: $25.00  Non-members: $37.50
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: $12.50

Emerging Adults are coming to or are already at a library near you! These are the patrons that are typically between the ages of 18-30. Do you have ideas for services or programs that would fit their needs? Come discuss programming and services for emerging adults in a flexible, conversational format with staff from around the state. This program has been approved for 3 contact hours of continuing education.

Registration deadline is September 7th
Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=9%2F14%2F23&eventid=177

THE MLA OFFICE WISHES YOU A FUN SUMMER SEASON AND A LITTLE CHUCKLE!
Children’s Services Division Presents

Black Eyed Susan Tapestry 2023 - The Fall Edition

Thursday September 21, 2023, 9:30am-1:30pm
Online via Zoom
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: $12.50

Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2023—The Fall Edition, a celebration of Picture Books. Learn about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and participate, via Zoom, in a half day of small group discussions of some of the 2023-2024 Picture Book nominees. Tracey Baptiste, author of Looking for a Jumbie, will be our keynote speaker. Program check-in begins at 9:25am, and the program will start at 9:30am. There will be two discussion groups, meeting twice, so you can attend both sessions. Please read all the titles for each group.

Group 1 Picture Books
- Beautifully Me, by Nabela Noor
- Everywhere with You, by Carlie Sorosiak
- Looking for a Jumbie, by Tracey Baptiste
- Lunch From Home, by Joshua David Stein
- My First Day, by Phung Nguyen Quang and Huynh Kim Lien

Group 2 J Nonfiction
- All the Way to the Top: How One Girl’s Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything, by Annette Bay Pimentel
- Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, A Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion, by Shannon Stocker
- Nachos’ Nachos: The Story Behind the World’s Favorite Snack, by Sandra Nickel
- The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field, by Scott Riley
- The Pig War: How a Porcine Tragedy Taught England and America to Share, by Emma Bland Smith

This program has been approved for 4 contact hours of continuing education.

Registration deadline is September 7th
Register here: CSD Black-Eyed Susan Tapestry 2023 - The FALL Edition (mdlib.org)
Zoom link will be sent out on September 19th.
DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL, CAUCUS, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August
2 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
3 - Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. AACPL-Busch Branch, (Hybrid option). Contact Gabriél Jones at: Gabriel.jones@pgcmls.info
8 - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org
9 - Materials Interest Group Meeting, 3:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Laura Bandoch @bandoch@hcplonline.org
14 - Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org
16 - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
16 - Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mlaexec@mdlib.org.
24 - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org

September
4 - Labor Day. MLA office closed.
6 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
6 - Intellectual Freedom Panel Discussion, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Topic; The War Against Teaching Black History. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Lloyd Jansen at: ljansen@ccplonline.org or Andrea Boothby-Rice at: aboothbyrice2@washcoll.edu
11 - Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org
11 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org
12 - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org
13 - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net. New Date
Anita Crawford kicked off the new conference committee year with the mission and values statement as well as the MLA policy regarding presentations. That policy reads in part: “Because the Conference serves as an open forum, opinions expressed and/or materials distributed by program participants do not necessarily reflect or imply advocacy or endorsement by the Maryland or Delaware Library Associations (MLA/DLA) their officers or members. The statements and opinions contained in the exhibitor descriptions in the Conference Brochure are solely those of the individual exhibitors and not of the MLA/DLA. The appearance of advertisements in the Sched Mobile App and Brochure are not a warranty, endorsement, or approval of the products or services advertised or of the effectiveness or quality.”

Jo Powers has agreed to be the MLA chair of the social committee—if you would like to be on her team, reach out to her at jpowers@tcfl.org

Do you want to be a part of next year's conference planning? Anita Crawford would love to hear from you—shoot her an email and ask to be on her team! acrawford@bcpl.net
The August 1979 issue of the Crab included information about the MLA honorees for service to libraries. Former Governor Blair Lee III received the Distinguished Service Award for his endorsement of increasing state funds from $1.50 per capita to $5.00 per capita. He also was instrumental in the enactment of legislation revising the laws that created the State Library Resource Center and the Regional Library Resource Centers. Nettie Taylor also received an award at that year’s conference—for her continuing leadership in the development of excellence in Maryland Libraries. In 1978, she had spent over 30 years at the state level guiding the development of libraries in Maryland.

DON'T MISS MLA'S UPCOMING DUCKPIN BOWLING NIGHT!
MLA CENTENNIAL CARNIVAL: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

The planning team is inviting library systems and organizations to design and host a carnival game or activity showing off their awesome creativity, and to showcase all your library is doing using library swag as prizes! You will get two free registrations to the carnival for your booth, and prizes will be awarded for the best booth.

Use this form to register your booth and the planning committee will reach out to you to confirm your idea and process your registration. Early bird rate is $75-by 8/25; regular rate is $100.-deadline is 9/29.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM PANEL DISCUSSIONS

As book challenges intensify nationwide, MLA's Intellectual Freedom Panel invites you to join us for five new discussions regarding censorship. We will focus on a specific book, article, or video for each discussion, examining current concerns in freedom of access and expression.

Please note that these discussions will not be recorded, and that no continuing education credits will be granted.

Defending Our Collections: Held from 1:00 - 2:00pm on MLA Connect. September 6, 2023 Topic: The War against Black History Please watch: Arthur Miller Freedom to Write Lecture, Ta-Nehisi Coates, May 11 2023 facilitator: Monica McAbee

November 1, 2023 Topic: Free Speech - Is It for Everyone? Please read Free Speech for Me but Not for Thee: How the American Left and Right Relentlessly Censor Each Other: How the American Left and Right Relentlessly Censor Each Other, by Nat Hentoff facilitator: Arthur LaRue


March 6, 2023 Topic: Data and Privacy Please read: Data Cartels: The Companies That Control and Monopolize Our Information by Sarah Lamdan Facilitator: Andrea Boothby Rice

May 1, 2023
Topic and Facilitator TO BE DETERMINED
LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH MLA?

Consider joining some of our divisions, committees, and interest groups! All members are welcome to join and participate and as a member-led organization, the more involved you are, the better we are able to serve your needs!

You can join anytime through your MLA account or by reaching out to the MLA Office at mla@mdlib.org.

Divisions:
- Academic and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Children’s Services Division (CSD)
- Leadership Development Division (LDD)
- Public Services Division (PSD)
- Support Staff Division (SSD)

Committees and Panels
- Annual Conference Committee
- Awards Committee
- Editorial Committee
- Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel (IFAP)
- Legislative Panel
- Marketing Committee
- Professional Development Panel (PDP)

Interest Groups
- Government Information Interest Group (GIIG)
- LGBTQ+ Interest Group
- Maryland Adult Programming Interest Group (MAPIG)
- Reader’s Advisory Interest Group (RAIG)
- Teen Interest Group (TIG)
PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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