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
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.
CHILDREN’S SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS

STORYTIME BOOTCAMP

Monday October 23, 2023, 10:00am-3:30pm
Prince Georges County Memorial Library System - Laurel Branch*
Members: $50.00  Non-members: $75.00
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: $25.00

Develop and refresh your storytime skills at Storytime Bootcamp! This in-person half-day conference is an opportunity for library staff to develop their storytime knowledge and skills through presentations and practice with experts in the field. Due to a large turnover in library children’s services staff in the past 2 years, many staff doing storytime are relatively new to this unique form of early literacy programming. Storytime is an essential library service for families with children birth to five and can be the entry point for library use and lifelong support of public libraries. Therefore, it is important that staff doing storytime programming provide exceptional experiences for the adults and children attending. Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen (Mother Goose on the Loose, LLC) will present a two-hour session about brain basics, early literacy, and how to create developmentally appropriate storytime programs. Attendees will practice proven techniques for joyfully selecting and presenting books in storytimes. Kathy MacMillan (Stories By Hand) will present an hour storytime showdown full of fresh ideas, practical tricks, and easy flannel boards, fingerplays, sign language rhymes, and other activities. Participants will learn how to keep an audience’s attention, transition smoothly between activities, and keep kids and parents coming back for more! Elaine Sarlo (Queen Anne's County Library) and Nicole Wilson (Baltimore County Public Library) will present an hour session on how to best add caregiver tips into storytime. Attendees will explore different ways to design a storytime around Every Child Ready to Read early literacy practices, use materials in storytime to demonstrate those practices to caregivers, and add tips to predesigned storytimes.

Register early; space is limited. Lunch is not provided, so bring your own or go out to lunch.

This program has been approved for 4 contact hours of continuing education. Registration deadline is October 14th.

Register here: CSD-Storytime Bootcamp (mdlib.org)
*Directions: https://www.pgcmls.info/branch/location/Laurel
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM PANEL PRESENTS

A CLEAR AND PRESENT TENSION: INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND SAFE SPACES

Monday November 6, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm
Frederick County Public Library-Urbana Branch*
Members: $25.00  Non-members: $37.50
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: $12.50

In a time of growing social tension, the question of libraries as neutral entities is under wide scrutiny. Can libraries remain safe spaces for the entire community and still be a place where all viewpoints are welcome? In this panel discussion, three frontline staff members from Maryland public libraries will discuss their experiences balancing intellectual freedom and libraries as safe spaces.
This program has been approved for 2 contact hours of continuing education.
Registration deadline is October 30th
Register here: IFP: A Clear and Present Tension
*Directions: FCPL-Urbana Branch
DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL, CAUCUS, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.
14 - EDI Panel Program, A Place for Everyone: Improving Library Accessibility for Disabled Patrons and Staff, see article above.
14 - Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Rachel Miller at rmiller@bcpl.net
14 - Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30am-12:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melissa Lauber at mlauber@ccplonline.org
14 - Public Services Division Program: Emerging Adults Unconference, see article above.
20 - Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mlaexec@mdlib.org.
21 - CSD Program: Black Eyed Susan Tapestry, see article above.
21 - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org
23 - MLA Centennial Fundraiser: Bowling Night. See flyer.

October
2 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org
4 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
We have a theme: Seeds of Change. In August, the Conference Committee discussed the number of keynote speakers we would have this year as well as how the poster sessions would be coordinated. They also talked about favorite programs that MUST be included as well as several activities that might be set aside for another year. The next step is locating sponsors for all the social events that everyone wants to see. Jo Powers’ social committee also met in August and tossed around some ideas to promote more networking time-if you would like to be on her team, reach out to her at jpowers@tcfl.org. Reach out to Anita Crawford if you would like to be a part of next year's conference planning. acrawford@bcpl.net
In 1973, The Crab had a special issue devoted to Intellectual Freedom. The history of Maryland’s participation in the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom began in the spring of 1948 with a request for a representative from MLA to attend the meeting in Atlantic City. The MD committee was active in the campaign against the Maryland Subservice Activities Law (Ober Law). Within The Crab, several ways to handle requests for removing materials were given, beginning with a nine question Citizen’s Request for Reconsideration of Library Material form, and concluding with the form that was filed with the Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

DON'T MISS MLA'S UPCOMING DUCKPIN BOWLING NIGHT!

Duckpin Bowling MLA Centennial Fundraiser
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
TIME: 3:00 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: AMF SOUTHWEST LANES, 4991 FAIRVIEW AVE., LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090
MEMBER COST: $35 PER PERSON; NON-MEMBER COST: $45 PER PERSON

Help MLA celebrate our Centennial in true Maryland style with Duckpin Bowling! Each ticket includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza (substitutes available), unlimited sodas, and lots of FRIENDLY competition! Money raised from this event will help support professional development opportunities and grants for Maryland library workers.
Booth ideas are starting to roll in—bring your creativity to the proposed Book Origami booth. Bring your good looks to the Green Screen. Bring your fine motor skills to the Hot Air Balloon Drop. There will be the President’s Award as well as an award for collecting the most game tickets in your 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. The rate is $100, and the 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

LAW ON THE FRONTLINES: LEGAL REFERENCE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES – FALL 2023

As a specialized area of knowledge and resources, law and legal reference can be a challenging area for providers of general reference. Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries, enables and empowers public library staff across Maryland to provide quality legal reference in their local communities, ensuring that the law is accessible to every Marylander who needs it. The 2023 Fall session begins in September with the Basics and will be followed with topical sessions on Family Law, Consumer Law, and Legal Forms. Frontlines topics help develop recognition of law topics through terminology, resources, and referrals specifically related to that topic.
There will be a follow-up Lab session for each topic. Lab sessions provide an opportunity for learners to work collaboratively with law librarians to investigate real-world resources. Attendees are invited to provide legal reference questions in advance or bring a question to the session. The Lab participants will choose which questions to learn from; law librarian facilitators demonstrate gathering information and referrals to address each question.

For more on Legal Reference Training, click here: Law on the Frontlines. Links to previous trainings can be found on the Training Sessions page.

For each completed training, a Certificate of Completion indicating Contact hours will be provided.

Want to get more involved with MLA? Check out some of Divisions, Committees, and Interest Groups!

**Caucus**

**Black Caucus Of The Maryland Library Association**
- Current focus:
  - Providing a safe space to discuss and decide upon a course of action on issues of concern to our members
  - Promoting equal job opportunities, professional development, provide mentorship opportunities
  - Promoting actions to improve the work environment of our members and to improve the quality of library service in Black communities

**Divisions**

**Association Of College And Research Libraries, MD**
- Current focus:
  - Connecting academic and research library workers
  - Providing a safe space for discussing current issues and topics related to academic and research libraries
  - Creating leadership and volunteer opportunities for academic and research library workers

**Children’s Services Division**

**Leadership Development Division**
- Current Focus
  - Committed to providing development opportunities to leaders from any position
  - Career success of aspiring, new, and long-time leaders
  - Exploring creative learning opportunities to offer throughout the year

**Public Services Division**
- Current Focus
  - Sponsoring The Emerging Adults Unconference on 9/14/23
  - Providing quality programming for MLA year-round
  - Supporting two Interest Groups that fall under our Division OSIG (Outreach Services Interest Group) and MAPIG (Maryland Adult Programming Interest Group); Please consider joining one or both of these interest groups!

**Committees and Panels**
- Intellectual Freedom Panel
- Legislative Panel
- Professional Development Panel
- Marketing Committee
- Maryland Author Award

**Interest Groups**
- Future Of Libraries Interest Group
- Government Information Interest Group
- LGBTQ+ Interest Group
- Library Advocacy Interest Group
- Maryland Adult Programming Interest Group
- New Members Interest Group
- Outreach Services Interest Group
- Readers’ Advisory Interest Group
- Technical Services Interest Group

**Teens Interest Group**

With your MLA membership, you can join new Divisions, Committees, and Interest Groups at any time on the MLA Website or by emailing mla@mdlib.org!
PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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