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
CHILDREN’S SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS
BLACK EYED SUSAN TAPESTRY 2024-THE SPRING EDITION

Thursday March 7, 2024, 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 2024—The Spring Edition, a celebration of Children’s and Teen Fiction. 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 Juvenile and Teen Fiction nominees. Wendy Shang, author of The Secret Battle of Evan Pao, 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.
Group 1 Grades 3-5 Collier, Nicole D. Just Right Jillian Connor, Leslie, Anybody Here Seen Frenchie? Magoon, Kekla, Chester Keene Cracks the Code McDunn, Gillian, Honestly Eliott Yee, Lisa, Maizy Chen’s Last Chance
Group 2 Grades 6-12 Alexander, Kwame, The Door of No Return Dee, Barbara, Violets Are Blue Shang, Wendy Wan-Long, The Secret Battle of Evan Pao Standish, Ali, Yonder · Sepetys, Ruta, I Must Betray You
Please read all the titles for each group.
This program has been approved for 3.5 contact hours of continuing education.
Registration deadline is February 22nd
Register here: BEST 2024-The Spring Edition (mdlib.org)
*Zoom link will be sent on 3/5.
DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL, CAUCUS, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November
1 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
1 - IF Panel Discussion Series: Free Speech-Is It for Everyone? 1:00pm-2:00pm. On line via MLA Connect. Contact Monica McAbee at monica.mcabee@pgcmls.info
3 - MLA Centennial Carnival, see attached flyer
6 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org
6 - IF Panel Program: A Clear and Present Tension: Intellectual Freedom and Safe Spaces, see article above.
7 - Managers Academy virtual session. 10:00am-12:00pm
9 - Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. On line via Zoom. The title for discussion is: How to Be an Ally, by Melinda Epler. Contact Rachel Miller at rmiller@bcpl.net
13 - Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. On line via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org
14 - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org
14 - Managers Academy virtual session. 10:00am-12:00pm
15 - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
15 - Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mlaexec@mdlib.org.
16 - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org
23 - Thanksgiving Day. MLA Office closed.

December
4 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.
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 Meeting, 2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Lloyd Jansen at ljansen@ccplonline.org
7 - Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30-12:00. Baltimore County-Sollers Point Branch. Contact Melissa Lauber at mlauber@ccplonline.org
7 - Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:00pm. Oscar’s Alehouse East. RSVP required by 12/5; Contact Lou Sica at lsica@bcpl.net
11 - Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. On line via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org
12 - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org
13 - RAIG: Indigenous Author Round Table Social, 6:00pm. Online. Contact Meg Faller at meg.faller@calvertlibrary.info for more information.
13 - Materials Interest Group Meeting, 3:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Laura Bandoch @bandoch@hcplonline.org
13 - Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at mlaexec@mdlib.org.
13 - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
21 - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org
25 - Christmas Day, MLA office closed
26-28 - MLA Office closed until 1/2/2024

*Save the Date: January 19-22, 2024, ALA LibLearnX Baltimore MD

THE MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

Please consider nominating a colleague for an MLA Award:

**Distinguished Service Award** - recognizes a Maryland resident who has demonstrated effective library advocacy over an extended period of time and whose contribution to libraries transcends the boundaries of one county or political jurisdiction in Maryland.

**Honorary Membership** - recognizes a lifetime of significant contributions to libraries and librarianship.
Libraries Change Communities Award (NEW team award!) honors a collaborative effort to promote innovative library-based initiatives involving the community.

Margaret Carty Emerging Leader Award - recognizes a member of MLA working in a library who demonstrates strong leadership potential and encourages the recipient to assume an increasingly responsible role in librarianship. This award is named after former MLA Executive Director Margaret Carty who was an outstanding mentor and colleague to new librarians and MLA members at various stages of their career.

Outstanding Member Award - recognizes a member of MLA who has effectively provided sustained service to MLA and significantly enhanced its mission and goals.

Outstanding Support Staff Award - recognizes a library paraprofessional or support staff member who made a significant contribution to libraries in Maryland. The winner of this award receives a one-year membership to MLA.

Outstanding Volunteer Award – honors a library volunteer in Maryland who exemplifies the positive impact that volunteers can make in libraries through their outstanding service.

Project of the Year (NEW team award!) - honors a project exemplifying the highest level of achievement and professional standards

Please refer to the MLA Website-Awards for more information and for the nomination form.

The deadline for nominations is November 10, 2023. The awards will be presented at the MLA Conference in May 2024. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Catherine Hollerbach Chief Operating Officer
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As we get ready to celebrate our centennial in person on November 3rd, here are some dates and events from the early years of the Maryland Library Association.

· 11/30/1923-The first meeting of the Maryland Library Association was held in Osler Hall (1211 Cathedral St, Baltimore) with 75 librarians in attendance.

· 10/1925-a regional library association called the Columbian Library Association was formed from MD, VA and DC. It was hoped that WV and PA would join, but they never did as organizations. Later the association changed its name to the Middle Eastern Library Association.

· In 1925, there were 125 active librarians and 14 associate members for a total membership of 139.

· 5/1926-the first joint MLA,DC conference was held in DC.
MLA CENTENNIAL CARNIVAL:  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 6:30PM - 9:30PM

You still have a few days left to register for the Carnival. We have 12 Booths registered with a variety of games to test your skills, and prizes of undetermined value to be awarded if/when you win! Come and hear from esteemed members of the past and current library community as well as several elected officials who have supported the library community throughout the years.

REGISTER HERE!
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. 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.

THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER

The State Library Resource Center has three webinars scheduled in November and December.

11/15/23 An Introduction to Copyright and Intellectual Property in Libraries

11/29/23 LGBTQ+ History and Culture Through a Black Lens

12/13/23 EAIG - Emerging Adult Interest Group

Each training is worth one contact hour. To find out more and to sign up, simply click on the link above and then click on any session you are interested in. When registering, be sure to include your email address so that we can send you log in instructions before each scheduled session (usually this happens the day before).
PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING:

IFP A Clear and Present Tension
November 6, 2023
___ Member $12.50
___ Non-member $18.75
___ Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend $6.25

CSD BEST 2024 - The Spring Edition
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