The Intellectual Freedom Panel Presents

Defending Our Collections:
An Intellectual Freedom Panel Discussion Series

Wednesday April 5, 2023, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Online via Zoom
Members: Free  Non-members: Free

MLA’s Intellectual Freedom Panel invites you to join us for three discussions regarding the current censorship situation. Come share your experiences, concerns, and mutual support in the face of politicized attacks on library materials. Each discussion will be on Zoom just before our regular IFP Meeting, and free to attend. Attendees are welcome to sit in on the meeting that follows.

Register here- IFP Combatting "Soft Censorship" (mdlib.org)
Registration deadline: 4/4. No CEUs will be issued for these discussions.
Government Information Interest Group Presents

A National Quilting Bee: Diversity and Inclusion in Census Data

Tuesday April 25, 2023, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Online via Zoom

Members: $12.50  Non-members: $18.75  Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: $6.25

This program will demonstrate census data tools with an emphasis on accessing and analyzing census data for diverse communities. Data on topics that reveal differences in terms of age, race, ethnicity, sex, disability, foreign born and the language-challenged can assist in determining groups or areas that require further attention to bring forth diversity and inclusion.

This program has been approved for 1 contact hour of continuing education.
Registration deadline is April 19th.
Register here: GIIG A National Quilting Bee: Diversity & Inclusion in Census Data (mdlib.org)

Readers’ Advisory Interest Group Presents

Emerging and Resurging Genres:

EcoFiction, Gothic, Hopepunk and Quozies

Thursday April 27, 2023 1:00pm-3:00pm

Online via Zoom

Members: $12.50  Non-members: $18.75  Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: $6.25

What are some good novels that explore climate change issues? What does gothic fiction look like to today’s readers? What the heck is Hopepunk? Can you recommend cozy mysteries with queer representation? If these questions intrigue you, please register to hear presenters from the Reader’s Advisory Interest Group explore the typical characteristics, appeal factors, and some representative titles for the new (or evolving) genres of ecofiction, gothic, hopepunk, and quozies. You will learn what appeal factors are, how to identify them, and how to employ them in reader’s advisory interactions. The presenters will demonstrate how to use pop culture media to make connections between the customers’ fandoms and potential reading interests. You will also see examples of how to booktalk titles from genres that are in the current zeitgeist. By learning about four current reading trends, you will be prepared to entice readers with representative titles, introduce new genres to book clubs, and connect media fans with reading material that has similar appeal. Attendees will receive a list of ten to twenty further titles to explore in each genre. Stay informed about the latest trends and keep the reading conversations going!

This program has been approved for 2 contact hours of continuing education.
Registration deadline is April 20th.
Register here: RAIG Emerging and Resurging Genres: EcoFiction, Gothic, Hopepunk, and Quozies (mdlib.org)
DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL, CAUCUS, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April

1  Black Caucus of MLA Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Sharon Morris at: smorris5@retiree.jh.edu
3  Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Topic: MLA Conference Prep. Contact Tracy Miller at: millert@hcplonline.org
4  Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Meeting, 2:00. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Ashley Teagle at ateagle@somd.lib.md.us
5  IF Panel Meeting & Program: 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Boothby Rice at: aboothbyrice2@washcoll.edu
6  Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. Anne Arundel County M.Busch Branch. Contact Chelsea Shockley at: cshockle@prattlibrary.org
7  Legislative Panel, 10:00am-11:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at: aberstler@carr.org
8  Readers’ Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Meg Faller at: mfaller@calvertlibrary.info
10 Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Ashley Teagle at ateagle@somd.lib.md.us
11 Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Lisa Allgeier at: lallgeier@bcpl.net
12 Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Karen Earp at kearp@somelibrary.org
13 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Meeting, 2:00. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Ashley Teagle at ateagle@somd.lib.md.us
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16 Legislative Panel, 10:00am-11:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at: aberstler@carr.org
17 Readers’ Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Meg Faller at: mfaller@calvertlibrary.info
18 ACRL MD Meeting, 11:00am-12:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Bria Sinnott at: bsinnott@towson.edu
20 EDP Panel-A Place for Everyone, See article above.
25 GIIG-A National Quilting Bee See article above.
26 Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at mlaexec@mdlib.org. New Date
27 RAIG-Emerging and Resurging Genres. See article above.

May

6  Black Caucus of MLA Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Sharon Morris at: smorris5@retiree.jh.edu
8  Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. On line via Blackboard. Contact Karen Earp at kearp@somelibrary.org
10-12 MLA/DLA Annual Conference. Cambridge MD.
15 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Meeting, 2:00. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Ashley Teagle at ateagle@somd.lib.md.us
17 Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mlaexec@mdlib.org.
17 Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Kelsey Hughes at: Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info
18 ACRL MD Meeting, 11:00am-12:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Bria Sinnott at: bsinnott@towson.edu.
22 LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Teresa Miller at: Teresa.miller@pgcmls.info
29 Memorial Day. MLA office closed.

18, 19 Futures Conference 2023, Sponsored by MSLA. Pre-registration required.
20 ACRL MD Meeting, 11:00am-12:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Bria Sinnott at: bsinnott@towson.edu.
Save the Date: EDI Panel-A Place for Everyone: Improving Library Accessibility for Disabled Patrons and Staff
Thursday September 14, 2023

MLA/DLA Annual Conference: Level Up
May 10-12, 2023
As we prepare the badge holder brochure, we are looking at the most popular programs as shown in the registration numbers. Right now, the most popular program is Thursday at 1:30pm titled “Difficult Conversations with Customers”. What does this mean? As soon as you finish lunch, you should plan to head over if you want to get a seat! The next most popular program currently is Thursday at 11:00am titled “Gamification: How to Level Up”. Don’t forget-the MLA Business Meeting is a ticketed event this year-make sure that you checked that box on your registration form in order to get a breakfast ticket. Don’t want to register for a lunch or dinner? No problem—we’ll have extra chairs set up in the back of the room so that you can come in for the speakers.

MLA Centennial Year
1923-2023
Back in August 1972, the Crab contained a questionnaire regarding the upcoming Spring conference. Members were asked to weigh in on topics such as: 1. Do you prefer a hotel or university setting for the conference? 2. Would a conference located more centrally in MD, and/or near an expressway enable more of your staff to attend? 3. What types of sessions do you prefer (4 options given-rate from 1-4) 4. What kind of dinner hour would you prefer? 5. Would you like social events? 6. Do you find exhibits interesting? Times were simpler then—we now must set our locations years in advance and by August, we usually have the upcoming conference theme established as well as feelers out for program speakers.

The State Library Resource Center
has several one-hour webinars scheduled from March through May

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Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries
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.
For each completed training, a Certificate of Completion indicating Contact hours will be provided.
Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 9-10am, Frontlines Topics: Landlord-Tenant
Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 9-10am, Frontlines Lab
Please register me for the following:

IFP: Combatting “Soft Censorship” 
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