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Editor’s Note

Spring is upon us yet again. Not only does spring bring a period of both growth and renewal, it also brings us Daylight Savings Time. Daylight Savings Time causes the loss of an hour of sleep, but we also “spring forward” into more daylight in the coming months. The articles from the Spring 2017 issue of the Crab remind me much of this change, in keeping Maryland libraries moving ahead and forward to the future.

In February, Harford County Community College hosted an “African American Read In,” an event sponsored at the national level where faculty and staff came in to read or just listen to a work of African American literature in honor of literacy and Black History Month. Read more about the event on page 22. A partnership of the Western Maryland Regional Library and the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County brought the past forward to the present at the November 2016 program “World War I in Your Attic.” Seniors, students, and everyone in between gathered to share memorabilia and stories and to learn how World War I affected both families and soldiers in Garrett County. Find out more about this travel back in time on page 19. These programs and other initiatives mentioned in this issue illustrate a look to the past in order to shape the future.

Speaking of the future, you’ll also see the MLA Elections results on page 6. Many congratulations to our new future leaders of MLA for 2017-18! Best wishes as you move our association ahead and forward into the future in your new roles.

Annette Haldeman, MLA Crab Editor
Department of Legislative Services Library
It was a very busy winter both for me and for the Maryland Library Association. Strategic planning has occupied members of the Steering Committee (and a few other volunteers) for the last few months. Denise Davis has been ably leading us through the process and we expect to present a new plan to the membership at the annual meeting.

Quite a few of us from Maryland libraries attended ALA Midwinter in Atlanta, Georgia, including Executive Director, Margaret Carty and Chapter Councillor Lucy Holman. Some of the topics discussed were restructuring for success and tips for a successful legislative advocacy day. Who knew we would be fascinated to hear from Eli Mina, ALA’s Parliamentarian about using procedure to make meetings work? Each state association was given a copy of Mr. Mina’s book, 101 Boardroom Problems and How to Solve Them (also available as an eBook). I consider this a must-read.

I spotted Maryland colleagues all over the place at Midwinter. The main themes were the future of libraries, ethics and values and innovation. A variety of possibilities for libraries of the future were presented during the embedded 3-day Symposium on the Future of Libraries. Professional library ethics and values were being discussed everywhere. In conjunction with the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, ALA’s Library Bill of Rights has been on our minds, especially in view of all the talk about “fake news” and about human rights. We, in libraries, will continue to be trusted partners who embody the values of MLA in the areas of equity, parity and media literacy.

Planning for Maryland Library Legislative Day (February 14, 2017) proved fruitful. A record crowd of library staff and supporters attended sessions of both the House of Delegates and Senate as we received proclamations honoring MLA and Maryland libraries. Attendees visited their representatives’ offices to remind them of our value. We were gratified by a large turnout to our evening reception. Thanks to our dedicated MLA staff—Margaret, Kate and Chris, who provide such excellent support and hard work for this event which we can consider a great success.

I wanted to give a shout-out to Maryland Association of School Librarians President Melissa Grabill who presented information to our Executive Board on Every Student Succeeds Act. ESSA became law in 2015, replacing No Child Left Behind, and calls for effective school library programs to assist with the implementation of the law. This is very important because it recognizes that school librarians and libraries are essential for student success and we hope it will offset threats to their existence. A link to the State Plan appears below: http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/DAPI/ESEA/MarylandConsolidatedStatePlanDRAFT1.pdf

Last month, U.S. News and World Report announced that Maryland has ranked as the 8th best state in the nation to live. Maryland Library Association members know that it’s because we are “Library Heaven.”
2017 MLA Election Results

The results are in! Congratulations to all of those elected and thanks to all who participated.

**MLA VP/President Elect; Treasurer; and ALA Councilor**
- VP/President Elect: Joseph Thompson
- Treasurer: Patty Sundberg
- ALA Councilor: Lucy Holman

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Digital Privacy and Security Programs Abound at MLA-DLA Conference

*Monica McAbee, MLA Intellectual Freedom Officer*

The more our lives move online, the more vulnerable we are to scams, identity theft, and intrusion into our personal affairs. This year’s MLA-DLA Conference from May 10-12 in Cambridge, Maryland has four programs addressing the issue of protecting yourself or your patrons while participating in the digital world. Each has a slightly different focus, so come to them all!

Below are brief descriptions. For more detail, including conference registration information and pricing, see the MLA-DLA conference brochure at [www.mladlacon.com](http://www.mladlacon.com).

**Thursday, May 11**

9-10 a.m.: "How My Mom Got Hacked: Online Security and Best Practices" Michael Ziegler from Baltimore County Public Library will teach you how to identify and mitigate online threats by using simple techniques and applications.

10:45-11:45 a.m.: "Enhancing Digital Privacy and Security Skills for Low-Socioeconomic Families: Building Resources for Librarians" Jessica Vitak & Mega Subramaniam from the University of Maryland will run this focus group for public librarians. They are developing resources for librarians and low socioeconomic families to minimize risks to the privacy and security of personal information. Come discuss the privacy challenges librarians face as information intermediaries, as well as resources that would help you serve in that role more effectively.

Light refreshments will be served.

3-4 p.m.: "Your Digital Footprint: Manage It Wisely" Dr. Jennifer Brannock Cox of Salisbury University will demonstrate strategies for managing an array of threats, not only to our privacy and finances, but also to our online personas that could compromise our jobs, relationships and lifestyles.

**Friday, May 12**

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: "Social Media Privacy and Your Library" Jennifer Golbeck of the University of Maryland and Hope Reilly of the USAID Library will discuss corporate surveillance and the threat it poses to patron privacy. Attendees will also learn how to start their own conversations with patrons about this topic, bring awareness to privacy risk management, and promote healthy social media behavior.
Annual Conference Moves to New Location

Julie Ranelli, 2017 MLA Conference Director
It will be an exciting year to attend the MLA/DLA Annual Conference on May 10-12 at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge as we Chart New Courses Together with four nationally-known speakers.

On Wednesday evening, storyteller Kim Weitkamp delights audiences with “An Evening of Ghostly Tales.”

Jason Reynolds, co-author of the 2016 One Maryland, One Book selection All-American Boys, speaks at the Maryland Author Award luncheon.

If you missed her at PLA in Denver last year, Vernà Myers presents “What if I Say the Wrong Thing? Interrupting Bias in Ourselves and Others” during Thursday evening’s keynote address.

The Friday luncheon features Michael Halpern, deputy director of the Center for Science and Democracy, who works to promote solutions that ensure government decisions are fully informed by scientific information.

Don’t miss these four speakers and more than 60 additional sessions exploring a cross-section of ideas and issues. Please visit the new conference website, www.mladlacon.com or mdlib.org for more information and to register.
Speaking of your Annual Conference...

**AN EVENING OF GHOSTLY TALES WITH KIM WEITKAMP**

Nationally renowned storyteller, singer and songwriter Kim Weitkamp will take center stage to thrill conference-goers with a blend of story, song and horror. Weitkamp will be performing original stories and songs from her award-winning album, Head Bone Rattles, which has seen airplay on various NPR affiliate stations and Sirius XM Radio.

An evening with ghostly tales with Kim Weitkamp has been described “like having dinner with Tim Burton, Dr. Seuss, and Alfred Hitchcock.” She captivates her listeners and takes them on a journey to another dimension without them ever leaving their seats.

You can check out her amazing storytelling abilities because she is our **KEYNOTE SPEAKER WEDNESDAY NIGHT!**
Speaking of your Annual Conference…

JASON REYNOLDS
WINNER FOR YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

In his critically acclaimed All American Boys, co-written by Brendan Kiely, two teens - one black, one white - grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school and their community bitterly divided by racial tension. The timely, All American Boys was the 2016 One Maryland One Book.

Check Jason out on THURSDAY at the William G. Wilson Maryland Author Award Lunch & Conversation with Jason Reynolds from 3-4pm
Speaking of your Annual Conference…

VERNA MYERS

Vernā Myers is on a personal mission to disrupt the status quo and she knows how to: she’s lived it. Myers rose out of Baltimore’s working class to become a Harvard-trained lawyer, entrepreneur, author and cultural innovator.

For the last two decades, Vernā and her team of consultants have helped eradicate barriers of race, gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation at elite international law firms, Wall Street powerhouses, and the 10,000 member Fire Department of New York, with the aim of establishing a new, more productive and just status quo.

You can see this best-selling author as our **KEYNOTE SPEAKER for the THURSDAY NIGHT BANQUET!**
Speaking of your Annual Conference…

MICHAEL HALPERN
MISINFORMATION, LITERACY AND INTEGRITY

The best policy decisions are made with full access to scientific information. Yet science often becomes politicized because everyone wants science on their side. Halpern will outline how companies and activists invest heavily in efforts to manipulate and suppress scientific information to justify their products and positions, how libraries and librarians get caught in political fights, and how the public good suffers as a result. Together, we will explore how librarians can help the public become more resilient to misinformation and spin on science, how civic literacy can protect the integrity of science, and what role librarians play in advocating for a more transparent and accountable government.

Luncheon with Michael Halpern
FRIDAY @ 12:15
Eastern Shore Regional Library Dedicates a Little Free Library

Kacey Martin, Eastern Shore Regional Library

After several months of planning, the Eastern Shore Regional Library officially opened the Raineyl V. Coiro Memorial Little Free Library on Monday, December 5. The Little Free Library is located in the One Stop Cafe, which serves as the cafeteria for Greyhound and Shore Transit passengers, as well as staff and visitors of the One Stop Job Market.

If you’re unfamiliar with the concept, a Little Free Library is free book exchange space where anyone can “take a book, return a book.” Most little free libraries take the form of a freestanding box of books with two small shelves and a door. Since this Little Free Library is indoors, the size was increased to a four foot bookshelf. ESRL will be partnering with the Friends of the Wicomico Public Library to keep the Little Free Library supplied with fresh books, and the Telemon Corporation is kindly providing the space.

The Little Free Library is dedicated to the memory of the former director of ESRL, Raineyl Coiro. She worked at ESRL from 1981 until 1996, and returned to serve as director from 1997 until she passed away in 2010. During her time at ESRL, Rai worked tirelessly to advocate for libraries and literacy, and her passing left a lasting void in the Maryland library community.
In his speech to the small crowd at the dedication ceremony, current ESRL director John Venditta said, “Rai had a huge heart, a huge laugh, and a huge passion for reading, but she knew it was the little things that made all the difference. I know Rai would love the idea of the Little Free Library and I can’t think of a better way to honor her memory.”

It is hoped that the Little Free Library will provide an opportunity for learning, leisure, and literary serendipity for visitors to the Tri-County Building.
Chesapeake Quarterly
Magazine Marks 15 Years Covering the Bay

Jeffrey Brainard, Maryland Sea Grant College

Chesapeake Quarterly magazine, a free publication available to Maryland libraries and anyone with an interest in the Chesapeake Bay, is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2017.

The magazine, published by Maryland Sea Grant, explores scientific, environmental, and cultural issues relevant to preserving the Chesapeake, its watershed, and Maryland’s coastal natural resources. The publication offers information and narrative storytelling in a style similar to how National Geographic and Scientific American magazines cover science and the environment on a broader scale.

Chesapeake Quarterly is written for a general audience including non-scientists and is illustrated with nature photography, charts, and maps. Recent articles have described distinguished photographers of the Chesapeake Bay; the role of faith-based groups in assisting Bay restoration projects; methods to manage stormwater in cities; and the development of Maryland’s oyster aquaculture industry, among other topics.


Maryland Sea Grant at the University of Maryland funds scientific research, education, and public outreach to help Maryland leaders and communities deal with the state’s major environmental challenges. The program provides technical assistance on watershed restoration and seafood industry development through a partnership with the University of Maryland Extension. Maryland Sea Grant is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the State of Maryland. For more information about Maryland Sea Grant or Chesapeake Quarterly, contact communications@mdsg.umd.edu.
ALA Midwinter Update

Lucy Holman, ALA Councilor

ALA MIDWINTER WAS HELD JANUARY 20–24, 2017 AMID A WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY in Atlanta (including real tornadoes, the women’s march, a marathon and the NFL playoffs for the home team Falcons). Action was also taking place on the floor of the ALA Council. It was a smaller Midwinter than in the last two years (8,995 registrants and vendors compared to 11,681 in Boston 2016 and 11,497 in Chicago for 2015).

ALA Treasurer Susan Hildreth provided information on the financial health of the organization. ALA runs on an October 1 – September 30 fiscal year, so she reported year end revenues/expenses for FY 2016. Although revenues were down ($51.1 million compared to a budget of $51.2 million and $52.7 million last year); expenses were also down ($51.8 million compared to the budget of $51.9 million and $52.5 million last year). Some of this is due to expenses out for Midwinter and ACRL 2017, which should be recouped in upcoming quarters. ALA remains in a solid financial position; long term investments improved by $1.3 million (3.5%), to a total of $40 million, because of a strong performance in the market. ALA’s primary revenue sources continue to include publishing (35%), conferences/meetings (22%), dues (16%) and grants (14%). Publishing had a particularly tough year, but has corrected some issues of concern and has reduced anticipated income for FY 2017. Conference revenues were down as a result of lower registration for the annual conference in Orlando, but expenses were also down considerably, so conferences and meetings were a net positive. The Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) has considered fiscal year 2016 and first quarter 2017 to create a budget ceiling for 2017 and has adjusted both revenue and expense projections to keep ALA in solid fiscal health.

For more information on ALA financial matters, see the Treasurer’s page at: http://www.ala.org/aboutala/treasurerspage

2018 Annual Conference

Council was presented a new model for the July 2018 Annual conference that will locate all programs/events within the convention center (as opposed to Convention Center and various conference hotels) and have all program proposals go through a centralized process (although divisions, interest groups and roundtables will still vet their own programs). Each division, interest group, or round table will be assigned meeting space to manage, so all meetings of a particular group will be in the same room(s). This is designed to make attendees’ travel distance and time between programs much more manageable.

ALA Executive Board and 2017 President-Elect

Council elected two new members of the ALA Executive Board, Amy Lappin, New Hampshire Chapter Councilor, and Mario Gonzalez, Councilor-at-Large. Both are strong advocates of chapters and chapter relations.

There are three candidates for ALA President Elect: Loida Garcia-Febo, Terri Greif, and Scott Walter. Candidate bios and election information can be found at: http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/alaelection

ALA and the Trump Administration

Previously, ALA President Julie Todaro sent a letter to the Trump Transition Team after the November election. That statement initiated a large wave of criticism across the ALA membership. As a response to the concerns of membership, there was a Town Hall meeting on Sunday to discuss the direction of ALA post-election, facilitated by Cheryl Gorman. Gorman led a vigorous discussion about what we want to focus our attention on in terms of our core values and challenges we all may face in the aftermath of the 2016 election.

You can find a video of the session at the following link: https://www.facebook.com/amlibraries/videos/.

This is a link to the transcript of the session: https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/0122ALATOWNHALL.pdf.

Council Actions

Council acted on these major resolutions/initiatives:

- Approved Equity and Inclusion as a fourth strategic direction for the organization
- Voted to require an MLS/MLS (as opposed to strongly preferred but not required) for ALA’s Executive Director (replacing Keith Michael Fiels, who is retiring)
- Passed a Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons
- Passed a Resolution on Access to Accurate information
- Passed a Resolution Establishing Family/Caregiver Status as a Protected Class in ALA Volunteer Work

Recognition and Memorials

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Council recognized our new Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden with a standing ovation. Hayden thanked all the librarians who contacted their representatives and lobbied for a librarian in the position. She emphasized the strength of librarians, stating that we must remember the power we have collectively, ending
with an emphatic, “Librarians Rule!”

On Tuesday, Jan 24, Council approved a memorial to Maryland’s own Nettie B. Taylor in recognition of her contribution to the profession and to libraries in Maryland.

Council also recognized the Government Relations Office with special thanks to Jessica McGilvray, who is leaving ALA, and Emily Sheketoff, who is retiring in May.

**Upcoming Events**

- Equal Pay Day will be on April 4, 2017.
- National Library Workers Day (NLWD) will be on April 11, 2017 (during National Library Week).
- National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) will be on May 1-2, 2017. [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld)

As always, if you have any questions and want to hear more about any of this and other ALA information, please call me at 410.837.4333 or email me at lholman@ubalt.edu. I always welcome your comments and want to hear your concerns, so please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**News about news**

From the [International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions…](https://www.ifla.org/)

“With Wikipedia’s #1lib1ref (One Librarian, One Reference) campaign going on—the theme of last week being fake news—IFLA posted an How to Spot Fake News infographic on facebook and twitter.”

For a JPEG or PDF copy of this infographic, go to [How To Spot Fake News.](#)
The Future is **Now**

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Virtual Reality Roadshow

*Jen Bishop, Carroll County Public Library*

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A total of 579 participants used a variety of virtual reality software programs to experience the wonders of the ocean in theBlu, paint in 3D using TiltBrush, wield a lightsaber to defend the Millennium Falcon in the Trials on Tatooine, and more. Participants of all ages were able to envision firsthand how virtual reality offers the potential to transform their lives as it enters education, marketing, manufacturing, health and entertainment.

Carroll County Public Library also collaborated with Carroll County Public Schools to highlight the potential of virtual reality in education through a pilot at two local high schools. Art students entered a virtual world to create a collaborative 3D work of art using TiltBrush.

In order to support virtual reality systemwide, 36 branch staff received training to run and demonstrate the equipment. Interest in virtual reality continues to grow in the community with this transformative technology through branch programming, school visits, and outreach events. The future is now and available at your local library.
Visions...
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“We all worked together to produce a collaborative and fun event,” said Bonnie Winters, Public Relations Specialist for the Ruth Enlow Library. “We were not sure how something like this would work out, and we were greatly pleased with the results.”

Jill Craig, Coordinator of the Western Maryland Historical Library (WHILBR), Western Maryland Regional Library, began the program with an overview of these online historical resources. “What was unique about the program,” noted Craig, “was the library’s use of the local newspaper – The Republican – a weekly published since 1872.” Vanessa Stacy and Tiava Beitzel from the Ruth Enlow Library read the library’s microfilmed copies of this newspaper for the years 1917 and 1918. All of the stories about the young men of the community, including letters they sent home, were selected and the images sent to Craig, who added them to the Western Maryland Historical Library (WHILBR) collection entitled “World War I in Western Maryland.”

As the event drew near, Ms. Stacy decided that some of these stories should be read aloud, not by library staff, but by high school students dressed in costumes from Our Town Theatre—a community theater just across the street from the library. For example, one student read a letter from Harry Turney of the America Engineering Corps to his brother Mick, explaining how the “Germans made a plowed field out of a woods in no time and then shipped us a little foul air so we could use our masks.” Another letter from
Lieutenant Charles Morris Sincell of the 316th Infantry to his mother and father recounted a first day’s battle:

“...We received orders to turn everything in, carrying light packs only, which contained our reserve ration—three boxes crackers, one can corn willy along with one pair of socks. We commenced hiking about 9 o’clock and reached our jumping off places at the trenches at about two the next morning. Just at that time the American guns opened, and mama, if there ever was noise it was then...Went to sleep in a shell hole and nearly froze, as I had lost my overcoat.”

Following the reading of these letters, members of the public talked about the items they brought which included photographs, enlistment and promotion papers, and medals. The pièce de résistance was a soldier’s army helmet painted with a map of his travels while...
fighting in France. The helmet is in the possession of his daughter, who lives in Oakland, Maryland. The event also included WWI items loaned from the Garrett County Historical Museum for display. A unique piece from the loaned items was a certificate earned by an American soldier for attendance at Toulouse University (a French university now referred to as the University of Toulouse) after the war was over.

Beitzel explained the role of the Red Cross during the war and Stacy gave the list of all Garrett men who had been killed in the fighting or died of influenza. Winters, who had produced the PR materials and social media before the event, took photographs of the participants and their historical artifacts, and Craig scanned the documents, which are now added to the website on http://digital.whilbr.org.

"It was altogether a wonderful multi-generational community event where students and seniors could contribute and learn," said Craig.
African American Read-In at Harford Community College Library

By Gina Calia-Lotz, Harford Community College Library

On February 28, 2017, as part of its Black History Month celebrations, the Harford Community College (HCC) Library in Bel Air hosted its second annual African American Read-In (AARI), a national event sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and by the Black Caucus of NCTE.

According to the NCTE website, “During the month of February, schools, churches, libraries, bookstores, community and professional organizations, and interested citizens are urged to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting an African American Read-In. Hosting an event can be as simple as bringing together friends to share a book, or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers.”

For 90 minutes, 37 HCC students, faculty and staff came in to read or just listen to a work of African American literature. Two faculty members brought students from their English classes, African American Literature and Literature for Children and Adolescents. Readers could choose from a selection of children’s and adult books that the staff pulled from the library’s collection, or bring a book of their own to read. Some students opted to find a poem or passage on their phones. Refreshments were provided, and all readers were given an official NCTE certificate. This certificate was among the materials available on the African American Read-In “Toolkit” on the web page: http://www.ncte.org/aari/toolkit
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On August 21, 2017, North Americans will enjoy a rare treat: The first total solar eclipse visible from the continent since 1979. The sky will darken and the temperature will drop, in one of the most dramatic cosmic events on Earth. It could be a once-in-a-lifetime show indeed. But it will also be an opportunity to do some science.

Only during an eclipse, when the moon blocks the light from the sun's surface, does the sun's corona fully reveal itself. The corona is the hot and wispy atmosphere of the sun, extending far beyond the solar disk. But it's relatively dim, merely as bright as the full moon at night. The glaring sun, about a million times brighter, renders the corona invisible.

"The beauty of eclipse observations is that they are, at present, the only opportunity where one can observe the corona [in visible light] starting from the solar surface out to several solar radii," says Shadia Habbal, an astronomer at the University of Hawaii. To study the corona, she's traveled the world having experienced 14 total eclipses (she missed only five due to weather). This summer, she and her team will set up identical imaging systems and spectrometers at five locations along the path of totality, collecting data that's normally impossible to get.

Ground-based coronagraphs, instruments designed to study the corona by blocking the sun, can't view the full extent of the corona. Solar space-based telescopes don't have the spectrographs needed to measure how the temperatures vary throughout the corona. These temperature variations show how the sun's chemical composition is distributed—crucial information for solving one of long-standing mysteries about the corona: how it gets so hot.

While the sun's surface is ~9,980 Fahrenheit (~5,800 Kelvin), the corona can reach several millions of degrees Fahrenheit. Researchers have proposed many explanations involving magneto-acoustic waves and the dissipation of magnetic fields, but none can account for the wide-ranging temperature distribution in the corona, Habbal says.

You too can contribute to science through one of several citizen science projects. For example, you can also help study the corona through the Citizen CATE experiment; help produce a high definition, time-expanded video of the eclipse; use your ham radio to probe how an eclipse affects the propagation of radio waves in the ionosphere; or even observe how wildlife responds to such a unique event.

Otherwise, Habbal still encourages everyone to experience the eclipse. Never look directly at the sun, of course (find more safety guidelines here: https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety). But during the approximately 2.5 minutes of totality, you may remove your safety glasses and watch the eclipse directly—only then can you see the glorious corona. So enjoy the show. The next one visible from North America won't be until 2024.

For more information about the upcoming eclipse, please see:
NASA Eclipse safety guidelines (https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety)
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Thanks to all who helped make our day a success!
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