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MLA Conference Director Andrea Berstler shares highlights from the conference. See if you can find yourself in a conference photo in the annual collection.

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I’m pleased to present the last of four volumes of the Crab for this year (fun fact: our Crab year starts with the Fall issue, in case you weren’t aware). As per usual, in this Summer issue, you’ll find photos and recap of the annual MLA-DLA conference. If you were in attendance, you might find yourself in some of the photos! Take a look and reminisce about how you were able to “unlock potential” at this year’s conference and to find out more about the conference’s last year in Ocean City at the Clarion.

In addition to the annual conference, there was also another major event pertinent to Maryland’s libraries that took place in May. Maryland Interlibrary Loan (MAILL) had its spring conference and celebrated its 30 year anniversary! See pages 16 and following for a full report on the conference and a wonderful photo spread of the day’s activities.

In addition to the MLA and the MAILL conferences, Maryland librarians and libraries have offered a lot this year. For a quick recap, check out outgoing MLA President Mary Hastler’s column on page 5 and page through the rest of the Crab to find out more about what’s going on in Maryland’s libraries. Happy summer, Crab readers!

Annette Haldeman, MLA Crab Editor
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**President’s Message**

Mary Hastler, MLA President
CEO, Harford County Public Library

This year’s Maryland Library Association/Delaware Library Association Annual Conference was spectacular in terms of sessions, speakers, and networking. The energy was contagious and there were so many great ideas that were discussed. Thank you to Andrea Berstler, Conference Chair, and the Conference Committee for planning a truly memorable conference. Save the date for next year’s MLA/DLA Conference, May 10-12, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge.

There are so many exciting things taking place in Maryland libraries. Congratulations to Cecil County Public Library on the grand reopening of the Rising Sun Branch Library. Kudos to the library staff, who managed to operate a temporary library out of the meeting room during the renovation and only closed three or four days for construction. Congratulations also go to Baltimore County Public Library for the grand reopening of the Hereford Branch. Featured in the newly renovated branch is “The Hive at BCPL,” a collaborative art/maker space.

Summer reading kicks off throughout Maryland. Congratulations to Prince George’s County Memorial Library System for providing Virtual Library cards to 130,000 students in the Prince George’s County Public School System as part of the White House ConnectED Library Challenge. Each student is now able to use their student ID as a virtual library card to borrow materials without incurring late fees…wow!

The most historical and game-changing item for public libraries is the nomination of Dr. Carla Hayden as Librarian of Congress. MLA joined every American Library Association chapter in endorsing Dr. Hayden’s nomination. On June 9th, the Senate Rules Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the full Senate approve the nomination of Dr. Carla Hayden to serve as the nation’s next, first female, first African American and just fourteenth Librarian of Congress in history. Dr. Hayden brings the precise skills and leadership move the Library of Congress successfully into the future. Here’s to full Senate approval!

My year as MLA President is coming to a close and I wanted to thank the membership for all their hard work and dedication that goes into making this a terrific organization. Thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts on how to make things better and thank you for listening when issues are being discussed. Thank you members of the Steering Committee, Advisory Board and Conference Committee for providing leadership and direction to the members. Thank you to the Divisions and Interest Groups for all the work that takes place during the year to ensure stellar professional development opportunities. Thank you to Margaret Carty and her terrific team of Kate Monagan and Chris Holly as they do so much to keep the elected officers and association going in the right direction!

It has been a wonderful year and one that will go down in the record books for raising the profile of Maryland Libraries. Please join me in welcoming this year’s MLA President, Kathleen Teaze and her cabinet as we start our new adventures.

Have a great summer!
Join IFAP, Get a Free Dessert!

Monica McAbee, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System; MLA Intellectual Freedom Officer

The Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel (IFAP) has an offer for MLA members: join IFAP, and at your first meeting with us we will buy you a dessert. While we take our mission seriously, we recognize that freedom fighters gotta eat!

Besides free pie, consider joining IFAP in order to support the core value of intellectual freedom in libraries. IFAP presents programs on banned books, privacy, internet filtering, the rights of minors in libraries, and other issues regarding free and equitable access. IFAP’s most recent program, “Censorship and the Law,” was presented by First Amendment lawyer Kate Bolger at the MLA-DLA Annual Conference. Kate gave a rousing and informative talk reminding us why freedom of speech is crucial to our democracy. She kept over 40 attendees engaged and enthralled for two hours, and when she was finished they were already calling for more!

To join the merry band, contact Monica McAbee, MLA’s Intellectual Freedom Officer, (monica.mcabee@pgcmls.info). The next meeting of IFAP will be in August. Please note that you must be a member of MLA in order to join IFAP.

Even if you can’t join IFAP, you can provide feedback. Are there programs you’d like IFAP to present? Which issues concern you the most? Contact IFAP with your thoughts.

You are also invited to contribute to “Freedom First Fridays,” a monthly presentation of banned or challenged books.

Freedom First Fridays
(Adapted from the Spring, 2016 issue.)

Monica McAbee, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System; MLA Intellectual Freedom Officer

Celebrate Banned Books Week all year long! MLA’s Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel (IFAP) has instituted “Freedom First Fridays” on its Facebook page. On the first Friday of each month, IFAP will feature a banned or challenged book, video, music album, play, or other item, with thoughts about the work’s merits and a brief description of why it was challenged. You will find these posts by following this link: MLA Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel (IFAP)

Thank you for helping IFAP support Intellectual Freedom!

2016 Maryland Author Award Winner

Semhar Yohannes, Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery, UMBC

The winner of the 2016 William G. Wilson Maryland Author Award, sponsored by Recorded Books, was Dan Fesperman. Fesperman is a former Baltimore Sun reporter and current Baltimore resident. While working at the Sun in the 1990s, he was dispatched to cover the Gulf War, then the Yugoslavian civil wars. After September 11th, he reported from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

His years of working in international journalism inspired him to write thriller/spy novels, which have won awards and been received by audiences with enthusiastic acclaim. Three of Fesperman’s novels have been shortlisted for Dagger awards by the UK’s Crime Writer’s association. Lie in the Dark won the John Creasey Dagger for best first novel (1999); The Small Boat of Great Sorrows won the Ian Fleming Steel Dagger for best thriller (2003); and The Prisoner of Guantánamo won the 2006 Hammett Award from the North American branch of the International Association of Crime Writers (USA Today also selected it as the best mystery/thriller novel of 2006). Fesperman’s latest book, The Letter Writer, was recently published in April and received a very positive review by the New York Times.

County Library’s Old Film Reels Find New Home

Donna Scott-Martin, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System recently donated 1,400 old 16mm film reels held at the Hyattsville Branch to Old Greenbelt Theatre in Greenbelt, Maryland. Titles include the seminal experimental film Meshes of the Afternoon, Roberto Rosselini’s Rome, Open City, and the Orson Welles-narrated Future Shock, among many others. Dr. Caitlin McGrath, Executive Director of the

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Old Greenbelt Theatre, had this to say about the Library’s donation: “We’re very happy to be the new home for these carefully curated films. At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, we see film as not only a form of entertainment, but also as a tool for education.” Librarian Heather Jackson, who facilitated this donation, spoke about future collaborations between the theatre and the library. “The Library will host a children’s program incorporating stories, film and hands-on activities at 10:30 am on every second and fourth Monday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre,” she said. Old Greenbelt Theatre Director McGrath welcomes the partnership. “We look forward to working with the Library System on our future educational outreach programming.”

The Old Greenbelt Theatre is operated by the non-profit Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, dedicated to offering independent, art house, repertory, and educational programming to a diverse audience. Additional programming information is available at: greenbelttheatre.org.

Lewis J. Ort Library Celebrates 40 Years

Pam Williams, Lewis J. Ort Library, Frostburg State University

Staff members at the Lewis J. Ort Library of Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland, designed a week-long 40th anniversary celebration during National Library Week in April. Activities included a looping video of archived library pictures, a “dress like a librarian” costume contest, a scavenger hunt for hidden Bobcat paws in the building, and an art night. Art supplies included coloring books for adults and children, materials to make bookmarks, supplies for cartoon drawing, and print text pages from the recycling bin to create blackout poetry.

The Ort Library adopted ALA’s theme “Libraries Transform Lives” and asked library users to post the reason why they love the library on a butterfly post-it that was pinned on a display board at the entrance of the building. At the same time, patrons could register for a prize drawing to be held at the end of the week. Library staff donated supplies for two gift bags for the prize winners.

A pot luck lunch was held mid-week for all library staff. A reception on Thursday evening honored former library administrators and staff. Former director, Dr. David M. Gillespie, and three former staff members returned for the reception.

The week concluded with Fine Amnesty Day on Friday. Each donated, canned food item resulted in a $1.00 deduction from library fines, with a $10 maximum. Donations benefited the Frostburg Food Pantry.

The library building, designed by Rogers and Vaeth, Inc. from Columbia, Maryland, was completed in 1976 at a cost of $6 million dollars. In 1990, the library was named for Lewis J. Ort, a Western Maryland philanthropist and library benefactor. The current library director is Dr. Lea Messman-Mandicott, who was preceded by Dr. David M. Gillespie (served from 1984-2013), John Zimmerman (served from 1957-1983), and Helen Hough (served from 1926-1957).

To learn more about the Ort Library please visit http://www.frostburg.edu/lewis-ort-library.
Prince George’s County Kindergartners Improve Readiness Scores

Donna Scott-Martin, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System congratulates Prince George’s County preschoolers on their performance on the 2015-2016 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) conducted by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). “Prince George’s County Public School kindergarten readiness scores improved by 4 percent, despite overall statewide declines,” explained Michelle H. Hamiel, the Library’s Chief Operating Officer for Public Services.

Language and literacy, mathematics, social foundations and physical development skills and behaviors that should have been learned prior to entering kindergarten are measured by the KRA.

According to the 2015-2016 KRA report, predominant prior care in Prince George’s County was pre-Kindergarten, followed by Home/Informal Care and Child Care. The library offers programming and resources to benefit all three groups.

In 2016, one of the library’s key initiatives has been early literacy. The library has supported the kindergarten readiness efforts by opening 10 Ready 2 Read centers, circulating 150 Ready 2 Read Backpacks, and offering storytimes with staffers fully trained in Every Child Ready to Read 2 (ECRR2) practices. Pamela Hamlin, PGCMLS Family Literacy Specialist, trains caregivers and daycare providers in ECRR2 practices by hosting Library Cafés.

Playaway Launchpads, New @ Your Library

Donna Scott-Martin, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) recently announced the addition of Playaway Launchpads to its collection in April 2016.

Fourteen Launchpads went into circulation at each of the following branch libraries: Bladensburg, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Largo-Kettering, Oxon Hill and Spauldings. On behalf of their preschoolers (ages 3 to 5), adults with a PGCMLS library card may borrow the Launchpads free for a period of seven days.

The Launchpads offer several apps on specific themes such as:
- A Day at The Zoo
- Beep, Beep, Vroom, Vroom
- Imagination Way
- Build It, Fix It, Fun
- Si! Yes, Si!
- Princess University

An orange bumper protects the Playaway Launchpad tablet, which is circulated in a bright orange case. A Launchpad tablet, adapter and cord are inside each case.

“We are excited to include Playaway Launchpads with the Library’s other options for enhancing school readiness,” said Michael Gannon, Chief Operating Officer for Support Services.
MLA at Maryland Day

MLA had a presence at Maryland Day on April 30, 2016, at the University of Maryland. The day was a “one-day open house featuring family-friendly and interactive events.”

For more information, visit http://marylandday.umd.edu/
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Lisa Russell, Hoover Library, McDaniel College
Erin Doherty, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

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After checking in and indulging in coffee and scones, the guests settled into the distinguished Wahrhaftig Room where Cara Sabolcik, Chair of the Executive Board, greeted everyone with a warm welcome and opened the program by presenting the history of MAILL.

Next, Cara led the group in a business meeting resulting in the election of Donald Osborn, Discovery Services Librarian at Stevenson University, as the new Vice Chair of MAILL. Donald will replace Sean Hogan, Resource Sharing Librarian at the University of Baltimore, in July as Sean transitions from the position of Vice Chair to Chair of the Executive Board.

Following a short intermission, Enoch Pratt’s Emma Beaven, Resource Sharing Supervisor, and Barbara Collins, Office Supervisor, gave a seminar on the policies and procedures of MILO (Maryland Interlibrary Loan Organization). Headed by Enoch Pratt Free Library, MILO is a nexus for the purpose of resource sharing and serves more than 700 libraries statewide. The next segment featured Tony Melvyn, Product Manager for the Online Computer Library Center’s (OCLC) Resource Sharing, who regaled the group with a presentation about the history, evolution and future of resource sharing with OCLC as its facilitator. Fond memories were shared and many questions were answered during this lively and educational session.

Halfway through the program, guests gathered in an adjacent room where they enjoyed a scrumptious lunch featuring lemon parmesan chicken with white wine chive sauce and vegetarian lasagna. The meal was followed by a celebration of MAILL’s 30th anniversary, involving a cake decorated with the MAILL emblem and ice cream from Hoffman’s Homemade Ice Cream and Deli, a local favorite.

After lunch, Whitney Levandusky, Attorney-Adviser with the US Copyright Office, gave an instructional seminar explaining United States copyright law and its application to resource sharing. Whitney’s expert advice was greatly appreciated, as many conference attendees present had struggled at least once with the Copyright Act. For the final part of the program, smaller groups were formed and headed outside to Hoover Library’s beautiful terrace. Here among the flora and fauna (mostly squirrels…lots and lots of squirrels), they discussed topics of similar interest or concern. When finished, everyone went back inside and revealed what they’d learned from one another to the entire group.

At the close of the conference, Cara Sabolcik thanked everyone for their participation. Fond farewells were exchanged as the group dispersed with hugs, handshakes, and big smiles.
MAILL's Executive Board (from left to right): Sean Hogan, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Cara Sabolcik, Chair; Erin Doherty, Communications Liaison; Donald Osborn, Vice Chair Elect; Lisa Russell, Past Chair (not pictured: Barbara Blummer, Treasurer)

Past Chairs of MAILL: Emma Beaven, Lisa Russell, Ethel Armstrong, Cara Sabolcik, Andrea Craley, and Wendy Allen

Tony Melvyn, Product Manager, OCLC
Wendy Allen, Barbara Collins, and Emma Beaven (all from the Enoch Pratt Free Library)

Barbara Collins, Office Supervisor, EPFL

Emma Beaven, Resource Sharing Supervisor, EPFL

Whitney Levandusky, United States Copyright Office
Prince George's County Memorial Library System Wins Grant for Children's Day/Book Day Celebration

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) awarded a Dia Turns 20 grant to the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), the only library system in the state of Maryland to receive the grant. Twenty libraries throughout the United States were selected by ALSC to receive the grants in celebration of 20 years of Día. The grants were made possible by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día), translated Children's Day/Book Day, is April 30. The $2,000 grant will fund a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fiesta!

The Association for Library Service to Children is the world's largest organization dedicated to the support and enhancement of library service to children. ALSC's network includes more than 4,000 children's and youth librarians, children's literature experts, publishers, education and library school faculty members, and other adults dedicated to creating a better future for children through libraries.

The STEM Fiesta for families will be held at our Hyattsville Branch Library; please visit www.pgcmls.info for details. A culturally diverse group of scientists and mathematicians, including those under-represented in the field, will be joining us. "When children see themselves represented in STEM careers," said Rachel Zukowski, PGCMLS Youth Services Coordinator, "they are more motivated to pursue STEM professions and become our future innovators." Come enjoy fun activities, plus receive a free science book and snack.

The idea to combine the celebration of children with that of literacy, El día de los niños/El día de los libros or Children's Day/Book Day, was proposed by nationally renowned author Pat Mora in 1996. The proposal was later endorsed by REFORMA, an affiliate of the American Library Association. ALSC is Día's national home.

Established in 1971 as an affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA), REFORMA, has actively sought to promote the development of library collections to include Spanish-language and Latino oriented materials; the recruitment of more bilingual and bicultural library professionals and support staff; the development of library services and programs that meet the needs of the Latino community; the establishment of a national information and support network among individuals who share their goals; the education of the U.S. Latino population in regards to availability and types of library services; and lobbying efforts to preserve existing library resource centers serving the interests of Latinos.

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. For additional information, please visit our website at www.pgcmls.info.

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You’ve got great ideas, and made them realities. You’ve bombed, and you know why. You have library colleagues all around the state your colleagues should know. You know what’s going on.

Send us your newsletters, press releases, articles you’re publishing, snippets, pictures and videos. Anything and everything about MLA and Maryland libraries: we’ve got the space for you.

Help us Share the Knowledge!
Reading to the Elderly

Linda Gorman, Harrison Medical Library

Linda Gorman, Director of the Harrison Medical Library at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, supports the center’s clinical staff in its work. Last year, she decided to expand the library’s focus by reaching out to participants of the Hopkins ElderPlus Program, an all-inclusive adult day care program. Many of the participants have some form of dementia. (http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/geriatric_medicine_gerontology/clinical_services/specialty_services/program_of_all_inclusive_care.html)

Gorman began a pilot program encouraging participants to read with a small collection of books. Participants then completed a form, along with a very simple book report. Books could be taken out using the honor system and kept for as long as necessary. Twice a month, she would lead a group discussion that reviewed the book reports.

One day, while encouraging a gentleman to read a book and explaining that he could take as long as he needed to finish, he looked at Gorman and said, “You don’t understand, I’ll never be able to finish this.” This was a light bulb moment for Gorman, and it became clear that she needed to make changes.

Gorman continues to bring books to ElderPlus and a few participants do read and complete a book report. However, there are more participants who are unable to read but who are very happy to listen. Short, light-hearted stories reminiscing of days gone by are well received. Gorman shares short stories of Paul Harvey, (a radio announcer known for his “The Rest of the Story”) folklore and stories from two magazines, Good Old Days and Reminisce. Another good source, A Loving Voice, is a two book collection of short stories, edited by Carolyn Banks and Janis Rizzo, for reading aloud to the elderly. Stories can be expanded by adding additional facts, pictures and or music. The elderly can identify with these stories, and some share experiences they have had, while others nod and smile.

This reading program has become so successful that it is now a permanent part of the ElderPlus program. Participants eagerly await the “library lady.”

For more information on this program contact Linda Gorman, lgorman@jhmi.edu, 410-550-0679.

A Library Card for Every Prince George’s County Public School Student

Robin Jacobsen, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

“A Library Card for Every Prince George’s Public School Student.” This simple phrase has been a goal of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) for many years. PGCMLS has registered thousands of students by class, by grade, in media centers, community events and classrooms, but could never quite catch every public school student. Today, thanks to a new partnership with the Prince George’s County Public Schools, it is working. LINK accounts are live and in use in every corner of the large and diverse county. LINK, which stands for Leap Into New Knowledge, offers every public school student in Prince George’s County, from pre-school to graduation, a library account and free access to all of PGCMLS’ services, both within its 19 branches and digitally. A student identification number is all a student needs to access all library services. This is the perfect example of what can be accomplished to benefit a community when different agencies work together.

This innovative initiative is a no-cost way to give students access to additional resources that will help them to succeed in school. Limited student information was transferred into the Polaris ILS, which will be updated regularly. With a special prefix, all 124,000 LINK accounts are live. Even if parents have transportation or scheduling difficulties with getting a child to a library branch, the library’s online resources will be available to students, including homework help, tutoring, reference materials, book recommendations by grade, e-books, children and teen movies, magazines, and so much more.

Students visiting any one of the PGCMLS branches, in addition to borrowing books and using computers within the branches, will be able to take advantage of the many programs, activities and clubs for children and teens available. To make it even more appealing for parents wanting their children to use the library, there will be no fines for late and lost books or other fees for students.
The 2016 MLA/DLA Conference focused on “Unlocking Potential” this year. There were over 625 attendees, who learned from presenters and from each other on how to unlock the potential of staff members, buildings, programs, resources, as well as how to access their own potential. Patrick Weadon, curator of the National Security Administration’s National Cryptologic Museum, spoke on the impact of code breaking during World War II and the Cold War. Author Dan Fesperman discussed how he unlocks his characters, how they take on a life of their own, and how real life experiences sometimes influence fictional works, while author Michael Tougias shared real life stories of people who found untapped resources inside themselves that led to their survival.

Conference goers enjoyed playing against a record crowd for the traditional Pub Quiz, sampled local craft brews at the Beer Shindig, and learned how to de-stress at their desks with desk yoga. Stereotypes were challenged as participants also learned how to deal with an active shooter, improve services for the homeless, and consider the future of reference and the library industry.

The Conference Committee would like to thank this year’s sponsors, those that provided silent auction items, and all of the wonderful vendors, who all helped to contribute to the conference’s success. The Conference Committee also wants to thank all the staff at the MLA office for keeping the committee on task, on time, and well organized. As MLA closes its 15 year conference run at the Clarion in Ocean City, a big thank you also goes out to the staff and management at the Clarion Resort. They provided a great place for the conference to grow over the years. The committee looks forward to next year’s conference, located at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, and to the great new ideas that the 2017 conference committee will bring to the table.

Thank you especially to all attendees for all for your input, your support and your attendance.
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- Is visible in the course
- Presents support materials related to assignments
- Provides timely needed research assistance
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The Bubble Nebula, discovered in 1787 by William Herschel, is perhaps the classic example of this phenomenon. At a distance of 7,100 light years away in the constellation of Cassiopeia, a molecular gas cloud is actively forming stars, including the massive O-class star BD+60 2522, which is a magnitude +8.7 star despite its great distance and its presence in a dusty region of space. Shining with a temperature of 37,500° Kelvin and a luminosity nearly 400,000 times that of our Sun, it ionizes and evaporates off all the molecular material within a sphere seven light years in diameter. The bubble structure itself, when viewed from a dark sky location, can be seen through an amateur telescope with an aperture as small as 8” (20 cm).

As viewed by Hubble, the thickness of the bubble wall is both apparent and spectacular. A star as massive as the one creating this bubble emits stellar winds at approximately 1,700 km/s, or 0.6% the speed of light. As those winds slam into the material in the interstellar medium, they push it outwards. The bubble itself appears off-center from the star due to the asymmetry of the surrounding interstellar medium with a greater density of cold gas on the “short” side than on the longer one. The blue color is due to the emission from partially ionized oxygen atoms, while the cooler yellow color highlights the dual presence of hydrogen (red) and nitrogen (green).

The star itself at the core of the nebula is currently fusing helium at its center. It is expected to live only another 10 million years or so before dying in a spectacular Type II supernova explosion.

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June Brittingham in the center of the picture. Long time member of MLA and very active volunteer. She received the Higher Education Luminary, for the Eastern Correctional Institution Book Group. http://www.lightofliteracy.org/

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