

William G. Wilson

William G. (Bill) Wilson earned his MLS from the University of Michigan in 1960. He joined the University of Maryland College of Library and Information Services in February of 1972 as librarian and lecturer. In recent years, Wilson came out of retirement to work as a Coordinator in the CLIS Student Services Office.



When Bill was President of the Maryland Library Association in 1995/96, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Maryland Author Award in 1996, and remained very involved in raising funds to support the award's endowment during his years as an MLA member (including a challenge gift of \$5,000 in 1998). In late 2006, Bill was elected President of Citizens for Maryland Libraries (an advocacy group).

We are pleased to name the Book Club in Bill's honor for his years of dedicated service to Maryland libraries.

Maryland Author Award

Each year, at the annual conference, the Maryland Library Association grants an author award to an outstanding Maryland author. The recipient receives a cash award and is invited to speak at the conference. The award is given each year on a rotating basis to adult fiction, youth literature, poetry and non-fiction.

Committee members will judge a living author's work using the following criteria:

- Merit
- Readability
- Strength of the author's or the work's relationship to Maryland
- Amount, volume, or quantity of the body of work
- Nominations and reviews from members of the committee



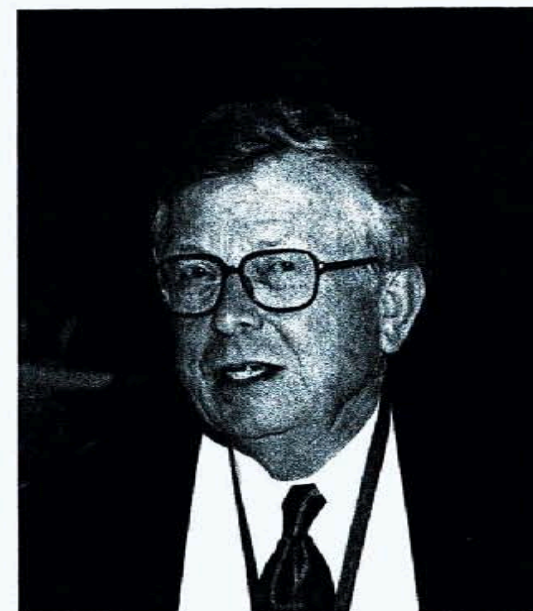
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Author Award Endowment Committee
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Bill's Book Club

Honoring William G. Wilson
Supporting Maryland Authors

Join Bill's Book Club and Help MLA Honor Maryland Authors

The MLA Author Award Endowment Committee has worked to create a fund to support the Maryland Author Award, raising \$19,000 to date. The group's goal is to increase the endowment to \$60,000 in order to permanently support the annual monetary award (currently \$2,000). You can help us continue this important effort to honor and promote Maryland authors by becoming a member of Bill's Book Club and making your pledge for a five-year donation.

MLA Maryland Author Award Winners

1996: Madison Smartt Bell

Ten Indians, All Souls' Rising, Dr. Sleep, Soldier's Joy, Year of Silence, Save Me, Joe Louis, Straight Cut, and other adult fiction

1997: Mary Downing Hahn

Daphne's Book, Sara Summer, December Stillness, Stepping on Cracks, Look for Me By Moonlight, A Ghost Story, and other works for children and young adults

1998: Elizabeth Spires

Globe, Swan's Island, Annonciade, Worldling, contributor to poetry magazines and anthologies

1999: Tom Horton

Bay Country, Swanfall: Journey of the Tundra Swans, An Island Out of Time: A Memoir of Smith Island in the Chesapeake, and other adult non-fiction

2000: Alice McDermott

A Bigamist's Daughter, That Night, At Weddings and Wakes, Charming Billy, and other adult fiction

2001: Jane Leslie Conly

Crazy Lady, Trout Summer, What Happened on Planet Kid, and other works for children and young adults

2002: Daniel Mark Epstein

The Traveler's Calendar, Star of Wonder, Spirits, The Boy in the Well, The Follies, No Vacancies in Hell, The Book of Fortune, and other works of poetry

2003 William K. Klingaman

1919: The Year Our World Began, 1929: The Year of the Great Crash, 1941: Our Lives in a World on the Edge, and other adult non-fiction

2004 Laura Lippman

Baltimore Blues, Charm City, The Sugar House, In a Strange City, Every Secret Thing, By a Spider's Thread and other adult fiction

2005 Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later), Flower Girl Butterflies, Papa Tells Chita a Story, The Train to Lulu's, Virgie Goes to School, and other works for children

2006 Edward Reed Whittemore, II

Heroes and Heroines, The Past, the Future, the Present: Poems Selected and New, and biographies, essays, stories and criticisms

2007 Taylor Branch

America in the King Years trilogy composed of *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63*, *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-65*, and *At Canon's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68*, *The Empire Blues*, and several co-authored works

Bill's Book Club Membership Form

Choose a membership level for your 5-year pledge:

- Best Seller—\$25/year
 First Edition—\$50/year
 Illuminated Manuscript—\$100/year
 Other Amount: _____

Name _____

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- I would like to pay the **first year** of my pledge.
 I would like to pay my pledge **in full**.

Form of payment:

- Check Visa MasterCard Discover

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For more information about the award, please see the MLA website: <http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/mdauthor/>