JANUARY 2020  MLA web site: mdlib.org
MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
1401 HOLLINS STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21223

Public Services Division and
MD Adult Programming Interest Group Present

Thrifty Crafting for Adults

Thursday January 30th 12:30pm-4:30pm
Baltimore County Public Library-Arbutus Branch*
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50 Students: $12.50

Learn how to engage adults (and teens) through making useful and decorative crafts. Staff from Montgomery County and Baltimore County will share the lessons they have learned in implementing low cost craft programs at their libraries. Participants will learn how to assess audience need, best practices, planning and set-up, how to reuse what you already have, and how to get donations. At the end of the program, participants will leave with their own craft project as well as an action plan that they can implement at their own libraries.

Registration will open at 12:30pm. Bring a lunch and enjoy networking before the program, which begins promptly at 1:00pm.

This program has been approved for 3 contact hours of continuing education
Registration and refund deadline is: January 23rd

*For directions: https://www.bcpl.info/locations/arbutus/index.html
To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=1%2F30%2F20&eventid=86
Children’s Services Division Presents

*Kids are Customers, Too*

Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-4:00pm  
Baltimore County Public Library-Owings Mills Branch*  
Members: $50.00 Non-members: $75.00 Students: $25.00

Celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the “Kids are Customers, Too conference is an opportunity for staff working with children, tweens, and teens in public libraries and school media centers throughout the state to meet new people, renew contacts, and learn the latest information affecting the diverse field in which they work. Join us as we feature a day’s worth of presenters sharing fresh ideas and practical tips that can be applied directly to day-to-day programming and services.

After the general session, there will be a choice of 4 breakout sessions:  
*Let’s Get Crafty and Inclusive*  
*Family Literacy Behind Bars*  
*Beanstack Tips and Tricks*  
*YALSA’s “Transforming Teen Services” through Connected Learning and Computational Thinking.*

After a boxed lunch (choice of sandwich, salad, or vegetarian), there will be a choice of 3 breakout sessions:  
*Robotics and Space Science Programming for Youth Groups*  
*Home School Invasion*  
*The SCORE Challenge: Helping middle school students score digital research skills.*

Seating in the sessions is limited; first come, first seated! To end the day, we will gather together for Guerilla Storytime: A way to Share Ideas for Invigorating Your Storytime Programming. Finally, there will be a presentation by the Blue Crab Committee. The conference promises to be a full day of learning, networking, and yes, fun!

This program has been approved for 4.5 contact hours of continuing education  
Registration and refund deadline is: February 20<sup>th</sup>

*For directions: [https://www.bcpl.info/locations/owings-mills/index.html](https://www.bcpl.info/locations/owings-mills/index.html)  
To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F5%2F20&eventid=88](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F5%2F20&eventid=88)*

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**Intellectual Freedom Panel Presents:**

*Defend Intellectual Freedom: A Challenge Response Toolkit for Libraries*

Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm-4:15pm  
Frederick County Public Library-Urbana Branch*  
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50 Students: $12.50

Having good policies, procedures and conflict resolution skills will help you defend intellectual freedom in your library. This program will examine the essential components of key policies and will teach you effective strategies for responding to in-person complaints about library collections, programs, or displays.

**Pre-class assignment:** fill out a request for reconsideration form at: [http://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/selectionpolicytoolkit/sampleforms](http://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/selectionpolicytoolkit/sampleforms) Please use an example of your own choice, write a response from the point of view of a librarian or administrator, then bring your work with you to the training.

Bring a lunch and enjoy networking before the program.

This program has been approved for 3 contact hours of continuing education  
Registration and refund deadline is: March 12<sup>th</sup>

*For directions: [https://www.fcpl.org/branches-hours/urbana-regional-library](https://www.fcpl.org/branches-hours/urbana-regional-library)  
To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F19%2F20&eventid=87](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F19%2F20&eventid=87)*
Library Leadership Division Presents

**Leading with Anxiety**

Wednesday March 25th 12:15pm-4:15pm  
Carroll County Public Library-Eldersburg*  
Members: $25.00  Non-members: $37.50  Students: $12.50

We've all heard the myth that anxiety is a hindrance to a leader's ability to be effective. Join us to learn the truth behind the myth and to discover how anxiety affects leadership, the difference between stress and anxiety, and methods to help cope with anxiety during stressful situations.

Be the leader you were meant to be.

Registration begins at 12:15pm; you may bring a lunch and network during registration.

The program begins at 12:45pm.

This program has been approved for 3 contact hours of continuing education  
Registration and refund deadline is: March 18th

*For directions: https://library.carr.org/about/eldersburg.asp
To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F25%2F20&eventid=85

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**DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

| January  | MLA Office Closed. Happy New Year |
| 1        | Future of Libraries Interest Group (FoLIG) Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm. Howard Co.-Elkridge Branch. Online Via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Conni Strittmatter at cstrittmatter@bcpl.net |
| 6        | Leadership Development Meeting, 1:00pm-3:30pm. PGCLMS-Laurel Branch. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Megan Jones at mjoness@pgclms.info |
| 9        | Readers’ Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Anne Arundel Co. Library Headquarters. Online Via Blackboard Ultra Contact Meg Faller at mfaller@calvertlibrary.info. |
| 9        | Legislative Panel, 10:00am-12:00pm. Anne Arundel Co. Library Headquarters. Contact Carrie Willson at cwillson@calvertlibrary.info |
| 10       | Children’s Services Division Meeting, 10:00am Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Kristen Bodvin at kbodvin@carr.org |
| 13       | Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. MLA Office. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@mdlib.org |
| 15       | Conference Committee, 1:00pm-3:00pm MLA office. Contact Nay Keppler at nkeppler@bcpl.net. |
| 16       | MAPLA, Enoch Pratt Free Library. |
| 17       | ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am-1:00pm, online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Sean Hogan at shogan@ubalt.edu |
| 19       | Poe House Dedication as a Literary Legend |
| 20       | Martin Luther King, Jr Day-MLA Office Closed |
| 22       | LAIG Brown Bag Conversation about Legislative Day, 12:30pm-2:00pm. Baltimore County-Hereford Branch. Contact Elizabeth at laigmla@gmail.com to register. |
| 24-28    | ALA, Philadelphia, PA |
February 3 Future of Libraries Interest Group (FoLIG) Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm. Harford County-Bel Air Branch Online Via Google Hangouts. Contact Conni Strittmatter at cstrittmatter@bcpl.net

February 5 Maryland Library Legislative Day and Reception, Annapolis, MD

February 6 Support Staff Division, 1:30pm. Baltimore County, Essex Branch. Contact Maria Jacob at mepperl@bcpl.net

February 7 Legislative Panel, 10:00am-12:00pm. Anne Arundel Co. Library Headquarters. Contact Carrie Willson at cwillson@calvertlibrary.info

February 10 Children's Services Division Meeting, 10:00am Location: TBD. Contact Kristen Bodvin at kbodvin@carr.org Online via Blackboard Ultra

February 17 President’s Day. MLA Office Closed

February 18 Teen Interest Group Meeting, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Baltimore County-Owings Mills Branch. Virtual Link: https://pgcmls.zoom.us/j/462765417. Contact Kelsey Hughes at Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info

February 19 Steering Committee, 10:00am-Noon. MLA Office. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@mdlib.org.

February 19 Conference Committee, 1:00pm-3:00pm. MLA Office. Contact Nay Keppler at nkeppler@bcpl.net.

February 21 ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am-1:000pm. online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Sean Hogan at shogan@ubalt.edu.

Save the date: Library Advocacy Workshop April 2, 2020

Cancellation Policy for Programs and Meetings

Educational programs and Division/Interest Group meetings will be cancelled/postponed in the event that schools are closed due to weather in the county/city where the event is scheduled to be held. In the event that a decision is made to proceed with the program/meeting, the individual responsible for the program/meeting should notify the office of that decision and notify participants individually, if practical. Rescheduling information should be supplied to the office as soon as possible to be posted on the web site. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring unit to notify the MLA office.

MD Library Legislative Day: Wednesday February 5, 2020

Are you curious about what happens on Maryland’s Library Legislative Day? LAIG is hosting a Brown Bag Conversation with Andrea Berstler and Joe Thompson. They’ll discuss what to expect—and what shoes to wear!—when you advocate for Maryland Libraries in Annapolis.

Join us at Baltimore County Public Library Hereford Branch on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Registration begins at 12.15pm; program is from 12.30pm-2pm; bring a lunch to enjoy. Free and open to all Maryland Library staff. Email Elizabeth at laigmla@gmail.com for questions and to register!

MLA/DLA Conference –May 6-8, 2020

Into the Roaring 20s

We have several full day pre-conferences scheduled this year-here are just 2 of them. Are you a fan of Dungeons and Dragons? Do you follow the TV show Stranger Things? Come and learn the rules of the game as well as how to set up a program in your library by playing it! Are you interested in emerging technology? We have a full day program that will introduce you to concepts such as XRenity equipment, Customer 3D printing certification, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and more! Participants from Maryland will leave with an account that will allow them to borrow statewide tech ed gear. You’ll want to sign up quickly for this program as space is limited. If you are not joining us for scheduled meals, you are welcome to sit in chairs that will be set up for you.

Come be a part of the Conference Committee; contact Nay Keppler at nkeppler@bcpl.net, who is the 2020
Conference Director. The meetings are all set up in Google Hangouts, if this is a better option for you.
Ready to book your hotel room? Here’s the link: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHESA/G-LIRY
Want to volunteer during the conference? Avoid the rush and sign up now!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4EA8A72BA6FE3-mladla2

Citizens for Maryland Libraries 2020 Awards

Please consider nominating your star staff and library advocates for one of four Citizens for Maryland Libraries’ 2020 awards! Please also note that the Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy and Awareness Grant has been increased to $1000 this year.

The nomination deadline is Friday, January 10, 2020.

Scholarship/Grant Opportunities:

Maryland Library Association
The MLA Professional Development Panel encourages you to submit an application for an MLA Educational Grant. Applications are reviewed twice per year and the next deadline for submission is January 15, 2020. The application process is competitive. Full instructions and details about qualifying activities, award amounts, and selection criteria can be found on the application form:
http://www.mdlib.org/files/docs/about/ed_grant.docx. Please use this version of the form, as it has changed recently. Applications using a previous version of the form will not be accepted, nor will hand-written applications.

American Library Association
ALA has a number of scholarship opportunities. Please see the following link for an announcement about their graduate program scholarship opportunities: http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/09/accepting-scholarship-applications.
The deadline for applications is March 1, 2020.

American Library Association-Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant

(ALA) invites library workers to apply for a new annual grant to support innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries. The Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant will provide $2,000 for a school, public, academic, tribal or special library to expand its community engagement efforts. Libraries are invited to apply by designing and outlining activities for a library-led community engagement project. Project activities to be covered by the grant may include developing community engagement programs and services; partnering with a community agency that builds the capacity of the community to address an important concern/issue; or creating a program or event that connects the library to a community-identified aspiration or concern. Community engagement is the process of working collaboratively with community members — be they library users, residents, faculty, students or local organizations — to address issues for the betterment of the community.
Applications will be accepted between Dec. 2, 2019, and Feb. 3, 2020. View the full award guidelines and apply online at www.ala.org/LTCEG.

Penguin Random House
For the second year, Penguin Random House is offering a Library Award for Innovation. Penguin Random House will award $10,000 to a U.S. library that has created a lasting innovative community service program, which will successfully inspire and connect new readers. Four runner ups will receive $1,000 in Penguin Random House books.

To learn more and apply visit: http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/36651/apply
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