Trauma-informed librarianship is a crucial framework and helpful practice to better support our patrons, staff, colleagues, and ourselves. During this webinar, participants will learn about the principles of trauma-informed librarianship and how to incorporate them into their daily work, such as creating positive and healing interactions with survivors in the library. Finally, we’ll learn about building sustainable self-care strategies, as well as the power of community care, to mitigate the effects of trauma, including secondhand trauma. This program will include discussion of topics including rape culture, LGBTQ+ issues, ableism, and addiction. Be sure to bring your questions for the Q & A portion.

This program has been approved for 1.5 contact hours of continuing education

Registration deadline is: January 14th

*Zoom links will be sent out Monday, January 18th

To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=1%2F21%2F21&eventid=113
Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2021 – The Spring Edition, a celebration of juvenile fiction titles. Learn about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and participate, via Zoom, in a half day of small group discussions of some of the 2020-2021 fiction nominees. Author Pablo Cartaya will be our keynote speaker. Program check-in begins at 9:15 a.m., and the program will start at 9:30 a.m. There will be two discussion groups, one for titles from the Grades 4-6 list and the other for titles from the Grades 6-12 lists. Each group will meet twice so you can attend both. Please read all the titles for each group. Many of the titles are available in e-format as well as paper.

**Grades 4-6**
- *The Guest* by Mary Downing Hahn,
- *The Trail* by Meika Hashimoto,
- *A Wolf Called Wander* by Roseanne Parry,
- *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome, and
- *The Light Jar* by Lisa Thompson

**Grades 6-12**
- *Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya,
- *Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee,
- *It Wasn’t Me* by Dana Allison Levy,
- *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi, and
- *Frankly in Love* by David Yoon.

This program has been approved for 3.5 contact hours of continuing education

Registration deadline is: February 25th

*Zoom links will be sent out Monday, March 1st

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F4%2F21&eventid=114](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F4%2F21&eventid=114)

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**Support Services Division & Intellectual Freedom Panel Present**

**What is the Privacy Divide?**

**Wednesday March 24th 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Online Via Zoom*

Members: $12.50  Non-Members: $18.75  Students|Retired|Unemployed|Friends: $6.25

People with fewer economic resources can be both more at risk of having their privacy violated and more vulnerable to harmful consequences when it happens. For instance, less expensive smartphones often default to collecting more data, and "free" online services collect data about users that can be used against them. People with more resources, on the other hand, can afford paid services that collect less data. This difference is often referred to as the privacy divide, and it exacerbates inequalities that already exist. This session will explore different facets of the privacy divide, including why it exists and how it harms people. We will also review strategies and free tools that staff can take back to their patrons who can use them to protect themselves.
This program has been approved for 1 contact hour of continuing education
Registration deadline is: March 17th
*Zoom links will be sent out Monday, March 22nd
To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F24%2F21&eventid=112

DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| January | 4 | Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org. |
| 5 | Teen Interest Group, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Zoom-register here for meeting link: https://forms.gle/BNGLWKvdMiptGwdi7 Contact Kelsey Hughes at Kelsey.Hughes@pgcmls.info |
| 8 | Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am. Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org |
| 8 | Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Meg Faller at mfaller@calvertlibrary.info. |
| 11 | Children’s Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard Collaboration. Contact Betsy Brannen at BBrennen@FrederickCountyMD.gov |
| 14 | Legislative Briefing, 9:00am. See legislative event article below. |
| 14-30 | MLA 2021 Legislative Event. See legislative event article below. |
| 15 | ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnott@towson.edu |
| 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. MLA Office Closed. |
| 20 | Executive Board Meeting 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@carr.org. |
| 20 | 2021 Conference Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net. |
| 21 | Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30 pm-2:15pmOnline via Zoom. Book discussion: You’re Not Listening, by Kate Murphy. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net. |
| 21 | LDD: Trauma-Informed Librarianship During a Pandemic. See article above. |
| 22-26 | ALA Midwinter, Virtual |
| 25 | Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info |
| 27 | Conversation with Legislators, 8:30am. See legislative event article below. |

| February | 1 | Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org. |
| 3 | Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm-3:30pm. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Sara Brown at sabrown@bcpl.net |
| 4 | SSD Meeting, 1:30pm. Online via AACPL Zoom. Contact Robin Soma-Dudley at RDoma-Dudley@aacpl.net |
| 5 | Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am. Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org |
8 **Children’s’ Services Division Meeting**, 10:00am-12:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Betsy Brannon at BBrannon@FrederickCountyMD.gov
13 **Blue Crab Committee Meeting**, 2:00pm-5:00pm. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Laura Bandoch at lbandoch@bcpl.net
15 **President’s Day**, MLA office closed.
17 **Steering Committee Meeting**, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@mdlib.org.
17 **Conference Committee Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net.
19 **ACRL-MD Meeting**, 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnot@towson.edu
22 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting**, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info

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**MLA 2021 LEGISLATIVE EVENT**

With COVID Restrictions in place, and the General Assembly conducting virtual meetings with constituents, we have made our Legislative Day into a two-week Legislative Event.

**PLANNED SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9 AM** • Legislative Briefing •

Bring your own coffee, pastries, and fruit. *A zoom invitation will be sent after January 1, 2020.*

**Tuesday, January 19th through Friday, January 30th** • MLA Legislative Virtual Event •

Each library system should schedule their virtual meetings with the local delegation between these dates. Call your delegation office to schedule meetings as you normally would. Each office will handle virtual meetings in their own way. You may wish to be ready to offer to host virtually if necessary.

**Wednesday, January 27 at 8:30 AM** + • **Conversation with Legislators** •

Senator Nancy King (D) District 39, Montgomery County Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes (D) District 37A, Dorchester & Wicomico Counties *A zoom invitation will be sent after January 1, 2020.*

MSL and MLA Legislative Panel will provide a slide deck with some statewide statistics, information from the recent MAPLA statewide survey on libraries and additional blank slides for local information. We anticipate sending the slides to systems in early January. These slides are for you to use as you see fit – either as part of the meeting with your delegation or for use as a follow-up after your visit.

There will be no reception during the 2021 session.

The Legislative Panel will provide additional information as it becomes available. For more information or questions, contact Andrea Berstler (aberstler@carr.org) or Carrie Willson (cwillson@calvertlibrary.info).

+Time subject to change. *Events and speakers are subject to change.*
2020 MLA/DLA Conference - Into the Roaring 20s
Tuesday October 6 – Thursday January 14
Happy New Year! Don’t forget to join the Zoom programs still scheduled for the 2020 Conference. Plan to attend the Ignite 2020, Part 3 program scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th and you won’t want to miss the MLA Awards and Keynote Speaker Stephen Thompson, scheduled for Wednesday January 13th. There are 3 great programs scheduled for Thursday, January 14th—the last day of the 2020 MLA/DLA Conference.

2021 MLA/DLA Conference – Libraries Without Limits
Online Via Zoom: Monday, May 3-Friday May 7, 2021
We are getting ready to send the conference brochure to the graphic artist—so get ready to have the details of the 2021 conference available in the next few weeks. We will be giving you a description of each program, and an opportunity to sign up for the programs. Except for the stand-alone programs that have additional fees associated with them, you are free to attend any program that interests you. Signing up for the general conference programs does not commit you to attending them—it just gives us an idea of the interest in the topic. Would you like to assist in the production of this conference? Please Contact Tyler Wolfe, the 2021 Conference Chair (twolfe@bcpl.net) and ask to be included the next time he sends out the Zoom link for the monthly meeting.

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Maryland State Archives, and the Four Centuries Project are partnering to present a Lunch and Learn series of programs in 2021. This exciting new series which explores Maryland history in context to today is open to all.
The first program in the series is on January 14, 2021: What Role Should Archivists Play in the National Debate over Public Monuments? Join us for a presentation led by Timothy D. Baker, State Archivist and Commissioner of Land Patents, Maryland State Archives. This presentation will explore how examination of the historical record can provide context and thus help to inform discussions regarding monuments in our public spaces.
The link to join this program is: https://calendar.prattlibrary.org/event/what_role_should_archivists_play_in_the_national_debate_over_public_monuments
Please register me for the following: Members in good standing with any of these organizations are eligible to attend MLA programs at the member fee. REFORMA DC, WMRL, CML, MASL, MAILL, MD/SLA, DCLA, LLAM, CMCLD, CALD and DC/SLA

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