Children’s Services Division Presents

**Kids are Customers, Too**

Thursday March 5th 9:30am-4:00pm

Baltimore County Public Library-Owings Mills Branch*

Members: $50.00 Non-members: $75.00 Students: $25.00

Celebrating its 23rd 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 20th

*For directions: [https://www.bcpl.info/locations/owings-mills/index.html](https://www.bcpl.info/locations/owings-mills/index.html)*

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Intellectual Freedom Panel Presents:

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

Thursday March 19th 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  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 12th

*For directions: 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

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
Library Advocacy Interest Group Presents

*ALA’s Advocacy Academy*

Thursday April 2nd 11:30pm-3:30pm
Prince George's County Memorial Library-South Bowie Branch*
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50 Students: $12.50

Turn your passion for the library into action! ALA’s Advocacy Academy is an exemplary training program for all library advocates and prepares participants to effectively amplify the library voice in advocacy and public policy. This intensive training is designed to help participants develop relationships and engage in year-round advocacy. Learn about library policy issues and how to frame them for decision maker, be they local voters or elected officials; sharpen your unique library story; and prepare to make a difference in policy debates.

This program has been approved for 3.5 contact hours of continuing education
Registration and refund deadline is: March 19th

*For directions: [https://www.pgcmls.info/branch/location/SouthBowie](https://www.pgcmls.info/branch/location/SouthBowie)*
To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F2%2F20&eventid=91](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F2%2F20&eventid=91)

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ACRL-MD Presents

*Academic Library Advocacy: Everyone’s an Advocate*

Friday April 3rd 8:30pm-12:00pm
Towson University in Northeastern Maryland*
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50 Students: $12.50

What comes to mind when you think about “library advocacy?” Many libraries need to connect with legislative stakeholders, but academic library advocacy must target an entirely different audience. Academic library personnel routinely need to advocate for the library as an essential contributor to their college or university’s mission; however, advocating for your academic library really means advocating for a broad range of individuals—library staff, students, professors, and other campus community members—and doing so to a variety of stakeholders with varying priorities. In the program, join ACRL-MD as we explore what it means to be an “academic library advocate” from a variety of perspectives. Dr. Lucy Holman, University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and former Dean of Libraries at the University of Baltimore will share an administrator’s perspective on current advocacy issues and methods. Local library presenters will share their experiences in academic library advocacy, and participants will have the opportunity to begin crafting their own advocacy narrative tailored for their networks. We hope you will join us for an engaging event!

This program has been approved for 2.5 contact hours of continuing education
Registration and refund deadline is: March 20th

*For directions: [https://www.towson.edu/academics/undergraduate/tune/visit.html](https://www.towson.edu/academics/undergraduate/tune/visit.html)*
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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
Join us in Annapolis at 8:00am in the Anne Arundel County Law Library for coffee and briefings. Visit your elected officials during the day and invite them to join you in the Miller Senate Office Building-President’s Reception room from 5:30-7:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with other librarians, too!

MLA wants you to vote:
Log into your profile.
Under the About MLA tab, select Spring Elections.
Note: voting ends Wednesday February 19th.

MLA/DLA Conference –May 6-8, 2020
Into the Roaring 20s
The 2020 MLA/DLA Conference brochure is now online! The registration links are active-make your program choices as well as select your meals and get ready for a fantastic time in Cambridge. Is this your first time attending? Please take advantage of the very first workshop on Thursday morning-Conference Orientation. Along with learning about the ins and outs of attending the conference, you will have an opportunity to meet many members of the Maryland Library Association leadership team. Also on Thursday, please visit the poster session that will be displayed near the registration table. Stop in the vendor area to visit the vendors as well as peruse the silent auction items. Most of the counties will donate a silent auction basket as will most of the divisions and the competition can get quite spirited until the closing bell at 5:30. Don’t miss the all-conference reception when you can catch up with old and new librarian friends.

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
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