



Maryland Library Association

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Programs

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MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1401 HOLLINS STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21223

Children's Services Division Presents

BEST 2021-The Spring Edition

Thursday March 4th 9:30pm – 1:30pm

Online Via Zoom*

Members: \$25.00 Non-Members: \$37.50 Students|Retired|Unemployed|Friends: \$12.50

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

Executive University

Anti-Racism and Executive Library Leadership

and

Backlash to Buy-In

Friday March 5th 10:00am-12:00pm

and

Friday March 12th 1:00pm-3:00pm

Online Via Zoom*

Members: \$50.00 Non-Members: \$50.00

Led by anti-racism director and organizer Dr. Tobin Miller Shearer, this session is designed to support and develop your effectiveness in being an anti-racism change agent in your library.

Part 1: Friday, March 5th. Anti-Racism and Executive Library Leadership.

One of the major barriers to dismantling institutional racism is a lack of effective vocabulary, analysis, and principles. Libraries have the potential to be at the forefront of efforts to dismantle racism in our country. These sessions will review key principles behind effective leadership in libraries to dismantle institutional racism. Participants will be introduced to: the history of and need for common shared language, key principles to guide effective action and a continuum to identify key action areas and next steps forward.

Part 2: Friday, March 12th. Backlash to Buy-In. The work of dismantling institutional racism invariably encounters backlash in some form. The question is not if the backlash will happen, but how we respond. This session introduces participants to the kinds and timing of backlash, appropriate strategies for responding to those various backlashes, and practice with case studies.

This program has been approved for 4 contact hours of continuing education

Registration deadline is: March 1st

*Zoom links will be sent out before Thursday, March 4th

To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=1%2F21%2F21&eventid=116



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

Readers Advisory Interest Group Presents

Soothing Reads for Stressful Times

Monday April 5th 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Online Via Zoom*

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

It has been a stressful year for everyone, and while we all handle stress differently, library staff can offer their readers materials that may help bring a little relief! Join us as we introduce the concept of "hygge" and discuss comfort reads in several forms, including baking, crafting, doing puzzles, solving problems, or falling into someone else's life for a little while. Let's help each other get cozy.

This program has been approved for 1 contact hour of continuing education

Registration deadline is: April 2nd

*Zoom links will be sent out Monday April 5th

To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F4%2F21&eventid=117

DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 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 RSoma-Dudley@aacpl.net**
 - 5 **Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am. Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org**
 - 8 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info**
 - 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 Ultra. 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.**
 - 18 **MLA Elections close.**
 - 19 **ACRL-MD Meeting. 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnot at bsinnot@towson.edu**
- March
- 1 **Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.**
 - 4 **CSD Program: BEST See article above**
 - 5 **Executive University: Anti-Racism Program. Part 1. See article above.**
 - 5 **Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting. 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Meg Faller at mfaller@calvertlibrary.info.**
 - 8 **Children's Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard Collaboration. Contact Betsy Brannen at BBrannen@FrederickCountyMD.gov**
 - 11 **Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30 pm-3:30pm Online via Zoom. Book discussion: *Grit*, by Angela Duckworth Murphy. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.**
 - 11 **Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30am-12:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Sam Eddington at sam@esrl.org**
 - 12 **Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am. Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org**
 - 12 **Executive University: Backlash to Buy-In. Part 2. See article above.**
 - 15 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info**
 - 17 **Executive Board Meeting 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@carr.org.**
 - 17 **2021 Conference Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler**

- Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net.
- 19 **ACRL-MD Meeting.** 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnott@towson.edu
- 24 **Support Staff and Intellectual Freedom Panel Program: What is the Privacy Divide?** See article above

2021 MLA/DLA Conference – Libraries Without Limits Online Via Zoom:

Monday, May 3-Friday May 7, 2021

Are you ready? The 2021 [MLA/DLA conference brochure](#) is now online and [registration](#) is open. This year, the conference will be compressed into one week, but don't worry-almost all the sessions will be recorded so if you miss one, you'll be able to access it later. The opening keynote speaker, on Monday afternoon, will be Malaka Gharib, a DC-based author, journalist and writer. Come hear about her food zine called the Runcible Spoon. The William Wilson Maryland Author Award winner this year is D. Watkins, a Baltimore based Editor at Large for Salon. He is also an award-winning professor at the University of Baltimore and founder of the BMORE Writers Project. We will close out the conference with Dhonielle Clayton, formerly from the DC area, a YA author, former librarian, COO of We Need Diverse Books and the owner of Cake Literary.

Tyler would love some more volunteers to assist in the production of this conference. Contact him (twolfe@bcpl.net) and ask to be included the next time he sends out the Zoom link for the monthly meeting.

SLRC Spring Seminars

The State Library Resource Center has several one hour webinars starting in March. All of the sessions are listed below:

3/17/21 -	The Passive Programming Playbook: 101 Ways to Get Library Customers Off the Sidelines
3/31/21 -	Viewer's Advisory in the Digital Age
4/14/21 -	Bibliotherapy and the Mental Health of Teens
4/28/21 -	Digital Mindfulness for Teens
5/12/21 -	Programs in a Bubble: Socially-distanced Programs for Families

Each training is worth one contact hour. To find out more and to sign up, simply click on any of the class links above. When registering, be sure to include your email address so that we can send you log in instructions before each scheduled session.

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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