Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2022 – The Spring Edition, a celebration of picture book titles. Learn about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and participate, via Zoom, in a half day of small group discussions of some of the 2021-2022 picture book nominees. Author/Illustrator Faith Pray will be our keynote speaker. Barb Langridge from A Book and a Hug will also speak. Program check-in begins at 9:25 a.m., and the program will start at 9:30 a.m.

There will be two discussion groups, meeting twice, so you can attend both sessions. Please read all the titles for each group.

**Picture Book Group 1**

**Picture Book Group 2**
The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita Hubbard, Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard, Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour, Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away by Meg Medina, and I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott.

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

Registration deadline is: February 17th


*the Zoom link will be sent out after February 17th*
PSD Presents

Pick You Platform: Streamyard

Thursday, February 24, 2022 2:00pm-3:00pm
Online Via Zoom*

Members: $12.50 Non-members: $18.75 Students, Retired, Unemployed, Friend: $6.25

In our Pick Your Platform series, learn more about how libraries are continuing to use technology tools to provide online programming options. This session will focus on Streamyard as an alternative to Crowdcast or Zoom for public programs. Participants will learn about Streamyard’s main features, the advantages to using it in programming and how they can use this tool in their own libraries, Presented by Nicholas Brown of Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

This program has been approved for 1.0 contact hour of continuing education

Registration deadline is: February 10th

Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=2%2F24%2F22&eventid=136
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PSD Presents

Pick You Platform: Discord

Thursday, March 31, 2022 2:00pm-3:00pm
Online Via Zoom*

Members: $12.50 Non-members: $18.75 Students, Retired, Unemployed, Friend: $6.25

In our Pick Your Platform series, learn more about how libraries are continuing to use technology tools to provide online programming options. This session will focus on Discord and how to use it for programs and collaboration. Participants will learn about Discord’s main features, the advantages to using it in programming and how they can use this tool in their own libraries. Discord will also be used at the MLA/DLA Conference in May 2022 to enhance conference communication. Presented by Zoe DiGiorgio of Harford County Public Library

This program has been approved for 1.0 contact hour of continuing education

Registration deadline is: March 17th

Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F31%2F22&eventid=137
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DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February

1 Tech Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Maddie Hines at madie.hines@montgomerycountymd.gov.
2 Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Andrea Bootheby Rice at andrea@qaclibrary.org.
3 Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Teonja Jung at tjung@bcpl.net.
4 Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org.
7 Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hclplonline.org.
7 Black Librarianship: Past Present and Future Webinar, 2:00pm-3:00pm. Please register for this session by Feb 3 via https://tinyurl.com/2atxa88:
9 Conference Social Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Lisa Allgeier at lallgeier@bcpl.net or Jenee Johnson at jejohnson@bcpl.net.
10 MSLA/MLA Leadership Facilitators Program: workshop for facilitators, 1:30pm-4:30pm.
Maryland Libraries Legislative Season: 2/14-2/25

Were you able to attend the training session offered by MLA’s Legislative Panel and Library Advocacy Interest Group? A quick recap: right now, there are 6 bills that impact the library community that we have been asked to support or oppose. One of the bills-SB(Senate Bill) 448, to have per capita funding extended for another four years-is an example when reaching out to your elected officials will let them know how important this is to the library community. A funding bill for public and regional libraries: SB448/HB685 will be heard in both the House and the Senate. Make sure that you are signed up to get legislative alerts, and please reach out to your senators and delegates when possible.
For the first time in two years, the MLA/DLA Annual Conference is returning in-person to the Cambridge Hyatt! Join us May 4th - 6th as we celebrate and learn together. Along with engaging keynote speakers and informative programs, we’ll also be hosting a plethora of fun events like trivia, raffles, karaoke, scavenger hunts, oh, and a petting zoo! Registration is now open, so lace up your Chucks, dust off your Walkman, and Come As You Are!

Link: 2022 MLA/DLA Conference

The State Library Resource Center

The State Library Resource Center has several one hour webinars starting in March.

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Each training is worth one contact hour. To find out more and to sign up, simply click on the link above and then click on any session you are interested in. When registering, be sure to include your email address so that we can send you log in instructions before each scheduled session (usually this happens the day before). Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

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