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](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](https://library.carr.org/about/eldersburg.asp)  
To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F25%2F20&eventid=85](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F25%2F20&eventid=85)

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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)
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
To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F3%2F20&eventid=92

DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March
2 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
5 Children’s Services Division Program, Kids are Customers, Too. Registration closed.
6 Legislative Panel, 10:00am-12:00pm. Anne Arundel Co. Library Headquarters. Contact Carrie Willson at cwillson@calvertlibrary.info
12 Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30pm-12:00pm. MLA Office. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Pam Taylor at taylor@hcplonline.org
12 Leadership Development Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. MLA Office. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Megan Jones at mjones@pgcmls.info
18 Executive Board/Advisory Council Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. MLA Office. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@mdlib.org
18 Conference Committee, 1:00pm-3:00pm MLA office. Contact Nay Keppler at nkeppler@bcpl.net
19 IF Panel Program, Defend Intellectual Freedom. See article above.
20 ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am-1:00pm. online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Sean Hogan at shogan@ubalt.edu
25 Leadership Development Division Program, Leading with Anxiety. See article above.

April
2 Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm. PGCMLS-Laurel Branch. Contact Maria Jacob at mepperl@bcpl.net
2 LAIG Program, Library Advocacy Workshop. See article above.
3 ACRL-MD Program, Academic Library Advocacy. See article above.
Future of Libraries Interest Group (FoLIG) Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm. Online Via Google Hangouts. Contact Conni Strittmatter at cstrittmatter@bcpl.net

Executive University, 11:00am-6:00pm. Rocky Gap. MAPLA Attendees

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

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

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

Teen Interest Group Meeting, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Cecil County-Perryville Branch. Contact Kelsey Hughes at Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info. Available through Zoom at https://pgcmls.zoom.us/j/462765417.

MD Day at the University of Maryland, College Park

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 website. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring unit to notify the MLA office.

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

All of the sessions are listed below.

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Each training is worth one contact hour. To find out more and to sign up, simply click on any of the class links. When registering, be sure to include your email address so that we can send you log in instructions before each scheduled session. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.
MLA/DLA Conference – May 6-8, 2020
Into the Roaring 20s

As you make your plans to attend the conference, be sure and schedule time on Wednesday for the Keynote speaker Michael W. Twitty followed by the all-conference reception. Can’t come down that early? If history repeats itself, the Beer Shindig will fill the Michener Lounge until the happy hour prices expire at 9:00 pm. On Thursday, before any program sessions begin, be sure to stop by the registration table area and check out the poster sessions. They are innovative projects, services and research conducted by fellow librarians and will be on display until 4:00 pm. The silent auction, located in the vendor area, will open at 8:00 AM and remain open until 5:30 PM, and promises to include baskets from most of the divisions and interest groups of MLA. You will be notified on Thursday evening if you won, and you can pick up and pay for your items beginning at 10:30 AM Friday.

We hope that the meals are part of your conference registration, but please be aware that if you are not joining us for scheduled meals, you are welcome to sit in chairs that will be set up for you to hear the speakers. Want to volunteer during the conference? This is a chance to network with other librarians. Avoid the rush and sign up now! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4EA8A72BA6FE3-mladla2
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