



Maryland Library Association

# Happenings

Programs

**MARCH 2021**

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**MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

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It is my very sad duty to tell you that our Executive Director, Margaret Carty, passed away on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. We are heartbroken.

Margaret became the Executive Director of MLA in January of 1999. She did far more than lead the Association- she built it from the ground up. From afar, she was a brilliant non-profit leader and library advocate. Those of us who were fortunate to work closely with her knew her kindness, generosity, and ability to inspire and support everyone she came into contact with, especially new library leaders. Her loss feels too near at this time to be able to convey all that she means to us, but in the coming days and weeks, I look forward to honoring and celebrating her legacy in Maryland libraries with you.

Morgan Miller, MLA President



# Children's Services Division Presents

## *BEST 2021-The Spring Edition*

Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>

\*Zoom links will be sent out Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

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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## Executive University

### *Anti-Racism and Executive Library Leadership*

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### *Backlash to Buy-In*

Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:00pm

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Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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 12<sup>th</sup>.** **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 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Zoom links will be sent out before Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=1%2F21%2F21&eventid=116](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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>

\*Zoom links will be sent out Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=3%2F24%2F21&eventid=112](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F24%2F21&eventid=112)

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## Readers Advisory Interest Group Presents

### *Soothing Reads for Stressful Times*

Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Zoom links will be sent out Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=3%2F4%2F21&eventid=117](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F4%2F21&eventid=117)

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## ACRL-MD Presents

### *Academic Library Advocacy: Everyone's An Advocate*

Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 1:00pm

Online Via Zoom\*

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

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 this 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 workers will facilitate breakout rooms centered around a specific aspect of academic library advocacy including advocating past failure, academic library fundraising, subtle everyday advocacy, advocating for open-source pedagogy and OER's. Participants will have the opportunity to begin crafting their own advocacy narrative tailored for their networks and share ideas on a program padlet (an online collaboration tool) to gather feedback from colleagues. We hope you will join us for an engaging event!

This program has been approved for 2 contact hours of continuing education

Registration deadline is: April 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Zoom link will be sent out April 5<sup>th</sup>.

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=4%2F9%2F21&eventid=119](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F9%2F21&eventid=119)

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## Government Information Interest Group Presents

### *The Ground Truth on Our Water: Hydrology Resources from Planet Earth to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed*

Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Online Via Zoom\*

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

In 2021, a pandemic reawakened concern with ecology, the science of interconnections. The Chesapeake Bay is the nation's largest estuary, but it does not stand alone. It is part of a large and dynamic ecosystem of rivers, streams, groundwater, and geologic provinces. This webinar focuses on how to discover information sources related to the topics of precipitation, water temperature, water use (water quantity), water-supply systems, surface water, groundwater, water quality, floods, droughts, and hurricanes. Information sources include databases, publications, maps, models, and field and laboratory methods. Sample research questions and consultation illustrate the history of water resources and how to find and use hydrology materials produced by governments and organizations outside of the traditional commercial publishing and delivery methods to assist you with your next water-resources library research inquiry.

Emily C. Wild served as a hydrologist and librarian (physical scientist) for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for 23 years prior to joining Princeton University in 2018, as Librarian for Chemistry, Geosciences & Environmental Studies.

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

Registration deadline is: April 7<sup>nd</sup>

\*Zoom links will be sent out Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=4%2F22%2F21&eventid=118](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F22%2F21&eventid=118)



# DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE

## MEETINGS

- March**
- 1 **Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 11:00am.** Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Tracy Miller at [millert@hcplonline.org](mailto:millert@hcplonline.org).
- 4 **Children's Services Division Program: Black Eyed Susan Tapestry**  
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](mailto:mfaller@calvertlibrary.info).
- 8 **Children's Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm.** Online via Blackboard Collaboration. Contact Betsy Brannen at [BBrannen@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto: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](mailto:acrawford@bcpl.net).
- 11 **Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30am-12:00pm.** Online via Zoom. Contact Sam Eddington at [sam@esrl.org](mailto:sam@esrl.org)
- 11 **Blue Crab Committee Meeting,9:00am-12:00.** Online via Blackboard Collaboration. Contact Laura Bandoch at [lbandoch@bcpl.net](mailto:lbandoch@bcpl.net)
- 12 **Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am.** Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at [aberstler@carr.org](mailto: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](mailto:michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info)
- 17 **Executive Board Meeting 10:00am-Noon.** Online via Zoom. Contact Morgan Miller at [mmiller@ccplnet.org](mailto:mmiller@ccplnet.org) .
- 17 **2021 Conference Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3: 00pm.**Contact Tyler Wolfe at [twolfe@bcpl.net](mailto:twolfe@bcpl.net).
- 19 **ACRL-MD Meeting. 11:00am.** Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnott at [bsinnot@towson.edu](mailto:bsinnot@towson.edu)
- 24 **Support Staff and Intellectual Freedom Panel Program: What is the Privacy Divide?** See article above
- April**
- 1 **Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm.** Online via AACPL Zoom.Contact Robin Soma-Dudley at [RSoma-Dudley@aacpl.net](mailto:RSoma-Dudley@aacpl.net)
- 5 **Readers' Advisory Interest Group Program: Soothing Reads for Stressful Times.**  
See article above.
- 5 **Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 11:00am.** Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Tracy Miller at [millert@hcplonline.org](mailto:millert@hcplonline.org).
- 7 **Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm-3:30pm.** Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Sara Brown at [sabrown@bcpl.net](mailto:sabrown@bcpl.net)
- 9 **Legislative Panel Meeting, 10:00am.** Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at [aberstler@carr.org](mailto:aberstler@carr.org)
- 12 **Children's Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30am.** Online via Zoom. Contact Betsy Brannon at [BBrannon@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:BBrannon@FrederickCountyMD.gov)
- 13 **Teen Interest Group Meeting, 2:00pm-4:00pm** Online via Zoom. Contact Kelsey Hughes at [Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info](mailto:Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info) for Zoom link.
- 16 **ACRL-MD Meeting. 11:00am.** Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnot at [bsinnot@towson.edu](mailto:bsinnot@towson.edu)
- 19 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting, 3:00pm.** Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at [michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info](mailto:michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info)
- 21 **Steering Committee Meeting, 10:00am-Noon.** Online via Zoom. Contact Contact Morgan Miller at [mmiller@ccplnet.org](mailto:mmiller@ccplnet.org) .
- 21 **Conference Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm.** Contact Tyler Wolfe at [twolfe@bcpl.net](mailto:twolfe@bcpl.net).
- 22 **Government Information Interest Group Program: The Ground Truth on Our Water.** See article above.

# 2021 MLA/DLA Conference: Libraries Without Limits

## Online Via Zoom:

### Monday, May 3-Friday May 7, 2021

The 2021 [MLA/DLA Conference brochure](#) is now online and [registration](#) is open. We are following our tradition of having the first day of the Conference designated as Pre-Conference and three programs have the distinction of this honor. The first preconference, *Our Only Hope-Storytime for Staff who Don't Work with Children*, will prepare you to jump in with a few materials as well as a template for success. The next preconference, *Your Social Media Presence and Brand Strategy: Increase Community Outreach and Engagement*, will improve your understanding of social media in building a library brand, as well as with your local online community. The final preconference, *Zoom Lens: The Legacy of Race in Our Society and Our Libraries*, was a wonderful success during the 2020 Conference, and this program promises to equip the attendees with ideas to counteract the legacy of systemic racism in libraries.

Tyler is lining up volunteers to assist in the program production of the Conference-contact him ([twolfe@bcpl.net](mailto:twolfe@bcpl.net)) and ask to be included the next time he sends out the Zoom link for the monthly meeting.

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## SLRC Spring Seminars

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

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

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 you can be sent 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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Executive University: Anti-Racism and Backlash to Buy-In March 5 & 12 2021

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