



Maryland Library Association

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MARCH 2022

MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1401 HOLLINS STREET, BALTIMORE, MD 21223

MLA web site: mdlib.org

Reader's Advisory Interest Group Presents
A Voice For Everyone: Finding Authentic Representations
of People with Disabilities in Your Library's Collection

Tuesday March 15, 2022 2:00pm-3:00pm

Online Via Zoom*

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

Join the Reader's Advisory Interest Group as they explore disability representation in fiction and non-fiction across all ages. Discuss the types of disabilities that are currently lacking in representation and why disability representation is important. Participants will also discover ways to enrich their library collections and add to their reader's advisory toolbox.

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

Registration deadline is: March 14th

Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3%2F15%2F22&eventid=140

*The Zoom link will be sent out on March 14th



Public Services Division Presents Pick Your 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

*Zoom link will be sent out after March 17th

Intellectual Freedom Panel Presents A Talk with Maryland Literary Luminary Dr. Joann Gabbin

Wednesday April 27, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
Online Via Zoom*

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

Professor Joann Gabbin, organizer of the first academic conference on African American poetry, will explore the history of the Poetry Center she founded at James Madison University and its first conference in 1994 with such notable participants as Gwendolyn Brooks, Nikki Giovanni, Rita Dove, and many others. Dr. Gabbin has been entered in HistoryMakers and in 2021, JMU renamed a campus building, Gabbin Hall. Hear her discuss politically motivated black visionaries, poets, artists, dramatists, musicians, and writers that she has connected with and promoted through the Furious Flower Poetry Center.

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

Registration deadline is: April 21st

Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F27%2F22&eventid=141

*the Zoom link will be sent out after April 25th

DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| March | 1 | Tech Committee Meeting. 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Maddie Hines at madie.hines@montgomerycountymd.gov . |
| | 3 | MSLA/MLA Leadership Facilitators Program: workshop for facilitators, 9:00am-3:00pm. |
| | 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. Topic: Mental Health and Social Justice Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org . |
| | 10 | Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Online via Zoom. Book for discussion: <i>Servant Leadership</i> , by Robert Greenleaf. Contact Anita Crawford at |

acrawford@bcpl.net.

- 10 **Library Advocacy Interest Group Brown Bag Discussion and Meeting**, 12:30pm.
Link to register: <https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/6134156>. Contact Tiffany Sutherland at tsutherland@calvertlibrary.info or David Payne at dpayne@prattlibrary.org.
- 10 **Public Services Division Meeting**, 9:30am-12:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Lisa Swain at lsswain@bcpl.net
- 14 **Children's Services Division Meeting**, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Jill Hutchison at jhutchison@stmalib.org.
- 15 **Readers Advisory Interest Group Program: A Voice for Everyone: Finding Authentic Representations of People with Disabilities in Your Library's Collection.**
See article above.
- 16 **Conference Committee Meeting**, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Megan Sutherland at: megan.sutherland@pgcmls.info.
- 16 **Executive Committee Meeting**, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at mlaexec@mdlib.org.
- 17 **ACRL-MD Meeting**, 11:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Sean Hogan at shogan@ubalt.edu.
- 21 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting**, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info.
- 23 **Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Award Announcement.** See note below
- 28 **LGBTQ+ Meeting**, 12:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Teresa Miller at Teresa.miller@pgcmls.info.
- 31 **Public Services Division Program: Pick Your Platform: Discord.** See article above.

April

- 1 **Legislative Panel Meeting**, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org.
- 1 **Reader's Advisory Interest Group Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Amy Jenkins at amy.jenkins@pgcmls.info
- 4 **Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting**, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.
- 5 **Tech Committee Meeting**. 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Maddie Hines at madie.hines@montgomerycountymd.gov.
- 6 **Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting**, 2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Boothby Rice at andrea@qaclibrary.org.
- 7 **Support Staff Division Meeting**, 1:30pm. AACPL-Busch Annapolis Branch. Contact Gabriel Jones at gabriel.jones@pgcmls.info
- 11 **Children's Services Division Meeting**, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Jill Hutchison at jhutchison@stmalib.org.
- 13 **Conference Committee Meeting**, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Megan Sutherland at megan.sutherland@pgcmls.info.
- 13 **Steering Committee Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at mlaexec@mdlib.org.
- 18 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting**, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info.
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- 22 **MSLA/MLA Leadership Facilitators Program:** Follow up session to debrief experiences teaching the class. 11:00am-12:00pm
- 27 **Intellectual Freedom Panel Program**, see article above.



**2022 MLA/DLA Conference:
Come As You Are
May 4-6, 2022 Hyatt Regency, Cambridge MD**

The Conference Committee took a tour of the Hyatt Cambridge earlier in the month and learned that the staff is ready and excited for us to return in person. We found the game room. We located the tennis courts. Most of us already knew where Michener's Bar is located. Oh, and we toured the meeting rooms to get a feel for how the setups should be, as well as spoke to the AV and Catering Managers for our Conference. This is a reminder that the Early Bird rates will expire on Tuesday, March 15th. Register now using this link: [2022 MLA/DLA Conference](#) . Your confirmation will include a link to the hotel registration form so that you can reserve your room. Don't delay-the number of rooms in our block is limited.

Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Award Announcements

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 12-1pm- Join the Children's Services Division and the Blue Crab Committee live on Zoom for the announcements of the 2022 award winners and honor books.

Register to receive the Zoom link for this free event. (No CEUs, sorry!)

Register here: <https://forms.gle/naPL4YeTbRJ4Rc5Q8>

Learn more about the award: <https://sites.google.com/view/mla-csd/maryland-blue-crab-young-reader-award>

The State Library Resource Center

The State Library Resource Center [has several one hour webinars starting in March.](#)

3/16	Bibliotherapy in Reader's Advisory for Teens
3/30	Children's Illustration: A Brief Introduction to the Art and History
4/13	Legal Resources
4/27	Critical Race Theory II
5/11	Maryland Reader's Advisory

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.

Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries

Through an institutional partnership, the Thurgood Marshall State Library, the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors have developed a standardized state-wide curriculum for legal reference. In collaboration with the Maryland State Library since 2017, the curriculum is offered to public library systems to enable and empower public library staff across Maryland to provide quality legal reference in their local communities, ensuring that the law is accessible to every Marylander who needs it. The Spring 2022 Schedule is set for March through May and you can sign up for all or individual sessions.

For each completed training, a Certificate of Completion indicating Contact Hours will be provided.

Registration here: [Registration here](#) More information @ [Frontlines](#).

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