



Maryland Library Association

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APRIL 2021

MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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On behalf of the MLA Steering Committee, I am pleased to announce that Ryan O'Grady has been named Interim Executive Director of the Maryland Library Association. We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding Maryland Library leader and longtime MLA member to take on this important role at this time. Ryan is currently the Library Associate Training Institute Coordinator through the Maryland State Library and also serves as a lecturer at the University of Maryland's iSchool. Ryan was formerly the Deputy Director of the State Library Resource Center at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. Many of us know Ryan well through his leadership of MLA's Technology Committee. Ryan was an expert guide and driving force behind MLA's successful shift to virtual programs, meetings, and conferences earlier this year. As we head into the 2021 Conference, we are especially grateful to have Ryan at the helm. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Ryan O'Grady!

Morgan Miller

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 morning, April 5th.

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

ACRL-MD Presents

Academic Library Advocacy: Everyone's An Advocate

Friday April 9th 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 2nd

*Zoom link will be sent out April 5th.

To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F9%2F21&eventid=119



Government Information Interest Group Presents

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

Thursday April 21st 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 7nd

*Zoom links will be sent out Monday April 19th

To register online: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=4%2F22%2F21&eventid=118

DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE

MEETINGS

- April**
- 1 **Support Staff Division Meeting**, 1:30pm. Online via AACPL Zoom. Contact Robin Soma-Dudley at RSoma-Dudley@aacpl.net
 - 5 **Readers' Advisory Interest Group Program: Soothing Reads for Stressful Times**
See article above.
 - 7 **Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting**, 2:00pm-3:30pm. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Sara Brown at sabrown@bcpl.net
 - 8 **Steering Committee Meeting**, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Ryan O'Grady at mlaexec@mdlib.org
 - 9 **Legislative Panel Meeting**, 10:00am. Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org
 - 9 **Academic Library Advocacy Program**, see article above
 - 12 **FoLIG Roundtable**, 10:30am-Noon. Topic: What Now and What's Next? Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org
 - 12 **Children's' Services Division Meeting**, 10:00am-12:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Betsy Brannon at BBrannon@FrederickCountyMD.gov
 - 13 **Teen Interest Group Meeting**, 2:00pm-4:00pm Online via Zoom. Contact Kelsey Hughes at Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
 - 16 **ACRL-MD Meeting**. 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnot@towson.edu
 - 19 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting**, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info
 - 21 **Conference Committee Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net.
 - 22 **Government Information Interest Group Program: The Ground Truth on Our Water**. See article above.
- May**
- 3-7 **MLA/DLA Annual Conference**. Online via Zoom register here: [registration](#)
 - 7 **Legislative Panel Meeting**, 10:00am. Online. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org
 - 13 **Executive Board Meeting** 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Ryan O'Grady at mlaexec@mdlib.org
 - 13 **Leadership Development Division Meeting**, 1:30 pm-3:30pm Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
 - 17 **Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting**, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Michelle Hamiel at michelle.hamiel@pgcmls.info
 - 19 **2021 Conference Committee Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net.
 - 21 **ACRL-MD Meeting**. 11:00 Am. Online via Blackboard Ultra. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnot@towson.edu

Save the date: Post-Pandemic Panel: Progress and Perseverance Wednesday, June 9th



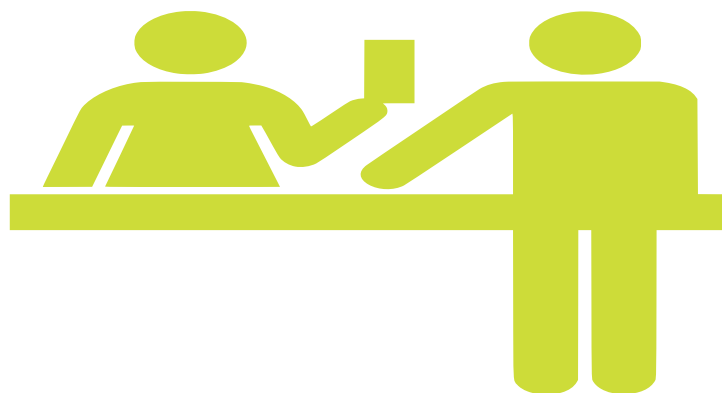
2021 MLA/DLA Conference: Libraries without Limits

Online Via Zoom:

Monday, May 3-Friday May 7, 2021

Have you attended the MLA Conference before? If this is your first conference, come to the orientation set up for you on Tuesday morning at 8:00am. Learn about attending the programs and what happens if you miss one because another one sounded better. Help close out Tuesday by attending Game Night over Zoom; test your Jackbox skills against fellow librarians. Take a break in the middle of Wednesday by participating in a Virtual Scavenger Hunt. You can join with a buddy, or you can sit back and enjoy the antics. Wednesday evening ends with Zoom Karaoke-spectators welcome. Thursday morning begins with the Maryland State Library sharing updates about state programming and initiatives. Stick around for the Virtual Vendor Hall and support the vendors who have supported us in this virtual format. Everyone's favorite-The Pub Quiz takes place Thursday evening. Friday-the last day-begins as always with the MLA Business Meeting. Learn who next year's officers will be and about some of the activities that took place during the past year at MLA.

The 2021 [MLA/DLA Conference brochure](#) is online and [registration](#) is open.



SLRC Spring Seminars

The State Library Resource Center has several one-hour webinars:

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| 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 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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