Library Advocacy Interest Group Presents

**ALA’s Advocacy Academy**

Tuesday & Wednesday August 11\(^{th}\) & 12th 11:00am – 1:00pm
Online Via Zoom
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 makers; be they local voters or elected officials; sharpen your unique library story; and prepare to make a difference in policy debates.

This program will take place in 2 parts over 2 days: 8/11 & 8/12.

This program has been approved for 4 contact hours of continuing education. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a CE form.

Registration deadline is: July 29\(^{th}\)

*Zoom links will be sent out on Monday, August 10\(^{th}\) and Tuesday August 11\(^{th}\)

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=8%2F11%2F20&eventid=107](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=8%2F11%2F20&eventid=107)
Children’s Services Division Presents

*Black Eyed SusanTapestry 2020 The Graphic Novel Edition*

Tuesday, September 15th 9:30am – 1:00pm
Online Via Zoom*
Members: $25.00 Non-Members: $37.50 Students: $12.50

Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2020 – The Graphic Novel Edition, a celebration of children and teen graphic novel 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 graphic novel nominees. Author and illustrator Robin Ha, creator of Almost American Girl, will be our keynote speaker. Paula Willey will tell us about some of the other graphic novel titles being published this year. 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 list. 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 Graphic Novels:** Hicotea by Lorena Alvarez; This Was our Pact by Ryan Andrews; Rocket to the Moon by Dan Brown; Dugout by Scott Morse; Stargazing by Jen Wang

**Grades 6-12 Graphic Novels:** Almost American Girl, by Robin Ha; White Bird, by R. J. Palacio; Sleepless, Vol. 1, written by Sarah Vaughn and illustrated by Leila del Duca; Mooncakes written by Suzanne Walker and illustrated by Wendy Xu; Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me, by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Rosemary Valero-O’Connell

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

Registration deadline is: September 8th

*Zoom link will be sent out Monday September 14th*

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=9%2F15%2F20&eventid=108](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=9%2F15%2F20&eventid=108)

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**Intellectual Freedom Panel Presents**

*Defend Intellectual Freedom: A Challenge Response Toolkit for Libraries*

Thursday October 1st 10:00am – 12:00pm
Online Via Zoom*
Members: $12.50 Non-Members: $18.75 Students: $6.25

Having good conflict resolution skills will help you defend intellectual freedom in your library. This program will teach you effective strategies for responding to in-person complaints about library collections, programs or displays.

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

Registration deadline is: September 24th

*Zoom link will be sent out Wednesday September 30th*

To register online: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=10%2F1%2F20&eventid=105](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=10%2F1%2F20&eventid=105)
DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August
3 Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 11:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.
6 Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Robin Soma-Dudley at rsoma@aacpl.net.
10 Children’s Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Betsy Brannon at BBbrannon@frederickcountyMD.gov.
11 LAIG Program, ALA’s Advocacy Academy, Part one. See article above.
12 LAIG Program, ALA’s Advocacy Academy, Part two. See article above.
13 Children’s Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard Collaboration. Contact Betsy Brannen at BBbrannon@FrederickCountyMD.gov.
19 Steering Committee Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@mdlib.org.
19 Conference Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net.
19 Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm-3:30pm. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Sara Brown at sabrown@bcpl.net.
20 Blue Crab Committee Meeting, 10:00am-1:00pm. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Laura Bandoch at lbandoch@bcpl.net.
21 ACRL-MD Meeting. 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnot@towson.edu.

September
4 Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Meg Faller at mfaller@calvertlibrary.info.
7 Labor Day. MLA office closed.
8 RAIG-Social: Black Authors Matter. 6:00pm-7:00pm. Online Via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Meg Faller at mfaller@calvertlibrary.org.
10 Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30 pm. Online via Zoom. Book discussion: Such a Fun Age, by Kiley Reid. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
10 Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30am-12:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Pam Taylor at taylor@hcplonline.org.
11 Legislative Panel, 10:00am-12:00. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org.
14 Children’s Services Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard Collaboration. Contact Betsy Brannen at BBbrannon@FrederickCountyMD.gov.
15 CSD Program: BEST Program, see article above.
16 Executive Board Meeting 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Margaret Carty at mcarty@carr.org.
16 2021 Conference Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Tyler Wolfe at twolfe@bcpl.net.
18 ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am. Online via Blackboard Ulta. Contact Bria Sinnott at bsinnot@towson.edu.
2020 MLA/DLA Conference - Into the Roaring 20s
Tuesday October 6 – Thursday December 17

Yes, the 2020 Conference is still scheduled! The committee has been reaching out to the program speakers to confirm that their programs will be able to continue in a virtual format. We picked two days a week-Tuesdays and Thursdays-and we plan to offer the programs at 10:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm. We will have the schedule posted and then we will send those registered, a flyer with the times and a Zoom link for each session. We will “take attendance” and then will send out the CE form along with an evaluation form. If you are registered for the conference, but can’t attend the session when it is scheduled, we will record these sessions and have them available to you soon after the program ends. If you haven’t registered yet- here is the link to the registration form:
https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=10%2F19%2F20&eventid=90

2021 MLA/DLA Conference -
Wednesday, May 5-Friday May 7, 2021

Tyler Wolfe has been busy assembling his team for the 2021 Conference. The committee met last month and tossed around some themes for the upcoming conference: Libraries on the Ground and in the Cloud, Libraries without Boarders, Rebel Library. Would you like to be a part of his team? The next meeting will be online via Zoom on Wednesday, August 19th. Shoot him an email to be included in this next meeting and be prepared to vote on the theme!
twolfe@bcpl.net

Readers Advisory Interest Group
Tuesday, September 8- 6:00pm – 8:00pm
#BlackAuthorsMatter: Juvenile and Teen Books

Read a great JF or YA book by a Black author recently? Let's talk! Sit back, grab a beverage, and join us for this relaxed social event where we'll be discussing myriad titles across multiple genres by Black authors, and you'll hear suggestions of what to read next! Online via Blackboard Ultra; see contact information above.
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, DLCAL, LLAM, CMCLD, CALD and DC/SLA

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