Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2022 – The Fall Edition, a celebration of graphic novels. Learn about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and participate, via Zoom, in a half day of small group discussions of some of the 2022-2023 graphic nominees. Author/Illustrator Ira Marcks will be our keynote speaker. Program check-in begins at 9:25 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 Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story by Jay Hosler
- Snapdragon by Kat Leyh
- Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd, ill. by Michelle Mae Nutter
- Miles Morales: Shock Waves: a Spider-Man Graphic Novel by Justin A. Reynolds, ill. by Pablo Leon

**Grades 6-12**
- Lifetime Passes by Terry Blas, illustrated by Claudia Aguirre
- The Legend of Auntie Po by Shing Yin Khor
- Shark Summer by Ira Marcks
- Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel by Jason Reynolds, ill. by Danica Novgorodoff
- Artie and the Wolf Moon by Olivia Stephens

This program has been approved for 3 contact hours of continuing education.

Registration deadline is: September 6th

Register here: [https://www.mdlib.org/event_calendar_day.asp?date=9%2F13%2F22&eventid=146](https://www.mdlib.org/event_calendar_day.asp?date=9%2F13%2F22&eventid=146)

*The Zoom link will be sent out on September 12th*
The Conference Committee Presents

**From Presentation Ideas to Stellar MLA Presentation**

Tuesday September 27, 2022 1:00pm-4:00pm
Prince George’s County Memorial Library System-Laurel Branch*
Members: Free  Non-members: $25.00

Always wanted to present for MLA, but not sure where to start? Presented in the past, but wish you could have done just a little better? Join us to learn how to give a great presentation for your Maryland library colleagues. Attendees will have an opportunity to workshop existing presentation ideas, come up with new ones, and share best practices for giving a killer presentation at the MLA Conference or throughout the year.

This program has been approved for 3 contact hours of continuing education

Registration deadline is: September 22nd

Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=9%2F27%2F22&eventid=151
*Directions: https://www.pgcmls.info/branch/location/Laurel

**Support Staff Division Presents**

**Effective Security Strategies: Empowering Staff to Address Disruptive Behaviors**

Wednesday October 19, 2022 1:00pm-4:00pm
Anne Arundel County Public Library-Busch Branch*
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50 Students, Retired, Unemployed, Friend: $12.50

How confident are you when faced with behaviors that disrupt the operations of the library? Now, more than ever, library staff need effective tools when responding to disruptive behaviors. Learn what Baltimore County Public Library has done to create a structure for addressing security incidents and facilitating communication when disruptive behaviors arise. This presentation will encourage staff to develop and implement strategic guidelines, leading to enhanced safety and security for staff and customers alike. Registration is limited to 25 participants; a waitlist will be created, and the option to register for the Zoom edition on 10/20 will be offered.

This program has been approved for 2.5 contact hours of continuing education

Registration deadline is: October 14th

Register here: https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=10%2F19%2F22&eventid=148
*Directions: https://www.aacpl.net/services/busch-annapolis

**Public Services Division and Future of Libraries Interest Group Present**

**Futuring Unconference**

Thursday October 20, 2022 12:30pm-4:30pm
Howard County Library-Miller Branch*
Members: $25.00 Non-members: $37.50 Students, Retired, Unemployed, Friend: $12.50

Library missions are to promote literacy and lifelong learning but, we often hit headwinds to creating a reading culture, or get distracted by fun and shiny things. Are you concerned about your community's (public, academic or
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**Online via Zoom**

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

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Registration deadline is: October 14th

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*Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday 10/18*
Ciarapica at: jciarapica@bcpl.net. Or Kevin Jayce at: kjayce@bcpl.net

15 ACRL MD Meeting, 11:00am-12:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Bria Sinnott at: bsinnott@towson.edu.
16 MLA Centennial Planning Committee, 2:00pm Online via Zoom. Contact Nay Keppler at: nkeppler@hclibrary.org.
19 Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting, 3:00pm. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Ashley Teagle at: ategal@somd.lib.md.us.
21 Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Kelsey Hughes at: Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info.
21 Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mlaexec@mdlib.org.
26 LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Teresa Miller at: Teresa.miller@pgcmls.info.
27 Conference Committee Program: From Presentation Idea to Stellar MLA Presentation. See article above.

October 1 Black Caucus of MLA Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Sharon Morris at: smorris5@retiree.jh.edu.
3 Children’s Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. On line via Blackboard. Contact Katelyn McLimans at: kmclimans@cecilcountylibrary.org
3 Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Topic: Social. Contact Tracy Miller at: millert@hcplonline.org.
5 Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Boothby Rice at: aboothbyrice2@washcoll.edu
6 Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. Baltimore County-Perry Hall Branch. Contact Chelsea Shockley at: cshockle@prattlibrary.org
7 Readers’ Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Amy Jenkins at: amy.jenkins@pgcmls.info or Meg Faller at: mfaller@calvertlibrary.info
6,7 MAPLA, Solomon’s Island. By invitation only.
10 Indigenous Peoples’ Day
11 Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Lisa Allgeier at: lallgeier@bcpl.net
11 Teen Interest Group Meeting, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Discord. Contact Jake Ciarapica at: jciarapica@bcpl.net or Kevin Jayce at: kjayce@bcpl.net
14 Legislative Panel, 10:00am-11:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at: aberstler@carr.org
15 Citizens for Maryland Libraries Annual Meeting, 10:00am 3:00pm AACPL-Busch Branch. Contact Jim DeArney at: idearney@gmail.com
15 Register here: CML Annual Meeting
17 Equity Diversity and Inclusion Meeting, 3:00pm. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Ashley Teagle at: ategal@somd.lib.md.us.
19 Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-Noon. Online via Zoom. Contact Kelsey Hughes at Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info.
19 Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mlaexec@mdlib.org.
19 Support Staff Program: Effective Security Strategies: Empowering Staff to Address Disruptive Behaviors.(in person) See article above.
20 ACRL MD Meeting, 11:00am-12:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Bria Sinnott at: bsinnott@towson.edu
20 Public Services Division and Future of Libraries Interest Group Program: Futuring Unconference. See article above.
20 Support Staff Program: Effective Security Strategies: Empowering Staff to Address Disruptive Behaviors (via Zoom) See article above.
MLA Centennial Year
1923–2023

The April 1974 issue of the Crab listed an opportunity for Children’s Librarians to attend a Library Camp-in. This program was at Rocks 4-H Camp in Harford County and was advertised with a Bunk and Board rate of $15.00. The program included Puppets, films, crafts, storytelling and creative dramatics. During this time, the Executive Board formed an ad hoc committee in order to explore the idea of a divisionless MLA. Later in the same year, further discussion led to the conclusion that the focus of MLA would shift from divisions to standing committees; the division chairs would be elected by the membership, and the chair of the standing committees would be appointed by the chair.

MLA/DLA Annual Conference: Level Up
May 10-12, 2023

The gates are open—the program proposal form is out and the Conference committee is anxiously waiting to see the submissions for this year’s conference. There are many opportunities for you to present at the conference: most of the submissions are typically for one hour programs, many are two hour programs and then there are the half day (three hour) or full day (6 hour) program time slots. Maybe you have a great idea you’d like to share and can spend ten minutes on the topic—how about participating in an Ignite session? The cutoff date for sending in your proposal is October 8th. The committee will review the submissions and get back in touch with you regarding your idea.

There is another opportunity: have a booth in the vendor area! We are looking to expand the different types of vendors who participate in our conference and are seeking vendors who can offer on the spot merchandise for the participants to purchase. Very soon, we will have a vendor application online for you to review.

The Social Committee has heard you and is planning all sorts of new, fun activities to go along with the usual favorites. What would a conference be without the Pub Quiz or Karaoke? Another field trip with a group of librarians is in the works-help plan the destination!

Would you like to be a part of the 2023 Conference? Reach out to Kelsey (Kelsey.hughes@pgcmls.info) for general conference information or Lisa Allgeier (lallgier@bcpl.net) if you have ideas for the social committee.

Banned Books Week
Friday, September 23, 2022 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Come and listen to the acclaimed award winning author Carole Boston Weatherford and her son Jeffery Boston Weatherford followed by a discussion by distinguished panelists. View the posters submitted by local school students and join the award function celebrating the winners. Registration required: Banned Books Week - SU Libraries Reservations & Events - Salisbury University Libraries (libcal.com)
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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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