

FEBRUARY
2024

THE HAPPENINGS



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THIS ISSUE

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MLA WEBSITE: MDLIB.ORG

MLA LEGISLATIVE PANEL PRESENTS

MLA BASICS OF ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

Thursday February 1, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Online Via Zoom*
No cost associated.

As we prepare for the 2024 state legislative session, MLA has created a workshop that covers the basics of library advocacy. This 1 hour workshop will introduce library staff, board members and friends groups to how Maryland Library Association uses a One Voice approach for impactful advocacy at the state level. Topics include ways to develop successful networking for advocacy, how to be involved in Library Legislative Day, the law making process for Maryland, how does MLA coordinate its messaging, and tools that you can use to track legislation. Designed for those without much advocacy experience, this workshop will provide information useful for anyone involved or looking to be involved in library legislative advocacy.

Registration deadline is February 22nd

Register here: [MLA Basics of Advocacy Workshop 02/01/2024](http://MDLIB.ORG)
(mdlib.org)

*Zoom link will be sent on 1/31/24.

MLA LEGISLATIVE PANEL PRESENTS LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY BRIEFING

Friday February 9, 2024, 9:00am-10:00am
Online Via Zoom*
No cost associated.

Before Library Legislative Day in Annapolis, join us for a briefing on pending legislation, an overview of talking points, and a Q&A session.

Register here: [Library Legislative Day Briefing](#)
*Zoom link will be sent prior to briefing.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DIVISION PRESENTS TED LASSO'S LESSONS ON EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP (HOW TO LEAD AS A GOLDFISH)

Thursday February 29, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Online Via Zoom*
Members: \$12.50 Non-members: \$18.75
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: \$6.25

Learn valuable lessons on leadership centered around the character Ted Lasso that can be instrumental in your professional development. This program has been approved for 1 contact hour of continuing education.

Registration deadline is February 22nd
Register here: [Ted Lasso Lessons on Effective Leadership](#)
*Zoom link will be sent on 2/27/24.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS

BLACK EYED SUSAN TAPESTRY 2024-THE SPRING EDITION

Thursday March 7, 2024, 9:30am-1:30pm

Online Via Zoom*

Members: \$25.00 Non-members: \$37.50

Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: \$12.50

Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2024—The Spring Edition, a celebration of Children's and Teen Fiction. Learn about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and participate, via Zoom, in a half day of small group discussions of some of the 2023-2024 Juvenile and Teen Fiction nominees. Wendy Shang, author of *The Secret Battle of Evan Pao*, will be our keynote speaker. Program check-in begins at 9:25am, and the program will start at 9:30am. There will be two discussion groups, meeting twice, so you can attend both sessions.

Group 1 Grades 3-5 Collier, Nicole D. *Just Right* Jillian Connor, Leslie, *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?* Magoon, Kekla, *Chester Keene Cracks the Code* McDunn, Gillian, *Honestly* Elliott Yee, Lisa, *Maizy Chen's Last Chance*

Group 2 Grades 6-12 Alexander, Kwame, *The Door of No Return* Dee, Barbara, *Violets Are Blue* Shang, Wendy Wan-Long, *The Secret Battle of Evan Pao* Standish, Ali, *Yonder* · Sepetys, Ruta, *I Must Betray You*

Please read all the titles for each group.

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

Registration deadline is February 22nd

Register here: [BEST 2024-The Spring Edition \(mdlib.org\)](https://mdlib.org)

*Zoom link will be sent on 3/5.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS

NETWORKING 101: HOW TO MARKET YOURSELF TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Thursday March 21, 2024, 1:00pm-4:30pm

Explorations Commons at 50 East*

Members: \$25.00 Non-members: \$37.50

Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: \$12.50

Do you have trouble establishing new professional connections? Do you not know what to do once you've made the connection? How can you get back to networking post pandemic?

Andrea Berstler will present a two part session. Part one will teach you the basics of growing and maintaining your network. In part two, Andrea will share with you how to write and tell your professional story.

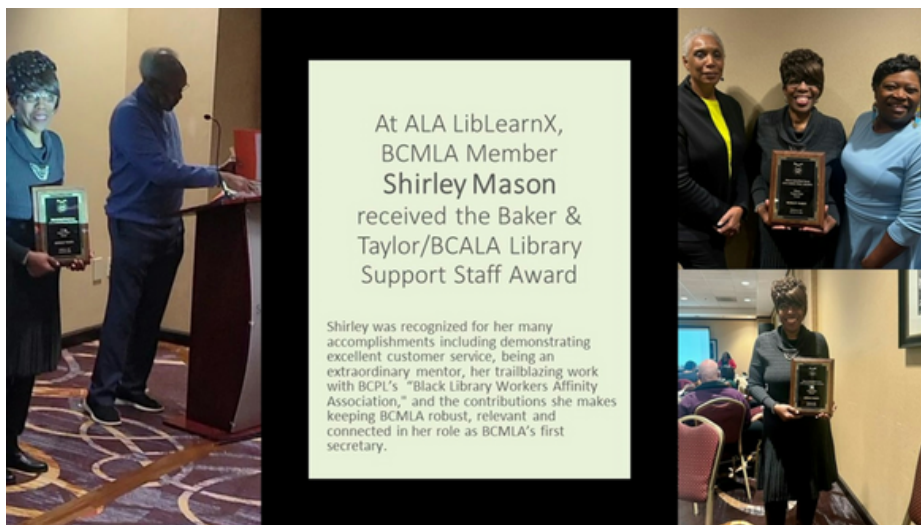
Hands on activities will be provided to practice sharing your story and making new connections.

This program has been approved for 3.0 Contact hours of continuing education.

Registration deadline is March 7th.

Register here: [PSD-Networking 101](#)

*Directions: [Exploration Commons at 50 East - Location \(carr.org\)](#)



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CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS

KIDS ARE CUSTOMERS, TOO!

Thursday April 4, 2024, 9:30am-4:00pm
Howard County Library-Miller Branch*
Members: \$65.00 Non-members: \$90.00
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: \$35.00

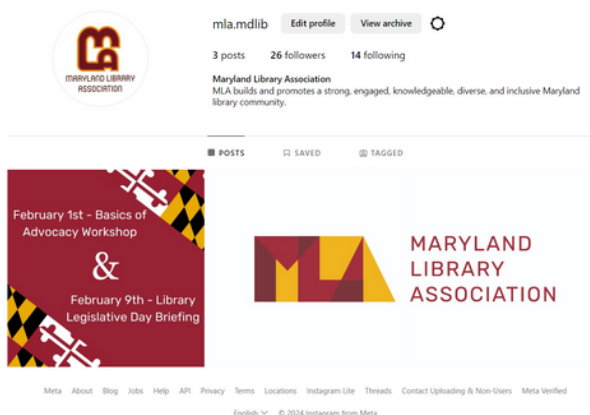
The annual Kids Are Customers, Too! Conference is back! This youth services conference is an opportunity for library staff working with children, tweens, and teens in public libraries and school media centers throughout the state to meet new people, renew contacts, and learn the latest information affecting the diverse field in which they work. Join us at the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library System on April 4, 2024 from 9:30am - 4:00pm as we feature a day's worth of presenters sharing fresh ideas and practical tips that can be applied directly to day-to-day youth programming and services. The keynote speaker will be Jessica Anne Bratt, Deputy Director of the Grand Rapids Public Library and author of Let's Talk About Race in Storytimes. Jessica Anne Bratt has traveled nationwide to speak on antibias education. In her keynote, "Let's Talk About Race: Working with Youth," she will address how to incorporate racial justice and DEIA principles in library programs and service for children, tweens, and teens.

This program has been approved for 4 contact hours of continuing education.

Registration deadline is March 21st

Register here: [Kids are Customers](#)

*Directions: <https://hclibrary.org/locations/miller-branch/>



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MLA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday April 10, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm

Online via Zoom*

Members: \$50.00 Non-members: \$65.00

The Maryland Library Association proudly presents the Seeds of Change Virtual Mini Conference! This virtual mini conference will cover topics including improving customer service, workplace culture, building collections for young adults, more. This conference is intended for front-line library workers, but library workers from all backgrounds can benefit from these informative sessions.

Attendees of the virtual mini conference will receive CEU credits upon completion. This conference will take place on Zoom, and links will be sent to registrants at least 48 hours before the event. Each program has been approved for 1 contact hour of continuing education.

Registration deadline is April 8th

Register here: [MLA Virtual Conference](#)

*Zoom link will be sent on 4/8/2024.



DIVISION, INTEREST GROUP, PANEL, CAUCUS, AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February

- 1** - Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Lou Sica at lsica@bcpl.net
- 5** - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org
- 7** - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, In person at the Hyatt Regency, Cambridge. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net. *****CHANGED FROM 02/21**
- 7** - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
- 7** - Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Lloyd Jansen at ljansen@ccplonline.org.
- 9** - Library Legislative Day Briefing. 9:00am- . Online via Zoom. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org
- 12** - Children's Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org
- 13** - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org.
- 13** - MLA Legislative Day, 9:00am Annapolis, MD. Contact Andrea Berstler at aberstler@carr.org
- 14** - Materials Interest Group Meeting, 3:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Laura Bandoch @bandoch@hcplonline.org
- 15** - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org
- 21** - Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: miaexec@mdlib.org.
- 26** - LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:15pm. Social Meeting. Online via Zoom. Contact Kelly Clark at kelly.clark@hclibrary.org
- 29** - Leadership Development Division Program, see article above.

March

- 4 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.
- 6 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
- 6 - IF Panel Discussion, see article below.
- 7 - CSD Program, BEST. See article above.
- 11 - Children's Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. On line via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org.
- 12 - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org.
- 14 - Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30-3:00. Online via Zoom. Book for discussion: Subtle Acts of Exclusion, by Tiffany Jana & Michael Baran. Contact Rachel Miller at rmiller@bcpl.net
- 14 - Public Services Division Meeting, 9:30am. Location TBD; Zoom link available. Contact Melissa Lauber at mлаuber@ccplonline.org.
- 20 - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
- 20 - Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mлаexec@mdlib.org.
- 21 - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org.
- 21 - ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am-Noon. On line via webex. Contact Brianna Hughes at bhughes@umbc.edu
- 25 - LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:15pm. Social Meeting. Online via Zoom. Contact Kelly Clark at Kelly.clark@hclibrary.org



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Legislative Day Breakfast Reception with the Maryland Library Association

Governor Calvert House on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 7:30 - 9 AM

Enjoy lite breakfast fare, coffee, and mingling!
Please RSVP using this QR code by February 6, 2024.

Governor Calvert House is located at 58 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401



MLA/DLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE “SEEDS OF CHANGE” MAY 8 - 10, 2024 HYATT CAMBRIDGE, MD

The Conference Committee has heard your request: a 1-day virtual conference has been put together and the registration link can be found above. The topics are varied, and CE forms will be issued for each session pending full attendance. We expect that the regular conference registration link for the in-person conference in Cambridge will be opening very soon.

After you register for the conference, consider reserving your room at the Hyatt-the link for our group discount is:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHESA/G-MYLB> Note: the rates include the \$16 resort fee that has historically been tacked on when you went to check out of the hotel.

The Social Committee would love to hear about your Silent Auction basket! Reach out to Jo Powers with your information, or if you have any questions about submission. Would you like to be on the team to set up some of the other events that they are sponsoring? Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org.

Anita Crawford is the conference chair this year-reach out to her if you'd like to be on her team at acrawford@bcpl.net



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INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM PANEL DISCUSSIONS

As book challenges intensify nationwide, MLA's Intellectual Freedom Panel invites you to join us for five new discussions regarding censorship. We will focus on a specific book, article, or video for each discussion, examining current concerns in freedom of access and expression. Please note that these discussions will not be recorded, and that no continuing education credits will be granted.

Defending Our Collections: Held from 1:00 - 2:00pm on MLA Connect.

January 3, 2023 Topic: Review Bombing Please read: [How Review-Bombing Can Tank a Book Before It's Published](#) by Alexandra Alter and Elizabeth A. Harris, June 26, 2023 (New York Times) Facilitator: Laura Bandoch

March 6, 2023 Topic: Data and Privacy Please read: [Data Cartels: The Companies That Control and Monopolize Our Information](#) by Sarah Lamdan Facilitator: Andrea Boothby Rice

May 1, 2024 Topic: Soft Censorship Please read: [Self-Censorship in an Era of Book Challenges](#) by Kelly Jensen, Feb 15, 2022. Facilitator: Lloyd Jansen

LAW ON THE FRONTLINES: LEGAL REFERENCE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

As a specialized area of knowledge and resources, law and legal reference can be a challenging area for providers of general reference. Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries enables and empowers 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.

Brought to Maryland's public libraries through a partnership of the Thurgood Marshall State Library, the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors.

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

Frontlines sessions address:

The role of public libraries in advancing Access to Justice ; Best Practices for legal reference interviews; Legal resources in a variety of subjects; Basics on the structure of law; Recognizing the difference between information and advice; Where to refer forward.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 9-10:30am, Law on the Frontlines:
Legal Reference Best Practices

The foundation class for the series, this class provides an overview of best practices when addressing questions about law and legal situations.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 9-10:30am, Law on the Frontlines:
Navigating the Law - Public Benefits

Frontlines Topics help develop recognition of law topics through terminology and a deeper dive into the range of questions and concerns related to that topic. Public Benefits looks at the complex array of resources addressing this area of law, including food stamps, TCA, utilities relief, and more.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 9-10:30am, Law on the Frontlines:
Navigating the Law - Life & Health Planning

Frontlines Topics help develop recognition of law topics through terminology and a deeper dive into the range of questions and concerns related to that topic. Life & Health Planning looks at the span of topics related to decision-making in the areas of advance directives, estate planning, guardianship, powers of attorney, and more.

For more on Legal Reference Training see the Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries webpage at the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library.

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LDD Ted Lasso's Lessons on Effective Leadership

February 29, 2024

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CSD BEST 2024 - The Spring Edition

March 7, 2024

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