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# THE HAPPENINGS



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## THIS ISSUE

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## ADULT SERVICES AND REFERENCE DIVISION PRESENTS SERVING ADULT PATRONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS UNCONFERENCE

Thursday September 12, 2024 1:00pm-4:30pm  
Soller's Point Branch BCPL 323 Sollers Point Rd, Dundalk, MD 21222  
Members: \$25.00 Non-members: \$37.50  
Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: \$12.50

Have you had great programs and services for adult patrons with special needs? Are you looking for new ideas? Do you want to talk to other librarians about what makes successful programs serving patrons with special needs? What organizations can libraries partner with to improve programs and services? Come discuss in a flexible, conversational format with staff from around the state. The Unconference format depends on you, so come ready to share and participate in discussion! Registration will open at 12:30. Bring your own lunch and join in on networking before the program, which will begin promptly at 1:00.

Register here: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=&eventid=217](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=&eventid=217)

# YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS

## BLACK-EYED SUSAN TAPESTRY 2024 - THE FALL

### EDITION

Tuesday October 22, 2024, 9:30am-1:30pm

Online Via Zoom\*

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

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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. 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. Please read all the titles for each group.

Kerilynn Wilson, author/illustrator of *The Faint of Heart*, will be our keynote speaker.



#### Group 1 Grades 3-5

- Chantler, Scott—Squire and Knight
- Fairbairn, Nathan (Illustrated by Assarasakorn, Michele)—Paws: Gabby Gets it Together
- Gravel, Elise--Killer Underwear Invasion: How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation & Lies
- Le, Minh (illustrated by Chau, Chan)—Enlighten Me
- Loux, Matthew—Prunella and the Cursed Skull Ring

#### Group 2 Grades 6-12

- Crilley, Mark—Lost in Taiwan
- Krosoczka, Jared—Sunshine: How One Camp Taught Me about Life, Death, and Hope
- Muniz, Deya—The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich

## ... CONTINUED

- Wilson, Kerilynn–The Faint of Heart
- Wilson, Misty (illustrated by Wilson, David)–Play Like a Girl: A Graphic Memoir

This program has been approved for 8.5 contact hours of continuing education for attendees. Facilitators will receive 12 contact hours! If you would like to be a facilitator, or if you have any other questions, please contact [Noel Knepper](#) and/or [Joe Farmarco](#).

Registration deadline is October 8, 2024

Register here: [https://www.mdlib.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=10%2F22%2F24&eventid=216](https://www.mdlib.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=10%2F22%2F24&eventid=216)

\*Zoom link will be sent on 10/20/24.

# MLA|DLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 7-9, 2025, OCEAN CITY, MD

We have a theme! The 2025 MLA|DLA Conference is . . .

## 2025 MLA\DLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: THE BEACH EDITION

Inspired by the change in this year's conference location, the conference committee wishes to showcase what Ocean City is best known for - the beach! The search for this year's keynote speakers is underway. With a desire to focus on themes such as censorship and conservation, the committee has begun discussing prospects that are able to bring relevant and timely information as well as provide a bit of fun for conference attendees. Be on the lookout for this conference's call for proposals!

Want to be included in planning for Conference? Reach out to the 2025 Conference Chair, Chelsea Shockley at [cshockle@prattlibrary.org](mailto:cshockle@prattlibrary.org).

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

## September

2 - Labor Day, MLA office closed.

4 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Genive Purchase at [gpurchase@prattlibrary.org](mailto:gpurchase@prattlibrary.org)

9 - Youth Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Karen Earp at [kearp@wicomico.org](mailto:kearp@wicomico.org)

9 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10AM. Online via zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at [millert@HCPLONLINE.ORG](mailto:millert@HCPLONLINE.ORG)

11 - Materials Interest Group Meeting, 3:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Laura Bandoch at [bandoch@hcplonline.org](mailto:bandoch@hcplonline.org)

12 - Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Matthew Lowder at [mlowder@cecilcountylibrary.org](mailto:mlowder@cecilcountylibrary.org)

12 - Adult Services and Reference Division Meeting, 9:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Melissa Lauber at [mлаuber@ccplonline.org](mailto:mлаuber@ccplonline.org)

18 - Conference Committee, 10:00am-12:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Chelsea Shockley at [cshockle@prattlibrary.org](mailto:cshockle@prattlibrary.org)

18 - Executive Board and Advisory Council Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: [mлаexec@mdlib.org](mailto:mлаexec@mdlib.org)

19- Equity Diversity and Inclusion Panel Meeting, 11:00am. Contact Conni Strittmatter at [cstrittmatter@bcpl.net](mailto:cstrittmatter@bcpl.net)

29 - Marketing Meeting, 10am-11am. Online via Zoom. Contact Amy Miller-Meyers at: [amymill@carr.org](mailto:amymill@carr.org)

30 - LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:15pm. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Kelly Clark at [Kelly.clark@hclibrary.org](mailto:Kelly.clark@hclibrary.org)

## October

2- Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2PM. Online via Google Meet. Contact Lloyd Jansen at [lјansen@CCPLONLINE.ORG](mailto:lјansen@CCPLONLINE.ORG)

4 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Genive Purchase at [gpurchase@prattlibrary.org](mailto:gpurchase@prattlibrary.org)

4- Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1PM-3PM. Online via zoom. Contact Meg Faller at [meg.faller@CALVERTLIBRARY.INFO](mailto:meg.faller@CALVERTLIBRARY.INFO)

- 7 - Youth Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Karen Earp at [kearp@wicomico.org](mailto:kearp@wicomico.org)
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# REMINDERS:

DID YOU MISS THESE MLA UPDATES?

**Updates to MLA Divisions**

Starting July 1st, there will be **two** MLA Division **name changes**:

Children's Services Division	is becoming	Youth Services Division
Public Services Division	is becoming	Adult Services and Reference Division

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