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THE HAPPENINGS



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THIS ISSUE

- *Upcoming programs*
- *January meetings*
- *Happy New Year!*

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MLA WEBSITE: MDLIB.ORG

MLA LEGISLATIVE PANEL PRESENTS LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY BRIEFING

Friday February 9, 2024, 9:00am-10:00pm
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.

THE MLA OFFICE WISHES YOU A GREAT 2024!



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/BEST-2024-The-Spring-Edition)

*Zoom link will be sent on 3/5.

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

January

3 - IF Panel Discussion Series, see article below.

5 - Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Meg Faller@calvertlibrary.info

8 - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org

8 - Children's Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. Online via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at rosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org

9 - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org

10 - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.

11 - Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30-3:00. Online via Zoom. Book for discussion: Bold Move, by Dr. Luana Marques. Contact Rachel Miller at rmiller@bcpl.net

17 - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.

17 - Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: miaexec@mdlib.org.

18 - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org

19-22 - ALA LibLearnXBaltimore MD

23 - Emerging Adults Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Stephanie Wiant at swiant@frederickcountymd.gov

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.



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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 programs are important-but so are the social activities! You can plan on many of the old favorites as well as a few new ones this year. Have you joined the Harriett Tubman tour yet? The committee found that the participation increased when the tour was moved from Friday to Wednesday. If the bus is full by the time that you decide to go, you can join the tour by driving yourself. If tours interest you, we have a second option this year-watch for details in the conference registration that will be available soon. Many of the divisions and interest groups are planning to have meetups during the conference. Watch the schedules, join the meetups and learn more about some of MLA's year-round activities.

The Hyatt is accepting overnight reservations at our group rate-click here to book your room. <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 is kicking off their annual solicitation for silent auction items-you can join in by submitting a basket or helping with the organization of the event at the conference. Would you like to be on the team to set up some of their 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

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



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