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THIS ISSUE

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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/>

MLA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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

Online via Zoom*

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

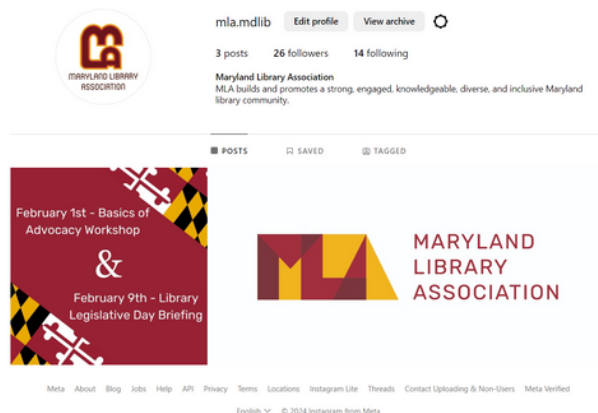
The Maryland Library Association proudly presents the Seeds of Change Virtual Mini Conference! This virtual mini conference will cover topics including improving customer service, workplace culture, building collections for young adults, more. This conference is intended for front-line library workers,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



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ACRL-MD PRESENTS

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES AND BEYOND: CONCRETE STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO FIGHT CENSORSHIP

Wednesday April 17, 2024, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Online via Zoom*

Members: \$12.50 Non-members: \$18.75

Student|Retired|Unemployed|Friend: \$6.25

Book challenges have surged across the U.S. since 2020; they have occurred in every state, including Maryland. Although they are often concentrated in public and school libraries, academic librarians need to be concerned, as well. In this talk, we will discuss the current state of book challenges, how this trend pertains to academic libraries, and specific issues in academic libraries. In addition, we will review ways that all librarians can support one another during these challenging times.

This program has been approved for 2 contact hours of continuing education.

Registration deadline is April 8th

Register here:[ACRL Intellectual freedom in academic libraries and beyond: Concrete steps we can take to fight censorship \(mdlib.org\)](https://mdlib.org)

*Zoom link will be sent on 4/15

THE MLA OFFICES WISHES YOU A FABULOUS ENTRANCE INTO SPRING!



MLA BASEBALL GAME: ORIOLES VS. TAMPA BAY

RAYS

Saturday June 1, 2024, 4:05pm
Oriole Park at Camden Yards*
All tickets: \$34.00

Join the Maryland Library Association in rooting for the Baltimore Orioles as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays; \$5 from each ticket sold will benefit the Maryland Library Association! *Please note that no refunds are available after April 1st and registration deadline is May 30th.

Register here: [Baltimore Orioles vs. Tampa Bay Rays \(mdlib.org\)](https://mdlib.org)

* Tickets will be accessed digitally using the MLB Ballpark app. You will receive an email with instructions for accessing your tickets by mid-May



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Visit mdlib.org or scan the QR code to reserve your spot in the Lower Left Field!



TEEN INTEREST GROUP AND SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION PRESENT CREATING ENGAGING TEEN SPACES AND PROGRAMS

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

April

- 1** - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org
- 3** - BCMLA Meeting, 1:00pm-2:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Melanie Townsend Diggs at: melanie.diggs@pgcmls.info for Zoom link.
- 3** - IF Panel Discussion, see article below.
- 4** - CSD Program, Kids are Customers, Too-see article above
- 4** - Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm PGCMLS-Laurel Branch. Contact Lou Sica at lsica@bcpl.net
- 5** - Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Meg Faller at meg.faller@calvertlibrary.org
- 8** - Children's Service Division Meeting, 10:00am-12:30pm. On line via Blackboard. Contact Summer Rosswog at 1:00pm-3:00pm. srosswog@cecilcountylibrary.org
- 9** - Conference Social Committee Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Jo Powers at jpowers@tcfl.org
- 10** - Materials Interest Group Meeting, 3:00pm-4:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Laura Bandoch at bandoch@hcplonline.org
- 17** - Conference Committee Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Anita Crawford at acrawford@bcpl.net.
- 17** - Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: mexec@mdlib.org.
- 18** - Marketing Committee Meeting, 10:00am-11:00am. Online via Carroll Co Zoom. Contact Amy Miller at amymill@carr.org
- 18** - ACRL-MD Meeting, 11:00am-Noon. On line via webex. Contact Brianna Hughes at bhughes@umbc.edu
- 18,19** - MAPLA Meeting, by invitation only.
- 24** - Emerging Adults Interest Group Meeting, 10:30am. Online via Zoom. Contact Stephanie Wiant at SWiant@FrederickCountyMD.gov
- 29** - LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:15pm. Social Meeting. Online via Zoom. Contact Kelly Clark at kelly.clark@hclibrary.org

May

1 - Conference Orientation, 2:00pm. Contact Josh Stone at malexec@mdlib.org.

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

1 - IF Panel Discussion, see article below.

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

8-10 - MLA/DLA Annual Conference. See article with links below.

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

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

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

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

20 - LGBTQ+ Meeting, 2:00pm-3:15pm. Social Meeting. Online via MLA Connect. Contact Kelly Clark at Kelly.clark@hclibrary.org.

27 - Memorial Day, MLA office closed.

Save the Dates: The annual Enoch Pratt Free Library & State Library Resource Center 2024 Spring Conference will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 28th, and in-person on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024. This year, our conference theme is "Tools for Your Future," and we are eager to explore this concept from various angles.

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

The Conference Committee took a trip to the Hyatt in Cambridge and had a tour and chat with hotel staff. We addressed many of your issues and found out some fun facts about the hotel. First and most important to many, -the WIFI was upgraded in January. Did you know that the Hyatt had a Pickleball Court? We will have a large screen computer behind the front desk that will show you the programs and when/where they are scheduled. This will save us from printing the badge holder brochures.

We asked that the staff quietly clear the tables when we have speakers talking at meal functions and they assured us that this would take place this year. The Conference Committee decided to put some one-hour programs on Wednesday afternoon to free up some space on other days. Plan to come a little early for the Keynote and earn a CEU while you wait. Register for the Conference here: [2024 MLA/DLA Conference \(mdlib.org\)](https://www.mdlib.org).

Can you spare a little time to volunteer at the registration table or with the silent auction team? The Sign Up Genius has been sent out with registration confirmations, but if you weren't able to volunteer at that time or you lost the link, here it is again:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4EA8A72BA6FE3-48096680-mladla#/>

After you register for the conference, reserve 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.

Pam Taylor has sent out invitations for the ever-popular Silent Auction. If you didn't see her announcement, please reach out to her at taylor@hcplonline.org. Due to the conference title and tie in, the number of gardening baskets will be limited-submit your idea now. 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.

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, 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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