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# THE HAPPENINGS



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

Conference Surveys for the 2024 Conference are in-here are some excerpts from what you had to say:

On a scale of 1 to 5, here are some of the 5s; 55.45% rated their overall conference experience as a 5! 66.92% gave a 5 to "Would recommend the conference to your colleagues", 60.83% liked the Sched App with a 5, and the educational contents scored 66.17% in the 5 category. Exhibits and learning about library products and services didn't fare very well-23.08% gave it a 5.

Here are some of your comments, that the committee will look at for the 2025 Conference:

- For future keynote speakers: Dr. Carla Hayden, Michelle Obama, Nancy Pearl, Roosevelt Weeks, Mychal Threets, Marcus Buckingham The, Jaelon Moaney, Amber Green and Fenix Youth Project, Inc.
- For social media/extra activities: More outdoor activities, Split Trivia and Pub Quiz times, Yoga on both mornings, Keep Michael Gannon, Option to purchase drink tickets in advance, Keep the dogs and ice cream.

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-Random suggestions: List the speakers in alpha order on the website, More food options, Prefer meal time to be a social time, Live music, LGBTQ social event, Allow the Sched app to have groups and chat boards to find friends.

Chelsea Shockley, the 2025 conference chair, has hit the ground running for the 2025 conference. She's reviewed your comments and will work towards improving our experiences in Ocean City in May. Do you want to be part of her team? Reach out to her at [cshockle@prattlibrary.org](mailto:cshockle@prattlibrary.org); she welcomes all to the team and invites you to consider her subgroups under website/marketing and social events.



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# ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY & STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER FALL 2024 DEI CONFERENCE

*Empowering Education: Overcoming Barriers and Building Bridges*

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 (Virtual) Wednesday, October 30, 2024 (in-person)

Accepting proposals for presentations, workshops, and panels. Topics of Interest include: Inclusive Education Practices, Accessible Learning Resources, Equity and Diversity in Libraries, Community Engagement Strategies, Using Technology for Inclusive Education, Diversity, Equity, and the MLS, Cross-Cultural Communication Strategies, Outreach in Underserved Communities, Cultivating Diversity in Library Collections, Navigating Policy Changes, Addressing Digital Equity, Student Success Beyond the Classroom.

Please submit your proposal in this form:

<https://forms.gle/NfB5u3PGLJScBUnE7>

Deadline for Proposals: Friday, Jul 19, 2024 Registration details will be available soon.

For inquiries: contact Paul Chasen ([pchasen@prattlibrary.org](mailto:pchasen@prattlibrary.org)).

## 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

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

## July

**4** - Independence Day, MLA office closed.

**5** - Reader's Advisory Interest Group Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Meg Faller at [meg.faller@calvertlibrary.info](mailto:meg.faller@calvertlibrary.info) for link.

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

**11** - Leadership Development Division Meeting, 1:30pm-3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Rachel Miller at [rmiller@bcpl.net](mailto:rmiller@bcpl.net)

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

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

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

**18** - Emerging Adults Interest Group Meeting, 3:00pm. Online via Zoom. Contact Stephanie Wiant at [swiant29@gmail.com](mailto:swiant29@gmail.com)

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

## August

**1** - Support Staff Division Meeting, 1:30pm. Exploration Commons, Westminster. Contact Lou Sica at [lsica@bcpl.net](mailto:lsica@bcpl.net)

**5** - Future of Libraries Interest Group Meeting, 10:00am. Online via Zoom. Contact Tracy Miller at [millert@hcplonline.org](mailto:millert@hcplonline.org)

**7** - Intellectual Freedom Panel Meeting, 2:00pm. Online via Google Meet. Contact Lloyd Jansen at [ljansen@ccplonline.org](mailto:ljansen@ccplonline.org)

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

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

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

**21** - Steering Committee Meeting, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Online via Zoom. Contact Josh Stone at: [mlaexec@mdlib.org](mailto:mlaexec@mdlib.org).

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

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