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CML Restructures Its Funding Source

This year, CML embarked on a strategy to solicit financial support from library systems. Through publicity, personal calls and presentations at MAPLA, CML reminded the library community of the role it has played as advocates of library issues and its collaborative activities in seeking to obtain favorable library legislations. The Library systems were very responsive, agreeing to pay an annual membership to CML, thus helping CML to continue to maintain its advocacy role. In addition, CML has planned fund-raising events and has joined with MLA and Center Stage for a subscription to three performances.

CML fund-raising events:

Friday, August 12 - Cheryl Wheeler concert at Center stage to benefit the MLA/CML education fund. **Centerstage 3-play series. *King Lear*, Thursday October 13; *Hay Fever*, Thursday, November 17; *Once on This Island*, Thursday, January 5, 2006.

Saturday, November 5 - DLDS and CML partner to present a tour of the State Library Resource Center at the annual CML/Trustees meeting. For more information, call the MLA office at 410-947-5090, or contact Lynn Wheeler, CML President, at 410386-4500 or visit the CML Web site at www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org.

Awards/Honors

Excerpts from Michael Osborne's letter to CML after he accepted the Davis McCarn Technology Award at the Maryland Library Association Conference in Ocean City.

"Marylou's presentation and the professional recognition of the McCarn Award combined to create a ceremony I will not forget. I felt proud to accept the award with my wife and son in the audience to hear what it meant for me to work at DLDS and for the public libraries of Maryland. My son, who had been less than enthusiastic to be at the banquet, grabbed me by the waist and proudly said, "That was great, daddy." His excitement and exclamation enhanced the whole evening for me and created a lifetime memory. I feel honored."

Earlier this year, **Carla Hayden**, Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library received the Barnard Medal of Distinction, the highest award from Barnard College. The following are excerpts from the citation as reported in the *Barnard College News Center*. (<http://www.barnard.columbia.edu/newscenter/index.html>)

Hayden, who has been at the forefront of the debate over the USA Patriot Act, received the medal as a leading voice in the fight to safeguard privacy and guarantee the free flow and open exchange of ideas. "You have consistently expressed, with clarity and passion, the vital importance of the protection of reading records and equity of access.

You have been a leading voice in the fight to safeguard our privacy and guarantee the free flow and open exchange of ideas in a time when our Nation faces difficult challenges. Today we praise your willingness to question the status quo, your advocacy of the rights we hold dear, and your commitment to libraries as the cornerstone of democracy. We admire your extraordinary leadership and guidance in uncertain times."

Congratulations to Nettie Taylor, David Goldsmith, Doris Jackson and RADM Maurice Rindskopf who were honored at the American Library Association Conference in Chicago.

Interview with Admiral Rindskopf

Getting to the ceremony that honored him was a grueling task for the Admiral and his wife, Sylvia. The Admiral explains:

En route to Chicago, I rear-ended another Budget rental because I couldn't find the brake to stop in a traffic jam. Air bags deployed in clouds of smoke saving us from serious injury. Sylvia has a bruised sternum where she and the air bag met. I have a tender knee and slightly burned thumb.

After an hour or more delay talking with a police officer, a tow truck took us and the car to their nearby junkyard, where we called a taxi and rushed off to Chicago Hilton (about 25 miles). Unknowingly, Sylvia and I went to the wrong Hilton, tried to check in. After arriving at the correct Hilton, we checked in, quickly took showers and waited with towels wrapped around us for the bell boy to bring our bags. We taxied to the dinner event at which I was honored by being added to the Honor Roll of Library Advocates by the American Library Association. Getting there a half-hour late, but in time for a pre-dinner glass of wine, I should add that by this time we had run out of cash for things like wine. Dinner was excellent, the group was enthusiastic in their applause for the three awardees and I came away with another lapel pin to show off.

I had a few questions for the Admiral.

Q. Why are you called the Admiral?

A. I am called Admiral in some places. I think the Library likes the idea they have one on the scene. It is a courtesy to those officers who reached that rank, Generals get the same treatment. I was promoted to the rank of Admiral, from Captain, in 1967, five years before retiring from the Navy.

Q. How did you get involved in libraries?

A. I became involved with AACPL in 1982 when the membership chair at that time surprised me by a visit to my office at Westinghouse Annapolis asking if I would join the Board. I have never learned who dug up my name, how or why they did it, because I knew no one on the Board.

Q. What have you done since getting involved?

A. As the write-up in the ALA Dinner pamphlet noted, I became Secretary to AACPL Board and later President for about three years. I have also served as President of the Trustees Division and assisted in the planning of the MLA Conference for two years. I have consistently spoken up at meetings to get more members of the Board involved, and have streamlined agendas and given publicity to meetings of the Executive Committee. I am something of a gadfly, to be honest.

Around 1985, Nettie Taylor recruited me for the CML Board. I was a driving force to put CML on a more effective business basis by suggesting that we use available funds for grants to Friends groups, then cooperated with Maurice Travillian who authorized LSTA funding (until the rules changed). It was during my time as President that we hired our first Executive Director, Fran McClure. I think you know the rest.

Q. How do you feel about getting the award?

A. I was both surprised and honored to be included with Doris Jackson and David Goldsmith as national awardees. Especially pleased that Irene Padilla and the rest of the selection committee for Maryland chose to nominate lay persons such as the three of us. That I have worked with Doris Jackson on the AACPL Board since 1982, with David since the last White House Conference, and now on the CML Board, is a wonderful coincidence.

Congratulations, Nettie, Maurice, David and Doris. We are proud of you and appreciate what you do for libraries.

Library Advocacy Pays

Governor Ehrlich signed Senate Bill 421 (Libraries Funding) at approximately 10:50 a.m. this morning, May 26, 2005. Hip, hip, hooray! Many, many thanks to each and every one of you for your magnificent efforts and support in getting this legislation passed.

Thanks, Rainey! for putting the news of the restoration of the DNR Library out to the list. I have told staff and administration here at the DNR that librarians all over the state advocated in our behalf. Your individual support and the support of MLA were huge factors in restoring the library. It's quite a privilege to be championed by the library community when you need it most. Your validation held sway with many members of the general assembly. I am deeply grateful, as are our patrons. I'm ecstatic to be leaving the library here intact. (*Cecelia Petro, Director, DNR Library*)

From IMLS: The 2005 National Book Festival organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush, will be held on Saturday, September

24, 2005 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., between 7th and 14th Streets, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain or shine). The festival is free and open to the public. As in previous years, IMLS will sponsor the popular Pavilion of the States, highlighting reading programs and literary events from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. trusts and territories. Mark your calendars! Visit <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/> for details. (IMLS Newsletter)

Membership Application

Yes I want to join CITIZENS FOR MARYLAND LIBRARIES (CML) and continue to work for the best possible public library service for all the people of Maryland.

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
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Membership through December 2005:

___ **\$15 Individual**

___ **\$38 Friends of Library Groups**

___ **\$75 Corporations/Organizations**

___ **\$155 Benefactors**

Membership through December 2007:

___ **\$38 Individual**

___ **\$98 Friends of Library Groups**

___ **\$188 Corporations/Organizations**

___ **\$375 Benefactors**

___ **\$750 Life Member**

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and libraries in Maryland.**

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