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MLA and CML revisit Pearlinton, MS

- reported by Margaret Carty, Exec. Director, MLA

Chapter 2 - Pearlinton Revisited

On June 23rd, a second contingent of MLA members (Kay Bowman, Margaret Carty, Jay Bansback and Lynn Wheeler) traveled to Hancock County, MS, to visit the bookmobile we donated in December, and to deliver an additional check for \$4,000.00. MLA's contribution now totals \$16,000.00.

We saw many of the friends we had made in December, and the bookmobile that we donated, in operation. Children and adults were in the bookmobile and their smiles and chatter confirmed to us that we had brought some healing to this community.

Hancock County has a long road ahead to recovery, but we saw progress and the beginnings of rebuilding. The people of Hancock County welcomed us and expressed gratitude for all that we have done.

Mary Perkins, Public Affairs/Development Officer for the Hancock County Library System wrote "On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Library Foundation of Hancock County, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your gift to the Library Foundation for the Pearlinton Mobile Library."



The bookmobile has been used for the Summer Reading Program. August 1st is the opening for the Mobile library to the public. It will be open Tuesday through Saturday in Pearlinton.

Mary requested that the progress of the Mobile Library be passed onto "all who have been so kind and concerned for our library system. Their thoughts and efforts for us have been most appreciated. Thank you all again for everything you do and have done for us. We are most grateful and hold you in our hearts."

Save the Date!

Please save Sunday September 17, 2006 to attend a celebration to honor Senator Sarbanes for his dedication to the cause of libraries during his many years in Congress.

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Cathedral Street, Baltimore, 4p.m. - 6p.m.
Event to be sponsored by Citizens for Maryland Libraries, Maryland Library Association, and the Maryland Library Community

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Senator Paul S. Sarbanes is the Chair of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.

Meet Citizen David Goldsmith

David Goldsmith typifies the saying "never judge a book by its cover". In a group he is quiet, modest, seemingly unassuming, but the library community knows he is a tireless advocate serving (to use David's frequent description of himself) to bring recognition and progress to the Maryland library community.

David's own words:

"I was a Councilman in the city of District Heights, Prince Georges County, Maryland. The city had a very small library serving its residents. The County had promised to build a new library in the area but the County Library Board and County Council had not appropriated the funds to build it. Several city residents encouraged me to seek appointment to the County Library Board and be an advocate for a new library. I was appointed to the Library Board in May 1978 where I led the effort get funding for the library in our community. After many year of advocating, funds were made available for the library. Ground breaking for the 20,000 square feet SPAULDINGS BRANCH LIBRARY was held in September 1985. It opened in October 1986!"

It is difficult to think that David had another life outside the library but he was: Councilman and Mayor of the City of District Heights, Prince Georges County, Maryland; Chairman of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association and on the Board of the Maryland Municipal



Lynn Wheeler, David, and Margaret Carty

League; in the 257th Army Band of the District of Columbia Army National 1948-1968, and Chairman of the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission.

What did David really do for a living? "I served for thirty eight years in various positions in the Federal Government, including Senior Intelligence Research Specialist for the Naval Intelligence Command and senior Command staff at the Defense Logistics Agency. I am a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

The Maryland Community of librarians thanks David for his devotion to libraries, and his wife of 52 years, Joanne, his 3 children and 5 grandchildren, for generously allowing him to give us so much time.

David Goldsmith has been the recipient of many awards

Prince Georges County Public Library Dedicated Service Award, 1995
The Maryland Library Association Distinguished Service Citation 1984
American Library Association/Alta Advocacy Honor Roll, 2004
Citizens for Maryland Libraries 2005 Marion Satterwhaite Award

Our catalog of David's services includes: Prince Georges County Library Board of Trustees for 17 years; Vice President and President Baltimore County Board of Library Trustees; three separate terms as Vice President and President of the Trustees Division of the Maryland Library Association; Board of Directors of the American Library Association Trustees and Advocates Division; Regional Vice President on many committees; currently on the Maryland Advisory Council for Libraries, and on the Board of Citizens for Maryland Libraries.

DOPA

The entire Maryland Delegation to the House of Representatives voted to support the "Deleting Online Predators Act of 2006." The vote was taken on Wednesday, July 26.

Under DOPA, schools would have to block access to social networks in order to be eligible for e-rate funds. As I interpret the Act, libraries would have to obtain parental permission in order for those under 17 to access social networks.

The purpose of DOPA is to protect children from online predators who may connect to children through chat rooms and social networking websites such as My Space. While protecting children is a worthy goal, social networking is a very important technology that allows people all over the world to communicate.

One of the community members on our Strategic Planning Team recently stated that "If any action is going to bring world peace and understanding, it will be social networking." Her grandchildren have regular correspondence with other children in Japan, China and other nations around the world.

E-rate was originally established to bridge the Internet access gap. Legislation like this takes a giant step forward in widening the gap. - Report from Lynn Wheeler, CML President

Why Join CML?

Ever wonder why you should join CML?
Because your library may be a beneficiary of scholarships.
For example, in 2005/2006, CML allocated the following amounts.

MLA Scholarships	\$1500.00
CML Scholarship	\$ 500.00
CML Friends Conference	\$1500.00



Get ideas from FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Programs

Terre Haute, Indiana

Friends of the Vigo County Library held an annual event – “Tea and Treasures”, during the gloomy month of February. For \$10, attendees were served Tea and a coupon for appraisal of a special treasure. The event made a small profit but the real payoff was interest and visibility for the Friends and the library.

Kirkwood, Missouri

Friends of the Poway Library held a new program series entitled “Afternoon with an Author”, featuring a well known local author. Programs were held at noon on a Friday and repeated monthly with a new speaker. Attendees brought their own brown bag lunches and enjoyed

beverages and home-made desserts provided by the Friends. The author’s presentation was followed by a book signing session.

Ledyard, Connecticut

Friends of the Ledyard Public Library sponsored a Yule Tea along with the local Historical Society and held at a local historic house. 270 people enjoyed the tea. The tea, book sales, a craft and bake sale, and silent auction raised \$24,000 for the library during 2005.

Smyrna, Georgia

Friends of the Smyrna Library sent a major membership drive mailing included in the Smyrna City water bill. More than 100 new members joined the Friends as a result.

Springfield, Massachusetts

Friends of the Springfield Library held a Walk-A-Thon in April to raise funds. Participants chose between a one-mile or three-mile walk. They were entertained by a clown, storytellers, strolling musicians, a balloon artist, a juggler, a magician and a face painter.

Youngstown, Ohio

Twelve students from a local high

school club gift wrapped items through December 2005 at the local K Mart store for donations to the library. They raised \$150.

Friends of the Smyrna Library sent a major membership drive mailing included in the Smyrna City water bill.

Society Hill, (Darlington County) South Carolina

The Friends sponsored a novel fundraiser “Sit Down with a Good Book”. Friends auctioned more than 40 chairs decorated by artists from across South Carolina as well as a few artists outside the State. Chairs were donated by local furniture stores, and a professional auctioneer volunteered to sell the chairs, whose estimated prices ranged from \$25 to \$500.

Crossville, Tennessee

Friends of the Art Circle Public Library have a business membership program. The Friends have feted business and professional members who contributed \$100 or more to the Friends at a luncheon. Featured at the 2005 luncheon was a presentation on how Friend’s money supports the summer reading program, the young adult section and other library enhancements.



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.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

We're on the Web!
www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org

Membership through December 2006:

___ \$15 Individual ___ \$38 Friends of Library Groups ___ \$75 Corporations/Organizations
___ \$155 Benefactors

Additional contributions to CML \$ _____ work toward
improved library service and libraries in Maryland.

Membership through December 2009:

___ \$38 Individual ___ \$98 Friends of Library Groups ___ \$188 Corporations/Organizations
___ \$375 Benefactors ___ \$750 Life Member

Payment checks (tax-deductible), should be made payable to CML.

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