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## PARHAM RECEIVES JAMES PARTRIDGE AWARD

Loretta Parham has been named the 2018 recipient of the James Partridge Outstanding African American Information Professional Award, presented by the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland in partnership with Citizens for Maryland Libraries.

Ms. Parham is the CEO & Library Director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, Inc., an independent entity operating as the single library shared by its four member institutions—Clark Atlanta University, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College and Spelman College. Under her leadership, the library was awarded the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) 2016 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

With more than 30 years in the profession her experience includes: Director of the Hampton University Library, Deputy Director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pa., District Chief of the Chicago Public Library (CPL) and other professional positions with the Chicago Public Schools and the City Colleges of Chicago.

Ms. Parham holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.



*Loretta Parham*

The 2018 James Partridge Award will be presented to Ms. Parham at the 2018 Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science (CIDLIS) at the University of Maryland on November 9. CIDLIS is hosted by the Information Policy & Access Center and the College of Information Studies of the University of Maryland.

### SHARE YOUR STORY!

Do you have a story suggestion for the next issue of *The Citizen*? Does your library have an event or activity you would like *The Citizen* to cover? If so, please email your ideas to Lynn Wheeler at [lwheeler@carr.org](mailto:lwheeler@carr.org).

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# Maryland Association of Counties

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Maryland Libraries Booth at the MACo Summer Conference received the Best Booth Award. In addition to virtual reality and a green screen photo area, the booth featured a fabulous pirate ship created by Thomas Vose, director of The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County (*Photo 2*).

*Photo 1: CML Board members Martha Grahame and Joe Thompson help to welcome Governor Hogan to the Maryland Libraries Booth at the MACo Summer Conference in Ocean City.*

*Photo 3: Ashley Biggs, librarian at LBPH, and Thomas Vose contemplate contents of the immense Best Booth Award Basket.*

*Photo 4: CML President Kristen Pironis, State Librarian Irene Padilla and CML Board Member Al Martin help to welcome Comptroller Peter Franchot to the Maryland Libraries Booth.*



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*Years of Words in Many Forms*



*Photo 1: Carol A. Beatty, Secretary, Maryland Department of Disabilities presents a proclamation from the Governor to Leslie Bowman, director of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, in honor of the library's 50 years of service to the community.*

*Photo 2: Larry Smith, Equipment Manager at LBPH is recognized by patrons for his excellent work.*

*Photo 3: Cake at celebration held on October 27th.*



# Nominations for 2019 CML Board

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At the CML Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, November 3, members will be asked to vote for the following slate of officers and board members:

## **President – Patricia Hofmann**

Pat Hofmann served as the director of Calvert Library for 15 years before retiring. She served as ALA Councilor for the Maryland Library Association. She continues to be a passionate advocate for libraries and is currently Vice President of the CML Board.

## **Vice President – Jay Bansbach**

Recently retired, Jay Bansbach administered PreK-12 school media programs for the Maryland State Department of Education. He serves on the Maryland Library Association Legislative Panel and is a longstanding advocate for school libraries.

## **Secretary – Lynn Wheeler**

Lynn Wheeler is retiring in November as executive director of Carroll County Public Library. She has served on the CML Board for many years and received the CML's Satterthwaite Award in 2012.

## **Treasurer – Stuart Ragland**

Stuart Ragland has served as treasurer of CML since 2011. He has worked at the Enoch Pratt Free Library/Maryland State Library Resource Center since 1994. He serves as the chair of the MLA Technology Committee. Stuart received CML's Davis McCarn Award in 2013.

## **Board Member – Frances Carty**

A resident of Anne Arundel County for 20 years, Frances Carty is passionate about public libraries. She is an avid traveler, novice painter and bibliophile. She is a Pilates instructor at Anne Arundel Community College. Frances is nominated for her first term on the CML Board.

## **Board Member – Jim Fish**

Jim Fish retired following 18 years as director of Baltimore County Public Library. He served as President of the Maryland Library Association and received the MLA Outstanding Member award in 2013. He is a member of the Maryland State Library Board. Jim is nominated for a first term on the CML Board.

## **Board Member – Sandra Lombardo**

Sandy Lombardo is the manager of the White Marsh Branch Library in Baltimore County. She has been a Baltimore County Public Library staff member for 29 years. Sandra is currently on the CML Board and is nominated for a second term.

## **Board Member – Susan Sherman**

Susan Sherman is currently the Vice President of the Talbot County Free Library Board of Trustees. She served on the Friends of Talbot County Free Library for six years, four as President. Prior to moving to Easton, she retired as Senior VP, Director of Finance and Operations for a non-profit mental health corporation in Fairfax, VA.

## Call for CML Award Nominations

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Each year CML presents three prestigious awards. Nominations are now being sought for 2019 award recipients for:

- The Marion Satterthwaite Award in recognition of outstanding advocacy efforts for libraries.
- The Davis McCarn Award for innovative use of technology to enhance library service.
- The Outstanding Library Employee (or Team) Award to recognize a library staff member(s) who has made exceptional contributions to public service.

**Deadline for award nominations is January 10.** Please submit a nomination that includes name of the award, name of nominee, and a statement of up to 500 words describing the achievements of the nominee that has led to improving library service in Maryland. Nominations should be sent to the attention of the CML Awards Committee via email at [cml@citizensformarylandlibraries.org](mailto:cml@citizensformarylandlibraries.org).

Award recipients receive a framed certificate and a check for \$100. The awards are presented at the MLA Annual Conference. CML will also award one night free at the Conference hotel (if reimbursement is not provided by another organization) and tickets for two for a Conference dinner/banquet (if reimbursement is not provided by another organization). The award recipients will also be announced at the CML Annual Meeting and publicized in the CML newsletter. The Outstanding Employee Award is also announced at the Maryland Legislative Day Reception in Annapolis. CML will also present the award at a recipient's local county trustee/board meeting or reception.

In 2018, awards were presented as follows:

Sharon Maneki received the Marion Satterthwaite Award for outstanding advocacy for her tireless work as a member of the Friends of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Liz Sundermann received the Davis McCarn Award for her role in bringing new technology and computer science educational experiences to thousands of library customers in Maryland.

The Polaris Implementation Team of the Eastern Shore Regional Library, Inc. received the Outstanding Employee/Team Award for the successful implementation of the Polaris ILS in all eight counties served by ESRL.

For more information on the awards and for a complete list of award winners, go to: <https://citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>.

## Mary Lou Dewey Grant Applications Accepted thru 1/10/2019

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CML is pleased to offer an annual \$500 grant in support of a project that increases citizen awareness and involvement, and/or enhances customer service. The grant is open to Friends groups or individual members of CML. Proposals should list name and address of applicant, title of the project, timeframe, and a statement of up to 500 words describing the scope of the project and anticipated outcomes. A supporting letter from the library director is also required. Proposals should be sent to the attention of the CML Awards Committee via email at [cml@citizensformarylandlibraries.org](mailto:cml@citizensformarylandlibraries.org). Deadline is January 10, 2019.

Individuals or groups not currently CML members may send proposals along with membership application and dues.

For more information and a list of previous grant recipients, go to: <https://citizensformarylandlibraries.org/MLD>

## Andrea Berstler Takes the Helm at Carroll County Public Library

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Andrea Berstler has been selected as the next Executive Director of Carroll County Public Library and will begin Monday, November 12. Andrea has been the Executive Director of Wicomico Public Libraries since 2012. She has a proven record of leadership in public libraries and strong connections in Maryland.

Andrea is the Vice President/President-Elect 2018-19 for the Maryland Library Association. She has also served on the board of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. She served on the Rural, Native & Tribal Roundtable and the Digital Inclusion Project for the American Library Association. Andrea is active in the Salisbury area business community, participating in Rotary and the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a 2018-19 Leadership Maryland participant. Other awards include: Maryland Library Association President's Award 2014, Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur Spirit Award 2015, and Rotary Club of Wicomico County's Rotarian of the Year 2015.

"We are pleased to welcome Andrea as the new Executive Director. Her vision for Carroll County and relationships throughout the State will continue the great legacy and forward thinking established by Lynn Wheeler," said Kathleen Campanella, Board President.



*Andrea Berstler*

## United for Libraries Partners on "Summer Scares"

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The Horror Writers Association (HWA) is developing a "Summer Scares" reading program that will provide libraries and schools with an annual list of recommended horror titles for adult, young adult (teen), and middle grade readers. The goal is to introduce new authors and help librarians start conversations with readers that will extend beyond the books from each list and promote reading for years to come.

HWA is partnering with United for Libraries, Book Riot, and Library Journal/School Library Journal on "Summer Scares." Award-winning author Grady Hendrix and a committee of four librarians will be selecting three recommended fiction titles in each of three reading levels— Middle Grade, Teen, and Adult— for a total of nine "Summer Scares" selections. The goal of the program is to encourage a national conversation about the entire horror genre, across all age levels, at libraries all over the country and ultimately get more adults, teens, and children interested in reading. Official "Summer Scares" designated authors will also be making themselves available to appear, either virtually or in person, at public and school libraries all over the country, for free.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/united-libraries-partner-summer-scares-reading-program>

## Federal Spending Bill Includes Funding for Libraries

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On Friday, September 28, the POTUS signed a spending bill (HR 6157) that includes:

- \$242 million for the Institute for Museums and Libraries, a \$2 million increase
- \$189.3 million for the Library Services and Technology Act, which is level funding
- \$27 million for Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL), which is level funding. IAL supports high-quality programs designed to develop and improve literacy skills for children and students from birth through 12th grade in high-need local educational agencies.



# Washington County Free Library Opens New Hancock Library

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*Above: Washington County Free Library opened the new Veterans Memorial Branch in Hancock, MD on October 30.*

*Right: Maryland state librarian Irene Padilla, Washington County Free Library executive director, Mary Baykan and Library Board president John Schnebly are among the dignitaries cutting the ribbon to open the new library.*

*(photos courtesy of Herald-Mail Media)*



On Tuesday, October 30, an enthusiastic crowd gathered in Hancock, Maryland to celebrate the opening of the new Veterans Memorial Branch. Mary Baykan, executive director of Washington County Free Library said, “It’s an exciting day for the county, for the community and for the library system. We are going to be able to provide 21st-century library services and resources to the children and families of Hancock, and we are overjoyed that this day has come.”

The new 8,134 SF library replaces the old 1,000 SF library. The new library was built at a cost of just under \$3 million.

Hancock Mayor, Ralph Salvagno praised the efforts of all those involved in the making the library a reality and noted, “But I think most importantly, what this library represents to me is ‘equality,’ because no matter who you are, no matter what walk of life, what age, race, sex, religion, creed, whatever, those doors are open to you,” Salvagno said, gesturing to the building’s entrance. “And that is what really makes this a public library.”



# Calendar


January 25-29, 2019 - American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA <https://2019.alamidwinter.org/>

April 7-13, 2019 – National Library Week. This year’s theme is “Libraries=Strong Communities” <https://www.mdlib.org/>

May 1-3, 2019 – Maryland Library Association Conference, Cambridge, MD <https://www.mdlib.org/>

June 20-25, 2019 – American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC <https://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>

Watch for announcement of Maryland Library Legislative Day on the CML website <https://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>



**love your library**

A perfect time to show your love for our libraries.

**Library Legislative Day**  
Annapolis, MD

Date To Be Announced

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Memberships

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual – Basic \$15
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual – Supporter \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual – Contributor \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual – Benefactor \$100
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (Friends Group) \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate – Benefactor \$200

### Lifetime Membership

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual – Lifetime \$750

**Yes, I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **James Partridge Award**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Nettie B. Taylor Leadership Fund**

*CML is a 501c3 organization. Membership dues are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to CML.*

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