

Caroline County's Amanda Courie Named CML Outstanding Employee of the Year

Amanda Courie, Caroline County Public Library (CCPL), began in 2005 as a part-time library assistant and was quickly hired full time. In 2007, she was promoted to Youth Services Manager. She received a Master's degree in Library Science in 2010.

Debby Bennett, Executive Director of Caroline County Public Library states, "Amanda quickly grew to become one of our top leaders in our organization. I am most proud of her development of a professional, unified and empowered Youth Services team, making it possible for the library to provide many more youth services programs and outreach in our community."

Ms. Courie was the project manager of CCPL's 2010 Library Capital Grant project to create the innovative and popular Library Teen Zone. She is a leader in creating and providing STEM-based programs for youth. Due to Ms. Courie's reputation for excellence in innovative project development, the Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) asked Caroline County to be a *Minecraft* and Coding in Libraries pilot site. At the 2014 Maryland Library Association/Delaware Library Association Conference, she presented two programs, "Tweens & Technology" and "Parent Cafés."

Ms. Courie has built strong relationships with public schools and Caroline County Recreation and Parks, bringing summer reading programs to their summer camps. She led the implementation phase of the Race to the Top Early Literacy Challenge Grant in Caroline County. Under her leadership, the www.myfamilyneeds.info was redesigned as an up-to-date, user-friendly resource for children and families, with a strong focus on Early Literacy.

Ms. Courie serves on the Maryland Afterschool and Summer Opportunity Advisory Board through the Governor's Office for Children. She serves on the Caroline Early Learning Advisory Council as a member of the Core Leadership Team. Tearesa French, Supervisor of Caroline Judy Centers and Family Support Center and Chair of the Caroline Early Learning Advisory Committee states, "I have come to depend upon Amanda's collaboration and her support of programs designed to ensure that children enter school ready to learn." She further notes that during Ms. Courie's three-year term on the Head Start Advisory Committee, "she provided guidance to young parents on administrative leadership in regard to understanding budgets, fiscal reports, program evaluation, personnel and program oversight. Caroline County is indeed blessed to have such a dedicated and innovative leader in our community."



Above: Amanda Courie with Children's Illustrator Brian Collier and her daughter Leland Courie at the ESRL-funded and organized visit with third grade students from all five Caroline County Elementary Schools on April 15, 2015.

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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.

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CML Events & Activities

Upcoming Events

June 13 – 10:00 – 1:00	CML Board Meeting, Fairview Branch, Calvert County
June 25 - 30	American Library Association Conference, San Francisco, http://alaac15.ala.org/
August 12-15	Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference, Ocean City, http://www.mdcounties.org/index.aspx?nid=229
September 5	Library of Congress National Book Festival, Washington Convention Center, http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/
September 19 –9:30 – 3:00	CML Friends Conference, Arbutus Branch, Baltimore County Public Library
September 25-27	Baltimore Book Festival, Baltimore Inner Harbor, https://www.baltimorebookfestival.com/
October 18-24	National Friends of Libraries Week, Sponsored by ALA – United for Libraries
November 14 – 9:30 – 3:00	Annual Trustees/CML Meeting



Save The Date: Maryland Libraries Matter Conference

Citizens for Maryland Libraries is pleased to present *Maryland Libraries Matter: A Conference of Friends, Trustees and Foundations* on Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Arbutus Branch, Baltimore County Public Library (855 Sulphur Spring Road, Arbutus, Maryland 21227). More information coming soon!

Events of the day include:

- Continental Breakfast
- Advocacy Does Work: Practical Tips You Can Use Tomorrow - Presented by Sally Reed, Executive Director of ALA's United For Libraries and Jeff Smith, Board Member, United for Libraries and Citizens for Maryland Libraries
- Luncheon and Author Talk with Book signing
- Roundtables offering an opportunity to share information and hear ideas on Fundraising and Partnerships
- Friends and Trustees Working Together
- Book Sales and Director Relations
- Starting or Revitalizing a Friends Group



Maryland Day

CML Board members Diane Barlow, John Carty, Margaret Carty, Martha Grahame, Pat Hofmann, and Joe Thompson, along with summer reading mascot Sneaks helped to staff the very popular library tent during Maryland Day at University of Maryland on Saturday, April 25. Thousands of people took part in this festive day to highlight the university's vast educational and research initiatives. *See Maryland Day photos on left.*



Maryland Legislative Session Wrap Up

With a new Governor and more than 60 new elected officials in the Maryland General Assembly, coupled with reports of budget shortfalls, this was a challenging legislative session for all stakeholders. The library community did their part in conveying the important work done by Maryland libraries. Library Legislative Day was a great success, with lots of legislators attending the elegant Library Legislative Reception.

The results were positive for public libraries. Although per capita funding was scheduled to increase by \$1 per capita in 2016, significant budget concerns made it unlikely that increase would stand. The good news is that rather than eliminate the entire increase, the General Assembly reduced it to a \$0.27 per capita increase in FY16. The regional libraries received a \$0.25 cent per capita increase. The full \$5 million was approved to fund the Library Capital Grant program.

In addition, the requested \$17 million in FY 16 capital funding for the multi-year renovation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center was approved. We are grateful that the legislators throughout the state gave their support to library funding. The library community can be pleased and proud that their advocacy work and their important day-to-day work to serve more than 3 million library cardholders in Maryland is recognized and appreciated by the General Assembly.

CML's 2014 Mary Lou Dewey Grant Supports Battle of the Books in Carroll County

The 2014 Mary Lou Dewey Grant, awarded to the Friends of Carroll County Public Library, was used to support Battle of the Books. This spring, over 200 elementary and middle school teams competed in 8 Battles across the county. The Friends of CCPL identified Battle of the Books as its top priority.

On June 14, 2014, the Friends transformed the Eldersburg Branch into an 18-hole mini-golf course to raise funds to support Battle of the Books. More than 300 people joined in the fun of playing golf in the library. The event not only brought in much-needed revenue to purchase book sets for the teams, but also increased visibility of the library and its many services. This year's Mini-Golf event will take place at the Eldersburg Branch on June 6.

Battle of the Books, held in partnership with Carroll County Public Schools, engages students in reading while highlighting Maryland's Black-Eyed Susan Book Awards, selected each year by school media specialists to introduce students to quality literature representing a variety of viewpoints.

CML is now accepting applications for the 2015 Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy and Awareness Grant. This annual \$500 grant supports projects that encourage citizens to use and support Maryland libraries. Applications are due to CML by August 15, 2015. For application and more information go to: <http://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/awards.asp>.



*From Top (left to right):
House Speaker Mike Busch, John Venditta (MLA President), and Irene Padilla (Assistant Superintendent DLDS)*

*Battle of the Books at CCPL
Mini Golf Fore Battle of the Books,
Eldersburg Branch, CCPL*

Maryland libraries and library leaders are recognized by their communities and nationally for outstanding work in developing and delivering services that meet the needs of their community. We can all be proud of the innovative work going on in Maryland Libraries.

Awards & Celebrations



Dr. Claude Walston to Receive 2015 Davis McCarn Award

The 2015 Davis McCarn Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in using innovative technology to improve library service in Maryland is awarded to Dr. Claude Walston, Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland. Dr. Walston designed the school's first technology courses and taught basic and advanced technology courses to librarians for 20 years.

In his autobiography, *The Best of Times*, founding dean, Paul Wasserman related the factors that guided his selection of the first faculty of the then School of Library and Information Services (CLIS) in 1965. Among the important considerations was librarianship's position on the threshold of a monumental technological change. Dr. Wasserman brokered a deal with IBM's Federal Systems Division to "borrow" Claude Walston, an electrical engineer and manager of the Systems Development Department, to be the first "high tech" person on the faculty—the expert who would design and teach the first classes in library automation and data processing and would work with other faculty members to connect the technical systems to other parts of library practice.

Dr. Walston stayed on the faculty for several years before returning to his career in research and development. After retiring from IBM, he returned to CLIS in 1984 as Professor and Dean. As Dean, he served on the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries from 1984-92, served as chair of the Maryland Governor's Conferences on Libraries and attended the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science in 1991. Dr. Walston was chair of the State Library Network and Cooperative Program Committee, which developed the Sailor Network. He served as Dean until 1992, but continued to teach until his retirement in 2006.



Judith McKinney Receives Satterthwaite Advocacy Award

Judith McKinney will receive the 2015 Marion Satterthwaite Award for outstanding advocacy initiatives to support and improve Maryland libraries. Ms. McKinney served on the Cecil County Public Library Board from 2003 through 2013. During those years, she was an active participant in Maryland Library Legislative Day, meeting with Maryland Senators and Delegates to convey the needs of the library at the local and state level. Ms. McKinney continues her advocacy efforts for the library.

Cecil County Public Library Director Denise Davis notes, "One of the things that always impresses me about Judy McKinney on her many visits to Annapolis is how assertively she works with even the most challenging person she may encounter. While never losing her warm and friendly demeanor, it becomes immediately clear that it is impossible to intimidate Judy and she will pleasantly swat curve balls away while she presses the case for libraries. Inevitably, someone who may initially seem too busy to listen attentively, sits and listens and is eventually persuaded of the power of her case for libraries. You couldn't ask for a better person than Judy McKinney at your side on Maryland Library Legislative Day in Annapolis. She continued to volunteer as an advocate after leaving her position as Cecil County Public Library Board treasurer. A true and very valuable gift to libraries!"

From Top: Winner of the Davis McCarn Award - Dr. Claude Walston, and Winner of the Marion Satterthwaite Award - Judith McKinney

Wicomico Public Libraries' Executive Director Receives Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

Wicomico Public Libraries is pleased to announce that Executive Director, Andrea Berstler, is this year's recipient of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. This new award recognizes and celebrates an individual or organization that supports, promotes, encourages and fosters entrepreneurship in our community. This year's award was presented in recognition of Wicomico Public Libraries' work in strengthening its business partnership through several new initiatives, most notably the Entrepreneur Center and the Launch/SBY project.

In the past 3 years the Library staff, board and volunteers have completed several projects including opening the Friends of the Libraries' book store "The BookShelf", holding Summer Reading community Fairs at all three Library locations, hosting the Friends' Light of Literacy Awards Breakfasts, restoration of Sunday hours during the school year, launching the Education Center to expand the downtown's educational offerings through a partnership with Wor Wic Community College's Adult Diploma program (Adult Basic Education), and the opening of the Entrepreneur Center and the Launch/SBY project.

Deborah D. Taylor Receives Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement

Deborah D. Taylor, coordinator of School and Student Services at the Enoch Pratt Free Library (EPFL) is the recipient of the 2015 Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Practitioner Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Ms. Taylor's career in public service began more than 40 years ago at EPFL. In announcing the award, Award Committee Chair Loretta Dowell stated, "Deborah D. Taylor is an extraordinary youth librarian and literacy advocate. As an inspiring young adult librarian, leader in national associations and university instructor, she has been distinctly effective in introducing young people and her professional colleagues to the outstanding work of African American authors."

The Coretta Scott King - Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement is presented in even years to an African American author, illustrator or author/illustrator for a body of his or her published books for children and/or young adults, and who has made a significant and lasting literary contribution. In odd years, the award is presented to a practitioner for substantial contributions through active engagement with youth using award-winning African American literature for children and/or young adults, via implementation of reading and reading-related activities/programs. The award is administered by the American Library Association's Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table.

Virginia Hamilton was an award-winning author of children's books. She wrote more than 35 books throughout her career, including *M. C. Higgins, the Great*, for which she won the 1975 Newbery Medal. During her lifetime, Hamilton received numerous awards including the Coretta Scott King Book Award, the Edgar Allan Poe Award, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award and the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

CML congratulates Ms. Taylor on this prestigious Award and recognition of her outstanding work.



From Top: Andrea Berstler, and Deborah D. Taylor



Dr. Paul Jaeger of Maryland's iSchool Named Top Educator of the Year

Paul T. Jaeger, associate professor and co-director of the Information Policy and Access Center in the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, Maryland's iSchool, has been named the first recipient of the Library Journal/ALISE Excellence in Teaching Award. This new award, sponsored by ProQuest, combines two individual awards offered by Library Journal (LJ) and the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) to recognize "the top LIS educator of an ALISE-member program or an ALA-accredited master's program." Jaeger was unanimously selected by a panel of judges appointed by Library Journal and the Executive Committee of the ALISE Board, as well as a representative from ProQuest.



From Top: Dr. Paul Jaeger of the iSchool at UMCP, St. Mary's County Library Director Kathleen Reif receives Community Educator Award.

Four of Jaeger's current or former students wrote letters in support of his nomination, submitted by iSchool doctoral student Natalie Greene Taylor. The students all cite Jaeger's commitment to mentorship, and his ability to tie his scholarship to his teaching and meld theory with practice, as well as his ability to inspire them to be leaders in the information profession and advocates for the disadvantaged and disenfranchised. Former student Elizabeth Larson says of Jaeger, "He dreams big, he acts on his convictions, and he takes you along for the adventure....After joining the [E-government] degree concentration he headed, I began to view being a librarian as something so much more. More radical, but also more integrated with the communities we serve. I began to see how librarians can be advocates for their communities and how civil rights issues play out in libraries every day."

Jaeger is a noted scholar on the ways in which law and public policy shape information behavior, particularly for underserved populations. He is the author of more than 150 journal articles and book chapters, as well as 12 books, and his research has been funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Science Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and others. Jaeger is editor of *Library Quarterly*, co-editor of the *Advances in Librarianship Book Series* from MIT Press, and associate editor of *Government Information Quarterly*. He also serves as the iSchool's diversity officer and the faculty advisor for the iDiversity student group and American Library Association student chapter at the iSchool. Jaeger also heads the iSchool's Symposium on Diversity in LIS Education and was recognized by the iSchool with the 2011 Award for Contributions to the Curriculum.

"We are so proud of Paul and so pleased that his outstanding work is being recognized by the larger LIS community," says Jennifer Preece, dean of the iSchool. "Students at the iSchool benefit from our strong tradition of scholar-teachers, and Paul Jaeger is exemplary of the very best the iSchool has to offer. His ability to inspire as well as instruct students will have an impact on the information profession for many years to come."

This award comes with a \$5,000 cash prize, sponsored by ProQuest. Jaeger has elected to donate the prize money back to the iSchool in support of the 2015 Symposium on Diversity in LIS Education. He will be honored during a celebration at ALISE's annual conference in January.

Article From University of Maryland, College of Information Studies Website: <http://ischool.umd.edu/news/paul-jaeger-marylands-ischool-named-top-lis-educator-year>

Kathleen Reif Receives Community Educator Award

Kathleen Reif, St. Mary's County Library Director was awarded the 2015 Community Educator Award by the St. Mary's County Business Education & Community Alliance. The award is given to community members for their "support, dedication and commitment to the success of students and schools of St. Mary's County." Previous award winners have included state delegates, Board of Education members, and County Commissioners.

Cecil County Public Library Awarded National Medal for Museum and Library Service

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the federal agency that provides leadership for libraries and museums at the national level, has awarded the Cecil County Public Library (CCPL) the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. IMLS recognized CCPL staff members as innovative educators who proactively address community challenges and opportunities. The library's targeted outreach to lower-income families prevents summer learning loss. CCPL's Small Business Information Center connects aspiring entrepreneurs to local networks and specialized classes empower veterans to transition to successful civilian lives.

"We are involved in the community; we listen, learn and step up whenever we can to use our resources, skills, and talents to make progress on issues, including teen high school drop-out rate, veteran employment, and economic development in our county," stated Denise Davis, CCPL Director. "We strive to live our mission every day by providing lifelong educational and cultural opportunities and resources for all and actively promoting individual and community success."

US Senator Barbara Mikulski states, "I am so pleased to congratulate the Cecil County Public Library on receiving the National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Our libraries are so much more than collections of books -- they are community centers and safe spaces for families to grow and learn. Our libraries teach parents practical skills like how to use technology, and encourage children to discover the unlimited possibilities of their imagination. As a member of the Senate Military Family Caucus and the Veterans Jobs Caucus, I'm especially proud that the Cecil County Public Library was recognized for its programs that help veterans find jobs and support local small businesses."

The National Medal is the highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community. For 21 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service to make a difference for individuals, families, and communities. "These National Medal recipients have demonstrated a genuine understanding of their communities and are committed to addressing community needs," said Maura Marx, acting director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. "IMLS believes museums and libraries are vital community anchors that enhance civic engagement, cultural and educational opportunities, and economic vitality. The remarkable community contributions these institutions have made are proof positive of this."

University of Maryland's College of Information Studies Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, Maryland's iSchool, kicked off the celebration of its 50th anniversary year in 2015 with a celebration held Friday, February 27, in the Riggs Alumni Center on the University of Maryland campus. Approximately 300 people attended the event centered on the theme, "Remember, Learn, Engage."

Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the iSchool's four degree programs and new professional certificate program, as well as talk with students and faculty about their research, capstone project and field study/internship experiences and view photos and other memorabilia from throughout the College's history. The program ended with congratulatory remarks from University of Maryland President Wallace Loh before being serenaded by campus a cappella group PandemoniUM.

iSchool Dean Jennifer Preece noted, "The event was a great celebration of all that the iSchool has become over the last 50 years. It was a tremendous opportunity to show our alumni, the campus community and our other guests what today's iSchool is all about. We hope that everyone will continue engaging with us as we observe this important anniversary throughout the year and look forward to our next 50 years."



From Top: Cecil County Public Library, University of Maryland at College Park's iSchool

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___ James Partridge Award

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