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MARYLAND CELEBRATES 32 YEARS OF BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

In 1986, **Washington County Free Library** was the first library in Maryland to establish a Battle of the Books competition, following a visit by then director Charles Blank and head of children's services Donna Parks to a library in Midland, Michigan where they saw the inspiring reading competition.

In Washington County, the Battle of the Books competition brings together great books and children in public, private and homeschools in grades 4 to 6. Teams are formed independently and have an adult advisor/manager, who provides opportunities for the team to read and discuss the books. This year 22 teams competed with 168 students involved. Teams form in November and are issued a set of twenty books including classics, contemporary fiction, and a variety of genre fiction. Prior to the live Battle, teams must submit two book-related projects by mid-February. The projects, designed to stimulate creative thinking, are judged according to a five-part rubric with a top score of 100 for each project. The teams must also compete in a written round held in early March. The top eight teams take part in a live Battle competition where they answer 40 questions about the twenty books. Each student who participates in the final competition receives a certificate and a new paperback book. The top three teams in the scoring receive trophies, and the five teams who did not place receive finalist medals.

Howard County Library System started Battle of the Books competitions in 2008, as part of the A+ Partnership with Howard County Public Schools. These competitions do not include any additional projects or writing assignments to narrow participation. The competition is open to 5th graders, and each team consists of 5 students. Books are selected by a committee of Howard County school and public librarians. Each team is given access to a set of books at the start of the year (between 13-16 titles). However, books are subject to regular loan periods per Howard County circulation procedures. The 2019 competition involved 1,500 elementary school students competing in Battles held at six high schools throughout the County. Howard County Library System offers a comprehensive Battle of the Books website <http://hclibrary.org/new-a-main/battle-of-the-books/>.

After observing Battle of the Books in Howard County, **Carroll County Public Library** started a Battle of the Books competition in 2011 in partnership with Carroll County Public Schools. Now in its eighth year, competition is open to 4th and 5th grade and middle school students. In 2018, 1,400 students and 188 teams participated in eight Battles. The Friends of Carroll County Public Library provide each team with a set of books (10-12 titles) to use throughout the competition year. The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award nominees are used for the booklists. They are selected by reading committees of school and public librarians under the auspices of the Maryland Association of School Librarians (MASL). More information about CCPL Battles can be found at Carroll County's website: <https://library.carr.org/programs/BoB.asp>.

The **Foundation for Baltimore County** supports Battle of the Books competitions at various branches for elementary school students. Baltimore County also uses Black-Eyed Susan Books for these competitions.



From Top: Washington County Free Library Battle of the Books, Carroll County Public Library Battle of the Books, and Howard County Library System Battle of the Books (bottom two).

From the President

I'm a big fan of the Today Show, so I have been watching the festivities surrounding the departure of Kathie Lee Gifford from the show. This has started me thinking about comings and goings, or goings and comings. It takes one person to go, for a new person to come into a particular position.

My name is Pat Hofmann and I have the honor and pleasure of serving as President of Citizens for Maryland Libraries this year. The former President was Kristen Pironis. Thanks, Kristen, for being such a wonderful President of Citizens for Maryland Libraries during your term. You truly helped to make us a stronger organization.

This year, CML will write a new strategic plan that will guide us forward over the next few years. I'm sure we will continue to offer educational opportunities such as the conference we sponsor with the Maryland State Library. One of our most important roles is advocating for library issues as part of the Legislative Panel. We recognize people who serve with excellence through our award program.

Citizens for Maryland Libraries is a busy organization with a board of 17 voting members. We meet several times a year and do a lot of work behind the scenes. If you are reading this and you aren't a member, please join our group to help support libraries in Maryland, citizensformarylandlibraries.org.

During my library career, I worked for Calvert Library for almost thirty years. I loved serving as Director, with the most wonderful, dedicated staff. There was a time when I knew it was time to go, so I retired about six years ago. This allowed Carrie Willson to come to Calvert Library. And thanks to Carrie for her hard work in continually improving the services offered by Calvert Library.

I retired from my position at the library, but I didn't retire from the library world. I love libraries and how much they help people, from young to old. Now, I am a volunteer. I serve as a board member for Friends of Calvert Library, an organization I helped to form over thirty years ago. I work on special volunteer projects for the library, recently weeding the Maryland collection with a friend. As you now know, I serve as President for Citizens for Maryland Libraries. And I have a couple of other opportunities coming up—library-related, of course.

One more going and coming that I would like to note relates to the Executive Director of Citizens for Maryland Libraries. Sarah Avant resigned her position as Executive Director, and the Board replaced her with Lynn Wheeler. Thank you, Sarah, for your work. Thank you, Lynn, for taking on this position with Citizens for Maryland Libraries.

Life is full of goings and comings. Good wishes to Kathie Lee as she moves on to new adventures, and good wishes to all the library folks who have come and gone.



All the best,

Pat Hofmann

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.

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Maryland Loses a Lion in the Legislature

Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Michael Busch died on April 7, 2019. He was the longest serving Speaker in the state's history. A Democrat serving Anne Arundel County, he was dedicated to education and supported legislation that enhanced library service in Maryland.

Born in Baltimore, Michael Busch grew up in Annapolis, where he was a star athlete. He was a record setting running back at Temple University and hoped to play in the NFL before his dreams were sidelined by a knee injury. He then put his athletic knowledge and skill into coaching. He was a history teacher, football and basketball coach at St. Mary's High School in Annapolis in the 70's. In the 80's his interests turned to politics. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1986 and was elected by his peers to serve as Speaker in 2003.

Throughout his tenure, he was a strong advocate for education and the environment. Dedicated to progressive causes, he oversaw the approval of same-sex marriage and repeal of the death penalty.

Locally, he advocated for funding of the arts. He also was dedicated to the development of recreation and parks. He worked to expand sports for women and was a key supporter of the county's successful effort to install artificial turf fields at every public high school.

Busch applied his teambuilding and coaching skills to his role as Speaker of the House, and was known as a consensus builder and good listener. He had a strong commitment to equal rights and said, "I really believe government is there to give people opportunity."

Maryland Senate President Mike Miller called Busch, "a model delegate who cared for every corner of the State...Mike has been a friend for years and has led the state to new heights of environmentalism and education."

Governor Hogan said of Busch, "He served with the good nature of a teacher, coach and a family man. I was honored to work closely with him...He was a giant in our government."



In Memoriam
Michael Busch
1947-2019

Maryland Legislative Update 2019

Maryland Public Libraries fared well in the 2019 Legislative Session. The Governor's budget included funds to support the legislatively mandated formula, which increases State Aid to Libraries to \$16.00 per capita in 2020, up from \$15.50 in 2019. The State Library Resource Center and the three regional resource centers also will see an increase in 2020. The Enoch Pratt Free Library received additional State funds to increase operating hours.

\$5 million was also approved in 2020 for Capital Grants to Libraries. Specific projects tentatively earmarked for the funding will be presented to the Board of Public Works in June for final approval.

Please thank the Governor and State Legislators for their bipartisan support of libraries!

Minimum Wage Increase Begins FY20

The Maryland House and Senate approved, with sufficient votes to override the Governor's veto, an increase in minimum wage. Currently at \$10.10, with this new legislation, minimum wage will increase to \$11.00 per hour in January 2020, and rise incrementally each year, reaching \$15 in January 2025.

New Library Advocacy Group

CML is delighted to partner with Maryland Library Association's newly formed Library Advocacy Interest Group (LAIG), the brainstorm of 2018 MLA president, Denise Davis, director emeritus, Cecil County Public Library. Having recently retired, Davis saw a need to engage and empower a new generation of library leaders in library advocacy.

Davis identified two emerging leaders, Zeke White, branch manager, Woodlawn Branch, Baltimore County and Ashley Rogers, branch manager, Severn Community Library, Anne Arundel County, and invited them to a meeting to discuss the idea of forming an interest group. They agreed to meet with Davis, Joe Thompson, incoming MLA president and Natalie Eddington, MLA's longstanding federal legislative officer. In very short order, LAIG was formed and White agreed to chair. Shortly thereafter, Rogers agreed to be co-chair. Under their leadership, LAIG has hit the ground running.

White began attending CML meetings in 2018, bringing tremendous energy to the table. LAIG members created an effective slide show of library activity for the 2019 Library Legislative Day Reception. Rogers also accepted Thompson's request to coordinate CML's presence at the 2019 Maryland Day at University of Maryland, College Park.

White is participating in CML's strategic planning process. Asked why he thought the partnership is important, White responded, "LAIG is thrilled to be a part of CML's strategic planning. There is clearly a renewed sense of purpose and motivation to revitalize and grow CML into a cutting-edge advocacy tool for Maryland libraries. It is exciting to see a combination of library staff (former and current) AND committed trustees throughout the state, dedicated to the work of advocating for Maryland's great libraries! It's critical that we promote Citizens for Maryland Libraries at the local level so that Board members can also advocate for Maryland libraries at the state level."

The MLA President's Column, written by Joe Thompson (JT), in the spring edition of MLA's newsletter, *The Crab*, features an interview with White (ZW) and Rogers (AR), co-chairs of LAIG. Excerpts are included here. The full article can also be found at MLA's blog: https://www.mdlib.org/blog_home.asp?Display=43.



WHITE

JT: Did you have any sense of how advocacy connected with the experience your community has in using library services?

ZW: All of that was coming together. There's the OCLC study [From Awareness to Funding: Voter Perceptions and Support of Public Libraries in 2018]. Participants in that study didn't necessarily find that libraries were as important in the role of serving children, but they do increasingly see us as community hubs. The library as community hub rings true for me. In my branch, we've hosted community conversations and have actively talked about issues that the community cares about. The library was able to respond with services or programs that fulfill community needs.

AR: My interest was from the opposite direction. When there were proposed federal funding cuts in 2016, I started thinking about how IMLS cuts at a federal level would affect state and local funding, and how that trickles down to each of our libraries. I wanted to do something about that, and later that year I was able to help lead the visit with U.S. Congressman John Sarbanes. I've done state level visits before, but to be able to share the importance of libraries at the federal level and advocate for funding was an amazing experience. Having the support and confidence (MLA leadership) helped me to feel ready to take the next step in my advocacy work.

JT: What has most surprised you about the work of library advocacy?

ZW: The layers of Legislative Panel, the LAIG, and then there's MAPLA [Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators]. All the pieces that it takes to pull together and stay on message. A pleasant surprise was when staff from the ALA Office for Library Advocacy talked about how Maryland is really cutting edge and how there are only one or two other states doing anything like LAIG. That's South Carolina and Indiana, I believe. It was great to hear that we're getting ahead of this. They said that all chapters need to be approaching this because we're all dealing with generations of library leadership retiring. I don't know that it was a surprise, but validating, to see how passionate frontline staff feel about frontline advocacy.

JT: A few days after I spoke with Zeke and Ashley, MLA Executive Director Margaret Carty offered this observation, "In the short time since the Library Advocacy Interest Group was started, they have come a long way and are making a large and meaningful impact on the Association. MLA's Interest Groups provide a platform to showcase leadership, professional growth and visible proof that we can foresee a successful future for libraries in Maryland."



ROGERS

CML Board News

The CML Board is very pleased to welcome three new members to the Board this spring. All have a long and illustrious history in library service. They are:

JOYCE MULLER

Joyce Muller is a lifelong reader and values her Carroll County library card as among her most valued possessions.

During her professional career she served four presidents at Western Maryland/McDaniel College where she led the communications and marketing strategies. Currently she is enrolled in coursework at McDaniel studying Latin America Development and Ancient Chinese Art.

Since retirement in 2014, she is traveling around the globe and completed trips to all seven continents. Joyce is a long serving trustee and current Board President of the Carroll County Public Library system that held the highest circulation per capita in Maryland for more than a decade.



MULLER

PATRICIA MacDONALD

Patricia "Patty" MacDonald recently retired after working in a range of libraries for over thirty years. She began her library career at the Caroline County Public Library, which is recognized for its innovations in technology and outstanding customer service. After fourteen years in the public library, she transitioned to academic libraries, where she worked as head of reference at the Loyola Notre Dame Library, Associate University Librarian at Towson University and Associate Library Director for Public Services at the Naval Academy. During her career, Patty was very active in the Maryland Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, Maryland Chapter (ACRL MD), and the American Library Association, assuming numerous leadership roles. She looks forward to continuing her service to Maryland libraries through participation on the Citizens for Maryland Libraries Board.



MacDONALD

PATTY SUNDBERG

Patty Sundberg is branch manager of the Mt. Airy Branch, Carroll County Public Library, and a member of the CCPL Leadership Team, where she has played a key role in strategic plan development. She currently serves as treasurer of the Maryland Library Association, a position she has held for four years. Patty is also a very accomplished crafter, knitting and crocheting superb works including a beautiful lace shawl that was the grand prize in the MLA Conference Raffle in 2018.



SUNDBERG

United for Libraries
Association of Library Trustees,
Advocates, Friends and Foundations



CML President, Patricia Hofmann is also a newly elected Board Member of ALA's United For Libraries. Her three-year term begins in July 2019.

Congratulations and thanks, Pat!

MLA Conference Program

Citizens for Maryland Libraries is pleased to sponsor, “What If...Library Friends & Foundation Members Are Confident Marketers?” on Wednesday, May 1, at the MLA & DLA Joint Conference. Presenter Victoria Falcon, communications manager, Southern Maryland Regional Library, Inc., Robyn Truslow, Public Relations Coordinator, Calvert Library, and Laura Allison, owner of Keep It Simple Computer Training will present new ideas for marketing the work of friends groups and library foundations. In this hands-on workshop, these three experienced marketers will share best practices for writing targeted messages for local media, social media and websites. Participants will learn ways to pump up publicity and gain campaign confidence.



FALCON



TRUSLOW



ALLISON

Marion Satterthwaite Award: Kristen Pironis

Kristen Pironis has been an effective state and local library advocate since she joined the Queen Anne’s County Library Board of Trustees in 2012. She served as president of the board in 2016. She is also a member of the Friends of Queen Anne’s County Library.

Ms. Pironis joined the Citizens for Maryland Libraries Board in 2014, and has played a very active role from that day forward. She served as president of the CML board for calendar years 2017 and 2018, a time of significant transition. Ms. Pironis’ tireless energy, excellent leadership skills and positive approach successfully led the organization through this period of change, which included the hiring of two new executive directors. Ms. Pironis has a very demanding full time job as the vice president of marketing and communications for the US Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation. She makes time to be fully active in statewide library advocacy initiatives, including participation in National Library Legislative Day, Maryland Library Legislative Day, and the Maryland Association of Counties Annual Conference. She testifies at legislative hearings in Annapolis on issues of importance to the library community and represents CML at events throughout the State. Ms. Pironis played a key role in the strategic planning process at Queen Anne’s County Library and is now leading the strategic planning process for CML.

Ms. Pironis is a graduate of the Philip Merrill School of Journalism at the University of Maryland. Prior to her position with the Naval Academy Alumni Association, she was with the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, and the Maryland Science Center. She is a lifelong reader and library card holder.

We are proud to recognize her work as an outstanding library advocate.

CML is pleased to present this award on Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 pm, at the Opening General Session of the MLA&DLA Joint Library Conference.



PIRONIS

Davis McCarn Award: Digital Curation Innovation Center

Since its inception in 2015, the Digital Curation Innovation Center (DCIC) at the College of Information Studies (iSchool), University of Maryland has worked to generate new forms of historical research, particularly in the areas of social justice, human rights, and cultural heritage, while pioneering advances in computational treatment of archival and cultural content, which is helping to foster understanding of our cultural heritage and educating students in the use of technology to bring history alive.

To highlight one project, DCIC is partnering with the Maryland State Archives on the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland Project. The program seeks to preserve and promote experiences that shaped the lives of Maryland's African American population. As part of the project, students are working with two types of documents held by the Archives - Manumission documents that provide a record of enslaved persons who were freed by slave holders, and Certificates of Freedom that record proof of African Americans born free. These documents contain vital information about those who were enslaved; however, research of old records, whether in print or scanned is a very difficult task.

Other DCIC projects include:

- IRP2: International Research Portal for Holocaust Era Cultural Property
- Japanese-American Internment WWII Camps
- Mapping Inequality: Redlining the US
- Global Journeys, Local Communities: Tracking Human Migration Through Archives and Digital Curation

Not only is DCIC compiling and making historical records more accessible through “contact mapping” and other visual representations, but also, it is training students how to identify and collect descriptive metadata, how to link documents from different sources and formats, how to create datasets and searchable indexes, and how to develop products tailored to specific user groups. DCIC offers students the opportunity to receive a Digital Curation for Information Professionals Certificate. <https://ischool.umd.edu/DCIP>

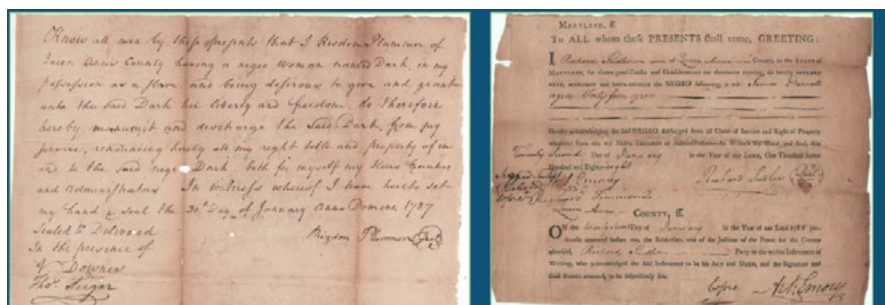
Dr. Richard Marciano, director of DCIC adds, “The DCIC is also pioneering a new field of study called Computational Archival Science (CAS) [see: <https://dcicblog.umd.edu/cas/>], and has held over 20 international workshops on this topic over the last three years, with the launch of a recent UK/US international network [see: https://dcic.umd.edu/cas_network_launch/]. The large-scale digitization of analog archives, the emerging diverse forms of born-digital archives, and the new ways in which researchers across disciplines (as well as the public) wish to engage with archival material, are disrupting traditional archival theories and practices, and are presenting challenges for practitioners and researchers who work with archival material. They also offer enhanced possibilities for scholarship, through the application of computational methods and tools to the archival problem space, and, more fundamentally, through the integration of ‘computational thinking’ with ‘archival thinking’, as exemplified in a current IMLS-funded projects [see: <https://dcicblog.umd.edu/ComputationalFrameworkForArchivalEducation/>].”

We are pleased to present the Davis McCarn Award to the DCIC in recognition of outstanding effort to use technology to improve library service in Maryland. Noah Dibert, assistant director of the DCIC is accepting the McCarn Award. Mr. Dibert has a background in program management, communications, graphic art, web design, and digital forensics. At DCIC he is overseeing eight projects, coordinating the efforts of 60 volunteers, faculty and staff, and maintaining communication with external affiliates.

Mr. Dibert will be presenting a Poster Session at the MLA & DLA Joint Conference on Thursday morning, highlighting the work of the DCIC.



DIBERT



For more information on the Satterthwaite and McCarn Awards, visit <https://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>.

CML is pleased to present this award on Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 pm, at the Opening General Session of the MLA&DLA Joint Library Conference.

Outstanding Employee Awards

CML is pleased to announce two Outstanding Employee Awards in 2019. The awards will be presented at a local Board meeting or other event determined by the local library system.

Cheryl Nardiello, Wicomico Public Libraries

Ms. Nardiello, chief financial officer for Wicomico Public Libraries, was nominated by board president, Maida A. Finch on behalf of the board, for outstanding service during the several month transition period between executive directors. In her letter of nomination, Ms. Finch noted that this was an opportunity to recognize the important role that support staff play in impacting customer service and outreach. “Smooth operations and support that encourages a positive and attentive front line are key elements.” Ms. Finch noted that the board has long been impressed with Ms. Nardiello’s commitment to the library. In addition to her excellent oversight of the annual budget, she also serves as the human resources director, managing a staff of 51, including six direct reports. At the same time that the board was searching for a new executive director, the chief of public services resigned, leaving Ms. Nardiello the only member of senior management. She took on many additional responsibilities, including serving as chair of the transition team. She attended civic organization meetings to maintain the library’s high visibility. She made herself available to staff. She apprised the board of any issue requiring their involvement. Through the transition period, it was business as usual for customers. We agree with Ms. Finch that Ms. Nardiello’s “service is emblematic of an outstanding employee.”



NARDIELLO

Christine Kamt, Baltimore County Public Library

Christine Kamt is the Storyville coordinator at the Woodlawn Branch, Baltimore County Public Library. Storyville is a play-and-learn center designed to promote school readiness skills for children ages birth to five. In addition to overseeing the daily activities of Storyville, Ms. Kamt looks for ways to expand library services into the community. She is a tireless advocate for serving populations that may not be able to get to the library or may not know about library services. In 2018, she implemented “A Cut Above Book Club,” an outreach program to local barbershops serving predominantly African American and Spanish-dominant Latino families. Once a month she and other staff visit two barbershops. They take books, craft projects and technology to engage with the customers and promote literacy. The owner of one of the barbershops is so impressed by the impact these visits are having that he started offering free haircuts to kids who bring in book reports. The other owner has begun using library services to study for the GED to improve her English.

Ms. Kamt, who is bilingual often speaks to new Americans who may not know that public libraries are free and children are welcome. She implemented BCPL’s English as a Second Language (ESOL) Cafés and World Language Storytimes. She started Sensory Storytimes specifically designed to appeal to children with sensory disorders.

Ms. Kamt started monthly outreach visits to the Woodlawn Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Center, giving away books and promoting library services. These visits were so successful that they were expanded to a system-wide initiative. Now, every WIC center in Baltimore County is visited by library staff monthly. Many of the other programs Ms. Kamt started at Woodlawn are offered across the system, including sensory story times and Spanish/English bilingual story times. Other library systems throughout Maryland have asked Ms. Kamt to present trainings for their staff to help them better engage at-risk families.

Ms. Kamt’s impact on the Woodlawn community has been immense. Through the spread of her successful initiatives, that impact has extended throughout Baltimore County and other communities in Maryland. We agree with Woodlawn Library manager, Zeke White and assistant manager Kate Sigler who nominated her, that Ms. Kamt is truly deserving of the Outstanding Employee Award.



KAMT

Six Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy & Awareness Grants Awarded

CML is pleased to announce that six Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy and Awareness Grants will be awarded in 2019. Each recipient will receive a \$500 grant to support projects through FY 2020. The recipients are:

Dorchester County Public Library to support All for One and Kindermusik for All. The library will use funds to establish a lending library of Kindermusik kits for individuals, families and small groups to use. The library will also provide demonstration classes to engage families in library programs. Fostering music skills at a young age improves the brain's capacity for problem solving, vocabulary development and social skills. Geared for infants and toddlers, the kits will foster positive interaction between parents and children, open the door to enhanced brain development and increase school readiness.

Friends and Foundation of Howard County Library System to support a project to engage customers in history, literature and art, as part of a year-long Veteran's Word partnership. Funds will support an event in November to engage middle school students in the history of the military's first African American pilots. Author Carole Weatherford and illustrator Jeffery Weatherford will present their award-winning novel, *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*. The event will feature an exhibit of original scratchboard illustrations created for the book. It will be held in the Elkridge Branch, which serves a middle school with a 35% African American student body. The A+ Partnership, a collaboration with Howard County Public Schools, will bus students to the library for the event. A challenge match from a fund held by the Friends is helping to raise funds to purchase a copy of the book for each middle school student.

Friends of Calvert Library to support the Healthy Beginnings outreach initiative in partnership with the Calvert County Health Department, which will assist pregnant women with substance abuse counseling, mental health services and assistance locating an obstetrician. Staff will invite women into the library to participate in storytimes and learn the important benefits of reading to children from birth. Each mother will receive a baby bag with information about child development, a board book and a onesie. The library has had a long history of providing baby bags to new mothers at Calvert Hospital. Healthy Beginnings will expand the initiative. The project will increase awareness of the library's role in helping the community succeed.

Friends of the Carroll County Public Library to support Battle of the Books reading competition for fourth and fifth graders in elementary schools and sixth through eighth graders in middle school. Battle of the Books builds awareness of the importance of public and school libraries for students and families. Held in partnership with Carroll County Public Schools, the competition engages more than 1400 students, highlighting Maryland's Black-Eyed Susan Award books. The Friends of CCPL supports Battle of the Books by raising funds to purchase a set of books for each of the nearly 200 participating teams. The Friends also sponsor a Battle of the Books Author Celebration, which provides the opportunity for students to meet two or more authors at an author talk and book signing event. At the nine Battle of the Books events held in high schools gymnasiums throughout the County, sponsors, area business owners and top government officials serve as event marshals, ring the bell to start the events and award medals.

Friends of Queen Anne's County Public Library to support the expansion of the Adult Summer Reading Program. While the Children's Summer Reading Program has long been a success, the Adult Summer Reading Program was first launched in 2017 with the goal of attracting new adult users to the library. In the summer of 2017, 449 adults participated. In 2018, participation nearly doubled to 797 adults. Increased awareness and participation was attributed to the grand prize of an electric guitar donated by PRS Guitars, a local guitar manufacturer located in the county. The Friends plan to expand the success and benefits of adult summer reading by offering a hot-air balloon ride around the Eastern Shore as the grand prize to support the program's theme, A Universe of Stories. Friends and library leadership will work together to publicize the incentive via local media and social media networks. The goal is to increase Adult Summer Reading to 1200 participants and engage them in the many services the library offers.

Wicomico Public Libraries to support the creation of traveling displays to celebrate and promote the library's impact in honor of its 150th Anniversary. The library staff, in partnership with local historians, is collecting images, stories, interesting facts and important milestones to create three traveling displays that will be taken to numerous community events throughout the year to increase awareness of library programs and services, and the benefit they bring to the community.

Mary Lou Dewey was a lifelong advocate for libraries. Ms. Dewey was a founding member and President of Citizens for Maryland Libraries. She was a member of the Maryland Library Association for nearly 50 years. She was the chief advocate for establishing the Carroll County Public Library in 1958, and served on the CCPL Board for many years. Ms. Dewey received the American Library Association Trustee Citation and was named to the ALA National Honor Roll. She died in 2007. In honor of Ms. Dewey's tireless efforts to enhance library service in Maryland for more than 50 years, CML established the Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund to support projects that encourage citizens to use and support Maryland libraries.

CML members are eligible to apply. Individuals or groups not currently CML members may send their membership application and dues along with their entry. A proposal for a project must emphasize an increase in citizen awareness and involvement in Maryland libraries.

Annual CML/Trustees Meeting - Saturday, October 26

Mark your calendar for the Annual CML/Trustees Meeting on **Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 – 3:00** at the newly renovated **Enoch Pratt Free Library Central**.

CML is pleased to be partnering with Maryland State Library to present the 2019 Annual CML/Trustees Meeting. The event will be held at Enoch Pratt Free Library Central, which is completing a multi-year, \$115 million renovation this fall that involved detailed attention to historic preservation, restoring the magnificent features of the iconic library built in 1933, while effectively addressing new service demands.

Maryland State Librarian, Irene Padilla, will begin the day with an update on MSL activities.

The morning program will focus on the Changing Roles of Libraries and the challenges and opportunities those roles present.

Keynote speakers will be:

- **Heidi Daniel**, CEO/President, EPFL
- **John Szabo**, City Librarian, Los Angeles (LA Public is the subject of Susan Orlean's bestselling, *The Library Book*.)
- **Siobhan Reardon**, CEO/President, Free Library of Philadelphia
- **Mary Baykan**, Director, Washington County, will moderate a panel discussion, bring rural library perspective and handle Q&A.

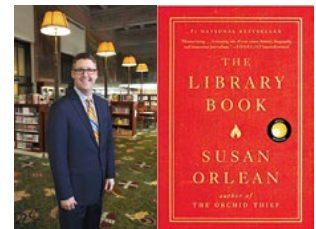
Following a brief CML Annual Meeting and lunch, the afternoon will be devoted to a tour of the newly renovated space.

The event is free. Registration will open on June 1 at <https://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/>

We hope you can join us!!



DANIEL



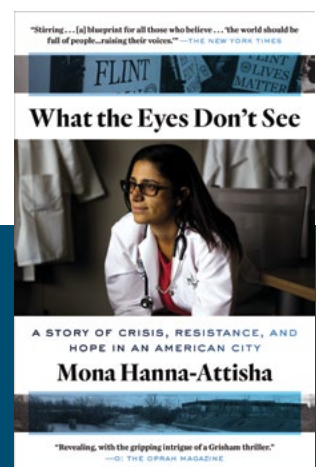
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REARDON

One Maryland One Book

Maryland Humanities recently announced that *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City*, by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha has been selected as the 2019 One Maryland One Book. Dr. Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician, knew that her scientific results were accurate and the rising blood levels of lead in Flint's children were real. Her efforts to expose the risk and advocate for safe drinking water were met with apathy and then attempts to discredit her. *What the Eyes Don't See* reveals how misguided austerity policies and callous bureaucratic indifference placed an entire city at risk.



"A clarion call to live a life of purpose."
—*The Washington Post*

To learn more about One Maryland One Book and follow events being planned this year, visit <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/>.

Library Capital Grant Program Continues to Enhance

Public library new construction and renovation projects throughout the state continue to flourish thanks to The County Library Capital Grant Program, administered by the Maryland State Library. Funded projects underway in FY 2019 include:

North East Library

The Cecil County Public Library will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on May 11, 2019 for the new 45,000 SF North East Branch. The facility will replace the existing 2,800 SF North East Library and provide comprehensive 21st century services to the rapidly growing area.

30,000 SF will be public library space and 15,000 SF will house the library's administrative headquarters. Administrative headquarters currently occupies 4,700 SF of the 24,500 SF Elkton Central Library, restricting space for both the public and administrative operations that support the library system.

BCWH Architects of Richmond, VA and Tappé Architects of Boston will work together to design the roughly \$18 million project, which is slated for completion in the fall of 2020. The two firms previously combined to design the Varina Library in Henrico County, Va., which won a 2017 American Institute of Architects/American Library Association National Building Award.

The population of the North East region is approximately 26,000 and is projected to grow to 35,000 by 2030.



Wheaton Branch

Montgomery County Public Libraries is nearing completion of the new 28,305 SF Wheaton Library, which will be in a shared facility with the Department of Recreation.

The building was designed by the award winning architectural firm, Grimm + Parker. Construction started in March 2017. The building is expected to open in the summer of 2019. The library is on one floor, and will feature collaboration rooms, a program room, teen area, and flexible space to meet the changing nature of library service. The restrooms and large meeting room will be shared between the two County agencies.



The original two-story Wheaton Library was constructed in 1962, and last renovated in 1985.



Calendar

June 20-25, 2019 – ALA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
<https://2019.alaannual.org/>

August 14-17, 2019 – Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference, Ocean City, MD
<http://www.mdcounties.org/353/Summer-2019>

Saturday, August 31, 2019 – Library of Congress National Book Festival, Washington Convention Center, <https://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>

October 20-26, 2019 – National Friends of Libraries Week
http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Annual Trustees/CML Conference, Central Library – Enoch Pratt Free Library

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