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Message from CML President

JOHN CARTY

As we head into the new year, it is a good time to look back and take stock of the events of the past year. Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) has enjoyed a year of exciting activity which bodes very well for the organization as we move into the new year. This was the year when we were truly able to expand our vision of reaching out to active citizen-based library support groups and to local government officials. When we did our strategic planning exercise, we came out with two imperatives: (1) Demonstrate the value in being a member of CML, and (2) Put the “C” in CML, that is, increase the participation of citizens who are not library professionals. We decided to show value and begin our outreach by holding a conference on advocacy for Friends and Trustees. We held the conference in October, and it was a huge success. A slate of high powered speakers, including State Senator Richard Madaleno; Beth Nawalinski, Deputy Director of United for Libraries; and Valerie Tripp, author of the American Girl series, did a great job educating the attendees on topics ranging from effective communication with legislators to insights into issues facing the library community. The energy and enthusiasm from the event were contagious and established a strong base from which to build for the coming year.

Our other initiative has been the new Outstanding Library Employee Award program. This is a state-wide competitive process which has brought forth a lot of very strong nominations, which speak to the outstanding quality, relevance and impact of the service provided by the staff of Maryland libraries. Every one of these outstanding people is making strong contributions to their communities on a daily basis. We are making a point of presenting these awards in public settings such as county council meetings so that we can give public recognition to these terrific people and at the same time ensure that those who provide funding for libraries see firsthand that Maryland libraries are providing relevant services which have a strong positive impact on their communities.

The next major CML event will be our annual meeting which is being held concurrently with the Maryland Library Association’s Legislative Day on February 3, 2016. This is a focused opportunity to interact with state legislators and their staff in an environment where support for Maryland Libraries is the primary topic. I encourage everyone to come out for this event. There is strength in numbers, and nothing says “We Care!” like having voters like you show up. I want to welcome all of our new members and thank everyone who has contributed this year. Our challenge is to make the coming year even more successful and I am looking forward to carrying our message to the legislators in February.

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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CML Events & Activities

CML Annual Business Meeting

The CML Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, in the Anne Arundel County Law Library, 8 Church Street, #303. The CML Nominations Committee has prepared the following Slate of Officers and Members to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting. Terms will begin immediately.

President: John Carty
Vice President: Kristen Pironis
Treasurer: Stuart Ragland
Secretary: Pat Hofmann
Board Member: Jennifer Keats Curtis
Board Member: Martha Grahame
Board Member: Sandra Lombardo
Board Member: Karen Trennepohl

For candidate biographical information, go to www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/docs/nominations16.pdf

CML Award Nominations Sought

Each year CML presents three prestigious awards. Nominations are now being accepted for:

The Marion Satterthwaite Award in recognition of outstanding advocacy efforts for libraries
The Davis McCarn Award for innovative use of technological innovation to enhance library service
The Outstanding Library Employee Award to recognize a library staff member who has made exceptional contributions in the area of customer service

Nominations are now being accepted through March 1, 2016 at the CML website: www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org

Upcoming Events

January 7-12

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston

Saturday, January 23

10:00 am-1:00 pm – CML Board Meeting, iSchool, University of Maryland

Wednesday, February 3

Maryland Library Legislative Day, Annapolis. Events include:

8:00 am - Issues Review, Anne Arundel County Law Library, 8 Church Circle, #303

Delegation visits throughout the day

10:00 am - Library Day Proclamation presented in Senate and House Chambers

3:00 pm - CML Annual Meeting, Anne Arundel County Law Library

5:30 pm - Maryland Library Legislative Reception, Miller Senate Office Building

April 5-9

Public Library Association Conference, Denver

Saturday, April 30

Maryland Day, University of Maryland, College Park

May 2-3

ALA's National Library Legislative Day, Washington DC

May 4-6

Maryland Library Association/Delaware Library Association Annual Conference, Clarion Resort Hotel, Ocean City

Advocacy Tips: Next Steps for Library Supporters

By Pat Hofmann, Secretary, CML

Thank you to all those who attended the Maryland Libraries Matter Conference on September 19, 2015. The CML Board was pleased to have a great turnout and to meet so many enthusiastic library advocates. We all love our libraries, and we can all spread the word about our effective and excellent Maryland libraries! You may wonder, what you can do right now to help Maryland libraries. Here are three next steps:

1. First, if you haven't sent a hand written thank you note to Senator Richard Madaleno, please do so. It is not too late. Here is his contact info:

The Honorable Richard Madaleno
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Senator Madaleno was generous with his time, and his 10 Tips for Effective Advocacy are the best advice for us! See them at: www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org

2. Next, take a look at Engage: <http://cqrcengage.com/alamd/>. Engage is a service that makes it easy for you to contact your elected officials. At times, there is a specific reason to be in touch with your delegates and senators. This may be during the legislative session when there is a bill to support. For now, take a look at the site. Enter your zip code to find your elected officials. There is a lot of information readily available. Then you may subscribe to the mailing list. If you do that, you will receive emails when there is a recommended action to take.

3. Third, plan to attend Legislative Day in Annapolis on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Events will include a proclamation for Library Day in the House and Senate, visits to elected officials, the CML Annual Meeting and the Maryland Library Legislative Reception.

"Libraries offer, for free, the wisdom of the ages - and sages - and, simply put, there's something for everyone inside." Laura Bush, Former First Lady of the United States

From Top: Libraries Matter Conference; MD Senator Richard Madaleno; Beth Nawalinski, United for Libraries; Valerie Tripp, American Girls author.



State Shares Preview of FY 14 Maryland Public Libraries Statistics

Although the Division of Library Development and Services has not yet released the Maryland Public Library Statistics FY 14 report, they did give *The Citizen* a summary for this publication. During Fiscal Year 2014 (July, 1, 2013-June 30, 2014), Maryland Public libraries were busy places as reflected in this preview:

Per capita funding statewide: \$47.14

(This compares to \$44.67 in FY 13)

Staff: 3,375

Librarians with MLS: 665

Library Associates: 704

Registered borrowers: 3,491,938

Library Visits: 27,793,912

Circulation: 59,026,829

Collection:

Print Books: 12,776,928

Ebooks: 74,480

Library Programs: 64,185

Program Attendance: 1,789,050

Information Transactions: 8,640,139

Public Access Computer: 4,858

Public Access Computer Uses: 6,269,848

When the FY 14 Statistical Report is released,
it will be on the Sailor Network at

<http://www.sailor.lib.md.us/links/?id=56870>

We are very proud of CML Board members who are holding prominent roles within the American Library Association:

Susan Schmidt

Susan Schmidt is the 2015-2016 vice president/president elect for United for Libraries. She has served on ALA Council and is currently the United for Libraries Division councilor. She served as president, secretary and a member of the board of directors for Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (the organization that preceded United for Libraries). For many years she has helped to coordinate "Nuts and Bolts for Friends, Trustees, and Foundations" at the ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences. Schmidt has also been a member and workshop leader for the Advocacy Training Subcommittee of the Committee on Library Advocacy and a member of the Library Advocacy NOW Subcommittee. "I am honored to be chosen as the president-elect of the ALA division that supports and encourages the many library volunteers - friends and trustees - who work tirelessly for our libraries," said Schmidt. "This is an exciting and challenging time for public, academic and private libraries across our country and United for Libraries will be at the forefront." Susan is a Media Assistant at Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda. Susan also planned and coordinated the successful CML Friends Matter Conference in September.

Joe Thompson

Joe Thompson is the immediate past president of ALA's RUSA (Reference and User Services Association). Asked why he serves on the RUSA Board, Joe noted it, "is the one division across all of ALA where members from all types of libraries come together around the common purpose of helping people; that help comes in many different forms. We are eager to share our experience through webinars, great programs, recommended resources and best practices documents. It's that altruism of our members that I love: our members enjoy what they do and they want to share their experience so that others can benefit." Joe is the Senior Administrator for Public Service at Harford County Public Library.

James A. Partridge Award Presented to Wayne Crocker

By Diane Barlow

The James A. Partridge Award for 2015 was presented to Wayne Crocker, Director of the Petersburg (Virginia) Public Library, on October 23, 2015. The Partridge Award was established jointly in 1998 by Citizens for Maryland Libraries and the College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, Maryland's iSchool. The award honors African-American information professionals whose vital contributions are often not publicly recognized.

James Partridge, then Director of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, was the first recipient of the Outstanding African American Information Professional Award, as it was then called. He died soon after receiving the honor, and the award was renamed in his memory. An award winner must, like James Partridge, exemplify the highest ideals of the library/information profession, including career-long dedicated service, leadership, and a commitment to the empowerment of those whom they serve.

Wayne Crocker is a graduate of Virginia State University, holds an MLS from Atlanta University, and has been a librarian for 36 years, almost all at Petersburg library, the same library where he began as a page. While he has many accomplishments as library director, his signature achievement is the new Petersburg Public Library, a striking 45,000 square foot structure of brick and glass that is a hub for the Petersburg community. The new building, which opened in 2014, replaced the 1885 residence that was the library's former home.

Unsuccessful in obtaining public funds to build the new library, Mr. Crocker worked with citizens to form a foundation to realize the dream. Robert Walker, Foundation Board chair said, "Wayne provided a vision and leadership to see this project through....His perseverance and dream made this library happen." Mr. Crocker's vision of a facility that would serve the community from children to adults while meeting



Brian Butler, Interim Dean of the iSchool with Partridge Award recipients Simmona Simmons (1999), Wayne Crocker (2015), and Michelle Hamiel (2012).

strict standards for renewable, clean energy are realized in the new building which includes a healthy family fitness center and is LEED certified. The American Public Works Association (APWA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter selected the Petersburg Library recognition as a Works Project of the Year.

Mr. Crocker is very active in his community through involvement with the United Way, Concerned Black Men, Southside Community Partners Advisory Council, and other organizations. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and is a member of the American Library Association, Virginia Library Association, and the Virginia Public Library Directors Association. He co-chaired the Fourth and Fifth National Conferences of African American Librarians.

During the April 2014 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new building, Wayne Crocker said "If I can help some child read on grade level or any adult read on any level, then any contribution I had to making this library happen will not be in vain."

Maryland Libraries and the University of Maryland iSchool: A Partnership for Vibrant, Healthy Communities

By Brian Butler, Interim Dean

Libraries are important parts of their communities, where new ideas are explored and learning happens across generations. They build connections, bringing together people and organizations. Libraries are essential to vibrant, healthy communities.

Over the past 50 years the University of Maryland College of Information Studies (UMD's iSchool) has been an important part of the Maryland Library community. Though educational, research, and outreach programs the iSchool works to encourage innovation within Maryland libraries.

The recently released Re-Envisioning the MLS report, prepared by John Bertot and others on the iSchool MLS team, identifies areas such as change management, advocacy, education, and emerging technologies as critical for the future of libraries and librarianship. Building on input from library leaders and professionals throughout the region, this widely acclaimed effort, presents a roadmap for preparing library and information professionals that will serve Maryland communities in the future.

In addition to our full degree programs, the iSchool now offers a growing collection of certificates and non-degree experiences to equip library and information professionals with new technologies, information sources, and techniques to better meet their communities' needs.



Through the iSchool's Masters of Information Management (MIM) and Human Computer Interaction Masters (HCIM) programs, we educate information professionals that work with entrepreneurial startups, technology firms, government agencies, and multinational corporations. The B.S. in Information Science, which will begin in Fall of 2016, will introduce information management concepts to the next generation of students who will take that knowledge and apply it in an increasingly diverse array of professions, organizations, and communities.

UMD's iSchool has a long, and continuing history of offering innovation educational programs, conducting ground-breaking research, and facilitating inclusive partnerships. Building on these traditions we look forward to working with you to strengthen Maryland Libraries and through them enable vibrant healthy communities throughout the state, the nation, and the world.

For more information about opportunities to work with the UMD iSchool, please contact Brian Butler, iSchool Professor and Interim Dean, at bsbutler@umd.edu.

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 is Good News for School Libraries

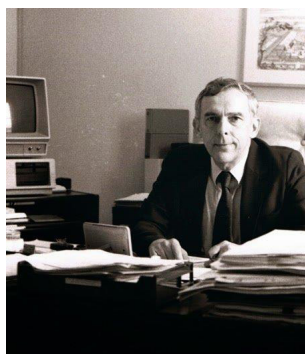
In December 2015, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. Under Title I of the new law, local school systems are required to develop an effective school library program to provide students the opportunity to develop digital literacy skills and improve academic achievement. New provisions throughout the law repeatedly refer to the need to provide effective school library programs to help meet education goals.

In Memoriam

We say farewell to two remarkable men whose longstanding commitment and stellar work improved libraries in Maryland

Maynard Kiplinger “Kip” Hine, Jr.

Maynard Kiplinger (Kip) Hine, Jr., died unexpectedly at his home in Lusby, Maryland, on December 27, 2015. Mr. Hine was the sitting President of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries and had served on the Calvert Library Board of Trustees for 20 years, and the Southern Maryland Regional Library Board for 12 years. Through his leadership roles, he helped to significantly enhance library services in Maryland. Mr. Hine completed his undergraduate education at Oberlin University and Indiana University. Prior to retiring to Lusby, Maryland in 1991, he had a distinguished career of more than 30 years as an engineer and administrator at the Department of Defense.



Dr. Claude Walston

Claude Walston, Professor Emeritus, and former Dean of the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, and 2015 recipient of CML's Davis McCarn Award, passed away on November 3, 2015. Dr. Walston designed the school's first technology courses and taught basic and advanced technology courses to librarians for 20 years. He served as chair of the Maryland Governor's Conferences on Libraries and was a representative to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science in 1991. He was chair of the State Library Network and Cooperative Program Committee, which developed the Sailor Network.

2015 Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy Grant Awarded to Joppa Branch, Harford County Public Library

The Joppa Branch of the Harford County Public Library was awarded the 2015 Mary Lou Dewey Grant. The \$500 grant will support the creation of an interactive art wall, designed by elementary school children and used to display children's artwork throughout the school year. The interactive features planned for the wall include a magnetic white board for building poems with magnetic poetry, an area for post-it-note art, and an area for sketches and photos as part of a mural. The interactive components will change frequently to keep children excited about the wall. The library will host a reception for the three area elementary schools to celebrate their students' artwork. This project will provide an attractive focal point in a formerly plain and underutilized area of the library, and increase interest and community involvement in the arts.

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
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Yes, I would like to contribute \$_____ to support:

_____ **Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund**

_____ **James Partridge Award**

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

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