

OCTOBER 2025 ISSUE

THE HAPPENINGS



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LETTER FROM THE MLA OFFICE STAFF

Welcome to October's edition of *The Happenings*! This fall brings an exciting lineup of opportunities for Maryland's library professionals.

MLA Chats return with two powerful discussions: ***Banned Books Week - An Interview with Author Sandra Mitchell (October 8)*** who relocated to Maryland for our "Freedom to Read" protections, and ***Native American Heritage Month with Hope Khodaei (November 6)***, exploring celebration without appropriation.

This month's programming showcases our community's creativity and commitment to important conversations. ***FOLIG's Things from Future Libraries workshop (October 2)*** promises an imaginative exploration of tomorrow's library innovations.

YSD celebrates literacy with their ***Black-Eyed Susan Tapestry Fall Edition (October 16)***, focusing on picture books and children's nonfiction. And MIG presents ***The Heart of the Library: Understanding Cataloging's Role and Its Historical Roots (October 22)***.

Mark your calendars for the **2026 MLA|DLA conference proposal deadline on October 17**. This is your chance to shape next year's premier professional development event.

Finally, don't miss **the Crab submission deadline on Monday, October 6**. We're eager to feature news about your programs, events, and the incredible work happening across our state's libraries.

Warm regards,
Maryland Library Association

Join us for MLA Chats

MLA Chats is a virtual forum where MLA members can participate in a facilitated discussion on topics impacting their work and librarianship in general.

These events are free to MLA members. You must be logged into your MLA Account to register.

MLA Chats: Banned Books Week – Interview with Author Saundra Mitchell

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

October's session will be an interview with Author Saundra Mitchell who moved to Maryland because of our "Freedom to Read" law, but is now facing book ban challenges in our state. This session will be facilitated by Jayne Walters from Anne Arundel County Public Libraries.

[Register »](#)

MLA Chats: Native American Heritage Month – Celebration Without Appropriation

**Thursday, November 6, 2025
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

November's session will be a discussion with Hope Khodaei from the Piscataway Conoy Tribe about celebration without appropriation. This session will be facilitated by Precious Abujana from Prince George's County Memorial Library System and Emily Levine from the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

[Register »](#)

MLA | DLA Annual Conference

May 6-8, 2026

Cambridge, Maryland

The call for program proposals is now open for the 2026 MLA|DLA Annual Conference! This year's theme **"Our Stories, Our Shelves"** celebrates the power of stories in our communities and the library collections that reflect those communities.

[Program Proposal Form »](#)

Submission Deadline:
October 17, 2025

Want to be included in planning for the Conference?

Reach out to the 2026
Conference Chair, Paula
Mitchell at:

md.la.conference@gmail.com.

FOLIG PRESENTS

**Things from Future Libraries:
An Interactive Workshop****Thursday, October 2, 2025****2:30 - 4:00 p.m.***Abingdon Library
2510 Tollgate Road
Abingdon, MD 21009*

We're taking an imaginative deep dive into the future of libraries! In this interactive workshop, you'll transform everyday objects into visionary "artifacts" from libraries yet to come.

Whatever wild future you imagine for libraries, this hands-on experience will sharpen your design-thinking, ignite your creativity, and connect you with others who are working to shape what's next for libraries.

Program Facilitator:

Tracy Miller, Branch Manager, Harford County Public Library and Chair of the Future of Libraries Interest Group

Attendees will receive 3 contact hours at the end of the event.

Program Pricing:**Members:** \$25**Non-members:** \$37.50**Student, Retired, Unemployed,
or Friend:** \$12.50

[Register on mdlib.org.](https://mdlib.org)



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YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTS:

**Black-Eyed Susan Tapestry (BEST)
2025—The Fall Edition****Thursday, October 16, 2025 |****9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Online via Zoom.

[Register on mdlib.org.](https://mdlib.org/register)

Love talking about books? Join us for BEST 2025—The Fall Edition, a celebration of Picture Books and Children's Nonfiction. Learn about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and participate, via Zoom, in a half day of small group discussions of some of the 2025-2026 Picture Book and Juvenile Nonfiction nominees.

Program check-in begins at 9:25am, and the program will start at 9:30am. There will be two discussion groups, meeting twice, so you can attend both sessions.

David LaRochelle, author of *Mr. Fox's Game of No!*, will be our keynote speaker.



Please read all the titles for each group.

Group 1 - Picture Books

- LaRochelle, David; Wohnoutka (illus.) —*Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"*
- Long, Loren—*The Yellow Bus*
- MacLean, Roz—*More Than Words: So Many Ways to Say What We Mean*
- Saltzberg, Barney—*A Delicious Story*
- Stead, Philip; Cordell, Matthew (illus.) —*Every Dog in the Neighborhood*

Group 2 - Grades 6-12

- Ævar Pór Benediktsson; Wilson, Anne (illus.)—*Stranded! A Mostly True Story from Iceland*
- Lanan, Jessica—*Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider*
- Larsen, Andrew; Vidal, Oriol (illus.)—*Gifts from the Garbage Truck: A True Story About the Things We (Don't) Throw Away*
- Savage, Chloe—*The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish*
- Taylor, Helen; Lewis, Stevie (illus.)—*How to Eat in Space*

This program has been approved for **4 contact hours** of continuing education for attendees. Group discussion leaders will receive **7 contact hours!** If you would like to be a group discussion leader, or if you have any questions, contact [Joe Farmarco](#) or [Noel Knepper](#).

Program Pricing:**Members:** \$30**Non-members:** \$45**Student, Retired, Unemployed,
or Friend:** \$15

MATERIALS INTEREST GROUP PRESENTS:

**The Heart of the Library:
Understanding Cataloging's Role
and Its Historical Roots****Wednesday, October 22, 2025 |
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.***Online via Zoom.***[Register on mdlib.org.](#)****Have you been given cataloging
duties? Do you want to start?**

This practical session (with a touch of theory) will cover the basic building blocks of cataloging and should leave you feeling more confident and ready to catalog! This session is also good for front-facing staff to understand how the catalog can work for you.

Presenter: Lynn Gates - L.E. Phillips
Memorial Public Library

**Attendees will receive 1 contact hour at
the end of the event.**

Program Cost:**Members:** \$12.50**Non-members:** \$18.75**Student, Retired, Unemployed,
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Registration Deadline: Monday, October
20, 2025

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Free Dyslexia Summit



**Zoom Event | October 16, 2025
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST**

Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects the way the brain processes written language, making reading, spelling, and writing more challenging. This lifelong condition impacts up to one in five individuals, regardless of intelligence, background, or educational opportunity. These challenges can influence academic success, workplace performance, and even everyday tasks, such as reading instructions or any written communication.

This Summit brings together leading educators and librarians serving the disability community to share the latest research and introduce new resources.

This program is free and open to the public. The Summit will be available via Zoom Webinar and livestreamed on the [Maryland State Library Agency's YouTube Channel](#).

Presentations Include:

- Comorbidities and Challenges
- Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBDP)
- Assistive Technology Showcase
- Dyslexia Strengths
- Advocacy

Find more information and register:
<https://bit.ly/DyslexiaSummit25>

Event Contact:

Ashley.Biggs1@maryland.gov

410-230-2430

lbdp.maryland.gov

If you have accessibility needs for the day of the program, we want to ensure you have a smooth and inclusive experience. Contact ashley.biggs1@maryland.gov to confirm your registration and share any specific accommodation requests.

Speakers and Sponsors



Division, Caucus, Committee, Panel, and Interest Group Meetings

OCTOBER 2025

- 1 BCMLA | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Genive Purchase at gpurchase@prattlibrary.org.

Intellectual Freedom Panel | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
 Contact Lloyd Jansen at ljansen@ccplonline.org.

Legislative Panel | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Liz Sundermann at lsundermann@prattlibrary.org.
- 2 Library Advocacy Interest Group | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
 Contact Tif Sutherland at tiffany.sutherland@calvertlibrary.info

Support Staff Division | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Carroll County Public Library, Exploration Commons
 Contact Maria Jacobs at limepperl@bcpl.net

Sustainability Interest Group | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
 Contact Nicole Bega at nbega@stmalib.org
- 3 Readers' Advisory Interest Group | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Meg Faller at meg.faller@calvertlibrary.info
- 4-5 MLA at the Edgar Allen Poe Festival | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
Poppleton neighborhood, Baltimore
 Contact Danielle Voelker at dvoelker@mdlib.org
- 6 Future of Libraries Interest Group | 10:00 a.m.**
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org

Youth Services Division | 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
 Contact Karen Earp at kearp@wicomico.org
- 14 Conference Social Committee | 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.**
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Catherine Wimberley at catherine.wimberley@newcastlede.gov
- 15 Conference Committee | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Paula Mitchell at pmitchell@prattlibrary.org

Steering Committee Meeting | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Joshua Stone at mlaexec@mdlib.org
- 16 Marketing Committee | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
 Contact Alyssia Gilmore at gilmore@hcplonline.org

EDI Panel | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom.
 Contact William Wallace at wwallace@wicomico.org
- 27 ACRL-MD | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
 Contact Gaby Messinger at gmessinger@ubalt.edu

LGBTQ+ Interest Group | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
 Contact Shannon Carney at scarney@bcpl.net

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NOVEMBER 2025

- 3 Future of Libraries Interest Group | 10:00 a.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.
- 5 BCMLA | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Genive Purchase at gpurchase@prattlibrary.org.
- Legislative Panel | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Liz Sundermann at lsundermann@prattlibrary.org.
- 6 Library Advocacy Interest Group | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Tif Sutherland at tiffany.sutherland@calvertlibrary.info.
- 10 Youth Services Division | 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.**
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Contact Catherine Wimberley at catherine.wimberley@newcastlede.gov.
- 12 Materials Interest Group | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Laura Bandoch at bandoch@hcplonline.org.
- 13 Leadership Development Division | 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Ana Carroll at agcarroll@bcpl.net.
- 19 Conference Committee | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Paula Mitchell at pmitchell@prattlibrary.org.
- Executive Advisory Board | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Miller Branch, Howard County Library System
Contact Joshua Stone at mlaexec@mdlib.org.
- 20 Marketing Committee | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
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Contact William Wallace at wwallace@wicomico.org.
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Online via Zoom.
Contact Gaby Messinger at gmessinger@ubalt.edu.
- LGBTQ+ Interest Group | 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Shannon Carney at scarney@bcpl.net.

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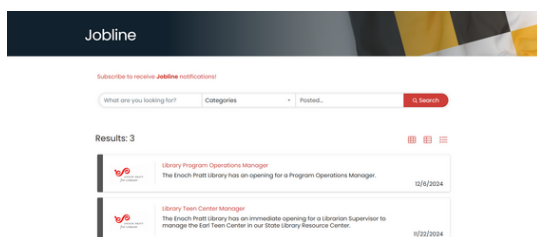
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