MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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THE HAPPENINGS



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LETTER FROM THE MLA OFFICE STAFF

Hello and Happy November!

As the cool weather settles in, we here at MLA are eagerly looking ahead to a roster full of events, opportunities, and celebrations!

We invite all of our members to join us in celebrating **National Native American Heritage Month**. Read on for resources and more ways to get involved!

Library staff: get excited! The **Maryland Library Leadership Institute (MLLI)** has officially opened applications for the 2027 session! The deadline to apply is November 16th, so if you're interested, read on to learn more!

Coming up in December: the **Adult Programming Unconference**! This in-person event will take place in-person on December 8th and offers a great opportunity to discuss adult programming with staff from around the state. The deadline to register is November 24th.

Finally, a reminder the MLA's office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th. Thank you, as always, for your support and engagement--we appreciate you all!

Best Wishes,
The MLA Team



Native American Heritage Month

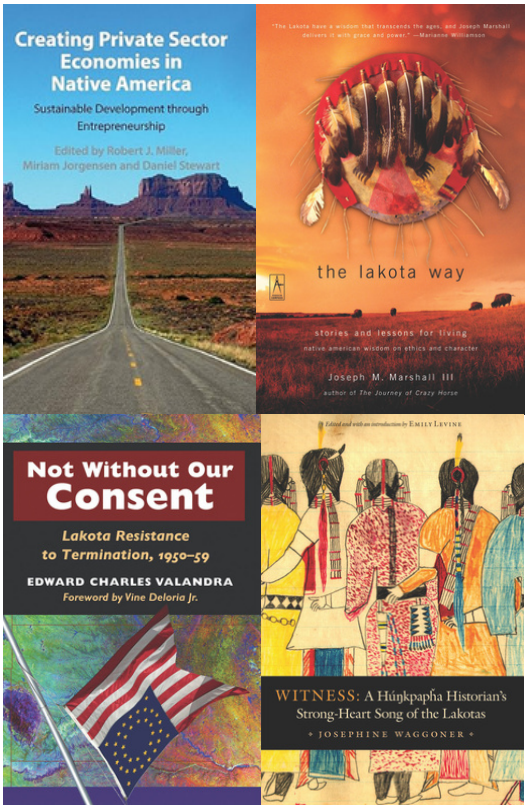
Celebrate this year's National Native American Heritage Month by doing what librarians do best: read, learn, and share!

Organizations and Institutes:

First Nations Development Institute
Association of American Indian Affairs
National Congress of American Indians
American Library Association
The Smithsonian

Resources for Suggested Readings

First Nations' Staff Picks
Children's Literature Recommend Reading
#NativeReads
Tribal Lands Conservation (TLC) Fund Reading List





Maryland Library Leadership Institute

Applications for the 2027 Maryland Library Leadership Institute (MLLI) cohort are now open!

The Nettie B. Taylor Maryland Library Leadership Institute (MLLI) is a dynamic week-long program tailored to meet the needs of library workers from libraries of all types who want to develop their confidence in several essential areas of leadership, including DEI-based leadership, communication, advocacy, and emotional intelligence.

The 2027 MLLI Cohort is scheduled for March 21st - 26th and will be held at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD.

Application Deadline: November 16th, 2026

Learn more here >> https://www.mdlib.org/nettie-b-taylor-maryland-library-leadership-institute/

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Adult Programming Unconference

Have you had great adult programs at your library that you'd love to share? Are you looking for new ideas? Do you want to talk to other librarians about what makes a successful adult program? Come discuss adult programming in a flexible, conversational format with staff from around the state.

Deadline to register: 11/24/2026
Location: 2510 Tollgate Road Abingdon MD 21009
Learn more and register >>
https://marylandlibraryassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/NaFQ94mSYCaCm

The Unconference format depends on you, so come ready to share your ideas and participate in discussion! Sign-in will open at 12:30. Bring your own lunch and join in on networking before the program, which will begin promptly at 1:00. The registration deadline for this event is 11/24/2026!



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

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2 **Assoc. of College & Research Libraries | 2pm - 4pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact Gaby Messinger at
gmessinger@ubalt.edu

4 **BCMLA | 1pm - 2pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact Chelsea Shockley at
cshockle@prattlibrarby.org

18 **Conference Committee | 10am - 12pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact Mike Kiel at
skiel@ubalt.edu

10 **Conference Social Committee | 10:30am - 11:30am**
Online via Zoom
Contact Jo Powers at
jpowers@tcfl.org

25 **Emerging Adult Interest Group | 1pm - 2pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact Tisha Chakraborty at
tishac@wicomico.org

19 **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Panel | 11am - 12pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact William Wallace at
wwallace@wicomico.org

18 **Executive Board & Advisory Council | 1pm - 3pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact Joshua Stone
atmlaexec@mdlib.org

2 **Future of Libraries Interest Group | 10am - 11am**
Online via MLA Connect
Contact Tracy Miller at
millert@hcploneline.org

12 **Leadership Development Division | 1:30pm - 3pm**
Online via Zoom
Contact Rachel Miller at
rmiller@bcpl.net

16 **LGBTQ+ Interest Group | 2pm - 3pm**
Online via MLA Connect
Contact Shannon Carney at
scarney@bcpl.net

5 **Library Advocacy Interest Group | 10am - 11am**
Online via MLA Connect
Contact Tif Sutherland at
tiffany.sutherland@calvertlibrary.info

4 **Materials Interest Group | 3pm - 4pm**
Online via MLA Connect
Contact Laura Bandoch at
bandoch@hcplonline.org

9 **Youth Services Division | 2pm - 3pm**
Online via MLA Connect
Contact Dwyn Griffin at
dwyn.griffin@pgcmls.info

Something Missing?

Is your group's meeting information in need of updating?

Does the group lead or contact information for your group need to changed?

Are you a new group that would like your meeting and contact information listed here?

Contact us at mla@mdlib.org!

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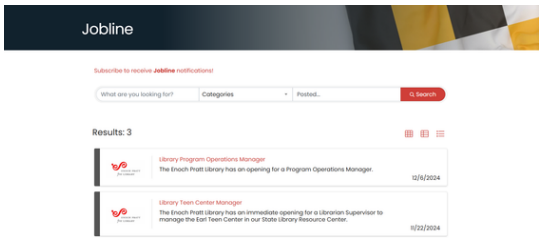
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