

AUGUST 2025 ISSUE

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LETTER FROM THE MLA OFFICE STAFF

As we round out the summer, we have two professional development programs plus our regularly scheduled member group meetings coming your way.

From envisioning tomorrow's libraries to celebrating today's best children's books, we're highlighting two valuable opportunities to learn and connect with library colleagues across Maryland.

Things from Future Libraries: An Interactive Workshop takes place **Thursday, October 2, 2025 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.** Join us for this 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.

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

Join us via Zoom for this celebration of the 2025-2026 nominees for Picture Books and Children's Nonfiction, featuring David LaRochelle, author of *Mr. Fox's Game of No!*, as keynote speaker.

Mark your calendars and join the conversation—both in our programs and member group discussions throughout the fall.

Warm regards,
Maryland Library Association

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**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.

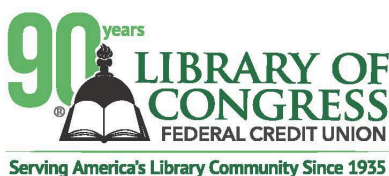
Program Pricing:**Members:** \$25**Non-members:** \$37.50**Student, Retired, Unemployed,
or Friend:** \$12.50

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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.**

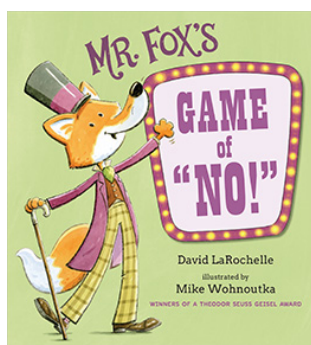
Online via Zoom.

[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 Þór 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

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

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Future of Libraries Interest Group | 10:00 a.m.*Online via Zoom.*

Contact Tracy Miller at
millert@hcplonline.org.

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Intellectual Freedom Panel | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.*Online via MLA Connect.*

Contact Lloyd Jansen at
ljansen@ccplonline.org.

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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.*Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled*

Contact Lou Sica at
lsica@bcpl.net

Sustainability Interest Group | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.*Online via MLA Connect.*

Contact Nicole Bega at
nbega@stmalib.org.

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Youth Services Division | 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.*Online via MLA Connect.*

Contact Karen Earp at
kearp@wicomico.org.

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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.

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Outreach Services Interest Group | 2:00 p.m.*Online via Zoom.*

Contact Sabine Simonson at
ssimonson@tcfl.org.

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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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RAIG Social | 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*Daniela Pasta and Pastries.*

Contact Meg Faller at
meg.faller@calvertlibrary.info

Division, Caucus, Committee, Panel, and Interest Group Meetings**SEPTEMBER 2025****3****BCMLA | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.***Online via Zoom.*

Contact Genive Purchase at

gpurchase@prattlibrary.org**4****Library Advocacy Interest Group |****10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.***Online via MLA Connect.*

Contact Tif Sutherland at

tiffany.sutherland@calvertlibrary.info**8****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**10****Materials Interest Group | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.***Online via MLA Connect.*

Contact Laura Bandoch at

bandoch@hcplonline.org**11****Leadership Development Division | 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.***Online via Zoom.*

Contact Ana Carroll at

agcarroll@bcpl.net**Adult Services and Reference Division | 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon***Sollers Point Branch of BCPL & MLA Connect*

Contact Sara Szymanski at

sszymanski@carr.org**Maryland Adult Programming Interest Group | 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon***Sollers Point Branch of BCPL & MLA Connect*

Contact Lisa Swain at

lsswain@bcpl.net**17****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.***Online via Zoom.*

Contact Joshua Stone at

mlaexec@mdlib.org**29****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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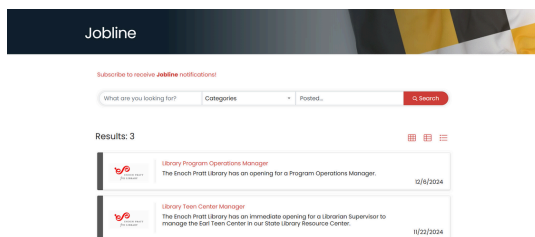
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