

MAY 2026 ISSUE

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LETTER FROM THE MLA OFFICE STAFF

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Cambridge last week for the 2026 MLA|DLA Annual Conference! It was so wonderful to see so many of you in-person and to celebrate the library community together. We hope you left feeling inspired and recharged.

The results are in for our Leadership Development Division Vice President special election! Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot. Your participation is what keeps MLA moving forward. Keep reading to see who will be stepping into this role.

There's a lot to look forward to in June! On **Wednesday, June 3rd, *Beyond Colleagues & Coworkers: Creating Sustainable Communities for Library Workers*** invites us to think deeply about how we support one another in this profession — and how to build connections that truly last.

On **Thursday, June 11th, *Removing Barriers and Identifying Resources For Our Communities*** will focus on serving immigrant communities and strengthening partnerships across your broader community.

And rounding out the month, **Thursday, June 18th** brings ***How to Effectively Manage Organizational Change***, a timely professional development session for anyone navigating transition, whether you're leading the charge or along for the ride.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming programs!

Warm regards,
The MLA Office

MLA Elections – Special Election Update!

The Maryland Library Association is pleased to announce the results of this year's board elections! We extend our congratulations to the newly elected members who will begin their terms in July 2026 for the 2026–27 fiscal year, and a sincere thank you to all members who participated by casting their votes.

The results have been updated to include the the results of the Leadership Development Division Vice President election.

Please join us in welcoming the following individuals to their new leadership roles:

MLA Vice President/President Elect:

Ashley Teagle

MLA Secretary:

Paul Chasen

ALA Councilor:

Joe Thompson

ACRL-MD Vice President:

Tachalla Ferris

ACRL-MD Secretary:

Jennifer Martin

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Vice President:**

Tina Deifallah

**Adult Services & Reference Division
Secretary:**

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Alyssia Gilmore

BCMLA Secretary:

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Support Staff Division Vice President:

Jill Murphy

Support Staff Division Secretary:

Albina Schafert

Youth Services Division Vice President:

Karen Earp

Youth Services Division Secretary:

Jessica Letizia

ACRL-MD PRESENTS:**Beyond Colleagues & Coworkers:
Creating Sustainable Communities
for Library Workers****Wednesday, June 3, 2026 |
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.****Location:**

*Discoveries: The Library at the Mall branch
of the Anne Arundel County Public Library
2550 Annapolis Mall Road
Annapolis, MD 21401 United States*

[Register on mdlib.org.](#)

***The registration deadline for this
program was May 20, 2026.***

No matter where we are in our career we still need guidance, support, and belonging. What better organization to facilitate that than Association of College and Research Libraries, Maryland Chapter (ACRL-MD)?!

This half-day workshop will provide you with the space and tools to foster community that is sustainable, equitable, and inclusive for library workers in their early, mid, or late career.

The program will begin with an engaging 'worknote' with Jen Lara, the inaugural Tig H. Krekel director of The Center for Coaching and Mentoring at the United States Naval Academy, and will provide structured activities to build community. Participants will leave with a community roadmap to continue connections beyond the event.

This program has been approved for **2.5 contact hours** of continuing education for attendees. Attendees must stay for the entire program to receive contact hours.

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

**ADULT SERVICES & REFERENCE DIVISION AND
OUTREACH SERVICES INTEREST GROUP PRESENT:**
**Removing Barriers and Identifying
Resources For Our Communities**

Thursday, June 11, 2026 |

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Elkridge Branch of the
Howard County Public Library
6540 Washington Blvd
Elkridge, MD 21075 United States*

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

**The registration deadline for this
program is June 2, 2026.**

Libraries are more than just books. We provide a wide variety of services to our customers, such as mobile hotspots, COVID test kits, passport services, and so much more. The first segment of our program, presented by Ben Hamilton, features Howard County Public Library's Project Literacy and how this program's four pathways support the immigrant community.

The second segment features Sarah Anderson, the Program and Outreach Manager for Community Engagement at the Charles County Public Library, and will showcase information about community partnerships and what they can provide for our patrons.

This program has been approved for **3 contact hours** of continuing education for attendees. Attendees must stay for the entire program to receive contact hours.

Program Pricing:

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$37.50

Student, Retired, or Friend

Memberships: \$12.50

SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION PRESENTS:
**How to Effectively Manage
Organizational Change**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 |

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Arbutus Branch of BCPL
855 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227*

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

Change is a fundamental component of any organization looking to continuously improve and evolve. Everyone handles change differently.

This program offers insight into how to navigate change for the organization and individuals. It will identify barriers and how to break them down.

This program has been approved for **2 contact hours** of continuing education for attendees. Attendees must stay for the entire program to receive contact hours.

Program Pricing:

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$37.50

**Student membership or retired
membership:** \$12.50

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

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**11 Youth Services Division |
11:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Jessica Letizia at
jletizia@bcpl.net.

**13 Materials Interest Group |
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Laura Bandoch at
bandoch@hcplonline.org.

**20 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
miaexec@mdlib.org.

**21 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 Emerging Adults Interest Group |
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Online via Zoom.
Contact Tisha Chakraborty at
tishac@wicomico.org.



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

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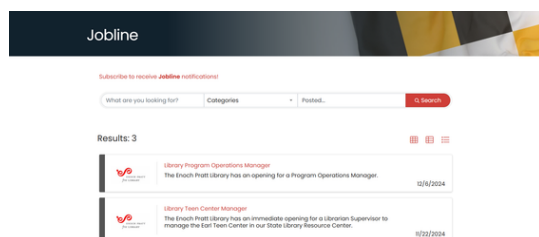
- 2 Readers' Advisory Interest Group Social Event | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Butterflies and Wishes - RSVP Required
Contact Meg Faller at meg.faller@calvertlibrary.info
- 3 BCMLA | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Genive Purchase at gpurchase@prattlibrary.org
- Intellectual Freedom Panel | 2:00 - 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
- 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
- Adult Services and Reference Division | 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon**
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Melissa Lauber at mлаuber@ccplonline.org
- 8 Youth Services Division | 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Jessica Letizia at jletizia@bcpl.net
- 11 Support Staff Division | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**
Catonsville Library of Baltimore County Public Library
Contact Maria Jacobs at imepperl@bcpl.net
- 16 MLA Leadership Orientation Day | 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Howard County Library Elkridge Branch
Contact Josh Stone at mлаexec@mdlib.org
- 17 Conference Committee Site Visit | 11:00 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 mлаexec@mdlib.org
- 18 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
- Sustainability Interest Group | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Nicole Hance at nhance@stmalib.org
- 22 ACRL-MD | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Gaby Messinger at gmessinger@ubalt.edu
- 24 Emerging Adults Interest Group | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
Online via Zoom.
Contact Tisha Chakraborty at tishac@wicomico.org

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VENDOR DIRECTORY

Showcase your company in this exclusive directory, accessible to the public at mdlib.org and to members in the Info Hub.

- \$300 Corporate Membership

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

Reach a wide audience with banner ads on the Maryland Library Association website.

- \$450 Large Banner Ad, 1 Year
- \$300 Medium Banner Ad, 1 Year
- \$120 Small Banner Ad, 1 Year

THE CRAB ADVERTISING

Advertise in our quarterly Crab newsletter that covers news, reports, articles, and events relevant to the library community.

- \$400 Full Page, 1 Year (4 Issues)
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- \$150 Full Page, Single Issue
- \$70 Half-Page, Single Issue



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- \$600 Full Page, 1 Year (12 Issues)
- \$350 Half-Page, 1 Year (12 Issues)
- \$95 Full Page, Single Issue
- \$50 Half-Page, Single Issue



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