

NOVEMBER 2025 ISSUE

THE HAPPENINGS



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LETTER FROM THE MLA OFFICE STAFF

Welcome to November's edition of *The Happenings*! As we move deeper into fall, we're grateful for the opportunity to connect with you and share what's ahead.

This month, we're excited to highlight an important conversation, **MLA Chats: Native American Heritage Month - Celebration without Appropriation (November 6)**, a conversation with Hope Khodaei of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe.

This event offers a valuable opportunity to explore meaningful ways to honor Native American Heritage Month in our libraries while ensuring our programming remains respectful and authentic. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be an enriching discussion.

We're also pleased to share that we received a very strong response to our call for conference proposals, and our conference committee is reviewing submissions. Presenters can expect to hear from us in December.

As we approach the holiday season, we encourage you to take this time for reflection and planning. Whether you're thinking about professional goals for the new year or simply taking a well-deserved breath, know that our community is here to support you.

Thank you for all you do to strengthen libraries across Maryland.

Warm regards,
Maryland Library Association

JOIN US FOR MLA CHATS:
Native American Heritage Month -
Celebration Without Appropriation

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

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.

November's session will be a discussion with Hope Khodaei from the Piscataway Conoy Tribe about celebration without appropriation. Hope is a Piscataway Woman and Citizen. She belongs to the Deer Clan.

Hope, whose native name is Mechesa "Spark of Flame," is an Environmental/Social/Racial Activist, Educator, playwright, and Singer. Her primary mission revolves around preserving the traditions of all Indigenous reshaping their global perception.

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

Thank you to everyone who submitted program proposals for the **2026 MLA|DLA Annual Conference**! The submission period is now closed, and we are currently reviewing all proposals.

We will reach out to presenters in December with next steps.

Want to be included in planning for the Conference?

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

[**md.la.conference@gmail.com**](mailto:md.la.conference@gmail.com)

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

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.
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Karen Earp at kearp@wicomico.org

11 Conference Social Committee | 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Online via Zoom.
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@mdl.org

20 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

24 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. - 3:15 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Shannon Carney at scarney@bcpl.net

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DECEMBER 2025

1 Future of Libraries Interest Group | 10:00 a.m.
Online via Zoom.
Contact Tracy Miller at millert@hcplonline.org.

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.

Sustainability Interest Group | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Nicole Bega at nbega@stmalib.org.

8 Youth Services Division | 11:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Online via MLA Connect.
Contact Karen Earp at kearp@wicomoco.org.

9 Conference Social Committee | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Online via Zoom.
Contact Catherine Wimberley at catherine.wimberley@newcastlede.gov.

11 Adult Services and Reference Division | 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Sollers Point Branch of BCPL and 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 and 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.

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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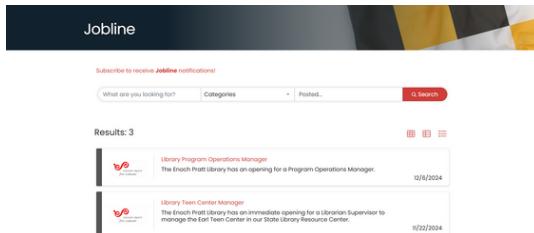
29 LGBTQ+ Interest Group | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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JOBLINE

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

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WEBSITE ADVERTISING

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

- \$450 *Large Banner Ad, 1 Year*
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THE CRAB ADVERTISING

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

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- \$150 *Full Page, Single Issue*
- \$70 *Half-Page, Single Issue*



THE HAPPENINGS ADVERTISING

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



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