

Minutes of the Maryland State Library Board

Friday, June 12, 2019

Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters

5 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Maryland State Library Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Albert Martin, Chair, Ms. Melissa Daggett, Ms. Heidi Daniel, Mr. Jim Fish, Ms. Laura Hicks, Ms. Sharon Maneki, Ms. Sharan Marshall, Mr. Wilson Parran, Mr. Joseph Thompson, Ms. Lynn Wheeler, Mr. Robert Windley, and Ms. Irene Padilla, State Librarian.

Dr. Brian Butler, Dr. Tamar Sarnoff and Ms. Jody Malmstrom were also present.

Mr. Martin, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the State Library Board of March 15, 2019 were considered. Ms. Marshall moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Fish seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

Executive Session

Ms. Marshall moved to meet in Executive Session. Mr. Parran seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

Pursuant to 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion by Ms. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. Parran, and with unanimous agreement, the Maryland State Library Board met in closed session on Friday, June 12, 2019 at 10:12 a.m. in the conference room of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters. All State Library Board members were present. Also in attendance were: Ms. Padilla, State Librarian and Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Malmstrom.

Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Malmstrom, provided legal advice related to compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The Executive Session ended at 10:35 a.m. Ms. Marshall moved to return to open session. Mr. Fish seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:40 a.m.

State Librarian's Update

Personnel Report

We have welcomed the following new staff: Taryn Tranby, Office Secretary, LBPH and Kevin Middleton, Computer Network Specialist. Positions pending hire include: The position of Director, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Maintenance Mechanic IV, LBPH, Finance Manager (new position, FY 2020), Management Associate, PLSNB (contractual conversion, FY 2020) and Management Associate, LBPH

MSL Headquarters

We continue to work with DGS on the design and construction of our new offices at 25 S. Charles (the old M&T Bank Building). We hope to be moved in by September.

State FY 2020 Operating Budget

The Maryland State Library FY 2020 Operating Budget was approved by the General Assembly in April 2019. As a reminder, the following changes were incorporated into the MSL FY 2020 budget allowance:

MSL will receive \$20,701 in general funds for HR services from the DBM Office of Personnel Services and Benefits (OPSB) through Shared Services. MSL will also receive two new regular positions in the FY 2020 budget, one Fiscal Services Officer and one Management Associate. As a result, one contractual position was eliminated. These positions account for \$108,000 in personnel expenses. Under the legislatively mandated formula, spending for the Public Library Aid Program increases by \$1.3 million based on a per capita increase from \$15.50 in fiscal 2019, to \$16.00 in fiscal 2020. Spending under the State Library Network Program increases by \$0.7 million, based on a per capita increase from \$1.77 in fiscal 2019, to \$1.81 in fiscal 2020 for SLRC, as well as an increase in the per capita grant from \$7.95 in fiscal 2019 to \$8.35 in fiscal 2020 for the three regional resource centers. The FY 2020 allowance for the Deaf Culture Digital Library is \$235,000. The FY 2020 allowance for the Enoch Pratt Free Library is \$3 million to increase operating hours. Finally, spending under the State Library Retirement Aid Program increases by \$1.3 million based on demographic and salary changes for employees.

Federal FY 2020 Budget

On May 8, 2019 the House Appropriations Committee approved its federal fiscal year 2020 funding bills, which contained a \$25 million increase for IMLS, including \$17 million for LSTA (exactly what was requested in the Dear Appropriator letter). The \$17 million increase is dedicated to the Grants to States program and would bring the minimum state allocation to the \$1 million recommended in the Museum and Library Services Act passed last year. Moreover, the House markup includes a \$2 million increase for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program, a Department of Education program which provides competitive grants to school libraries. This change would bring overall IMLS funding to \$267 million, LSTA funding up to \$206.3 million, and IAL to \$29 million. Senators Cardin & Van Hollen and Representatives Brown, Raskin, Ruppersberger, Sarbanes signed to both LSTA & IAL. Representative Cummings signed on only to LSTA. ALA is now working on targeted outreach to members of the

Senate Appropriations Committee and will continue to work closely with advocates in those key states.

FY 2020 Capital Grants

Renee Croft, Library Facilities Program Manager, and I are scheduled to take the following FY 2020 County Library Capital Grants, approved for funding by the General Assembly, to the Board of Public Works for final approval to award on June 21, 2019. In total, seven projects were recommended in distinct jurisdictions, ranging in amounts from \$200,000 to upward of \$1 million.

- Allegany/ LaVale - \$360,000
- Anne Arundel/ Riviera Beach - \$200,000
- Baltimore County/ Catonsville - \$1,100,000
- Calvert/ Twin Beaches - \$300,000
- Carroll/ Westminster - \$800,000
- Cecil/ Northeast - \$1,000,000
- Harford/ Abingdon - \$120,000
- Queen Anne's/ Kent Island - \$1,000,000
- Worcester/ Pocomoke - \$120,000

FY 2021 Capital Grant Cycle

The FY 2021 Capital Grants cycle opened with a mandatory training session for all prospective applicants on Wed., March 14, 2019. The deadline for proposals was Friday, May 25, 2019. The following proposals will be considered by the Capital Grants Review Team on Monday, June 11, 2019.

- Allegany County – LaVale Library Expansion and Renovation
- Anne Arundel County – New Riviera Beach Library Construction
- Frederick County – New Middletown Library Construction
- Montgomery County – Chevy Chase Library Renovation
- Montgomery County – Germantown Library Renovation
- Queen Anne's County – Kent Island Library Expansion and Renovation
- The grant review team will meet June 14, 2019 at the Laurel Branch in Prince George's County.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)

Programs and Events

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will change its name to the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled as of October 1. The Maryland LBPH will be exploring the path to follow suit.

We have added 350 new patrons this year and circulated 83,622 items.

So far this year, 30 different volunteers have offered over 900 hours of service. We have a new Index-Basic D braille embosser in the Patron area available to patrons, with tactile Braille capabilities.

Matthew Nixon and Amanda Gonzalez gave a presentation about NFB Newline at the SLRC Conference in April.

Ms. Gonzalez and Larry Smith attended the KLAS conference in June 3-6 and learned about topics such as statistics, reports, new features, and duplication on demand.

The Maryland Accessible Textbook Program has completed another school year successfully. The MAT program received 341 requests for textbook conversion of which 307 were able to be converted, converted nearly 900 chapters into Word, pdf or Audio (MP3) format. They served over 175 students attending 11 colleges and universities.

MAT is presently working with NFB to evaluate and develop more effective methods to provide conversion, advisory, and technical assistance to students, DSS and pertinent parties. These meetings will impact and very likely influence the strategies used during the 2019-2020 academic year.

The MPT Spots are now playing on MPT2. These videos will be shared on our social media once permission is secured and they can be transcribed. Additional spots are being prepared to advertise Summer Reading.

Ashley Biggs, Outreach Librarian, wrote an article for Marketing Library Services that will appear in an issue on making library websites accessible to the visually impaired.

Ms. Biggs serves on the Collaborative Summer Library Program Board as an at-large member focusing on inclusion and accessibility.

In addition to attending seniors conferences, county advisory board meetings, low vision groups, wellness and aging expos, and conventions in Howard, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, Cecil, Montgomery, and Queen Anne's counties, she gave the following presentations:

- "Mission Creep and Burnout" at the Spring SLRC Conference.
- "What if You're a Leader with Anxiety?" and "What if You Could Ignite MLA?" at the MLA Conference.
- LBPH services at the Maryland Eye Physicians Conference

Summer Reading is ready for lift off! This years the theme is "A Universe of Stories". Program dates are June 17 - August 16th. The Summer Reading Kickoff is planned for June 8th. LBPH will continue to use Beanstack as the platform for registration. This year, MD LBPH is giving readers options on how to earn points toward completion. When finished, patrons collect a completion prize. Additionally, they will be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing!

The Build a Better Book summer program with OpenWorks Mobile is in the planning stages. The Program is tentatively slated to begin with Baltimore City YouthWorks participants on July 1.

LaShawn Myles, Youth Librarian, has submitted a proposal for the Preschool Development Grant (PDG-5) funded by US Department of Health & Human Services and MSDE. This grant provides \$1,200 to strengthen collaboration and program improvement for preschool learners. The proposed program involves a partnership with the Glen Burnie Regional Library in Anne Arundel County to provide early literacy Braille kits for circulation to youth age's birth to five in Anne Arundel County.

The Maryland School for the Blind's (MSB) four week M.I.S.L.E program will begin at LBPH on July 9. The program will bring students ages 16- 21 from MSB and other surrounding schools to

learn work skills at a job site. Students will rotate throughout the program working closely with their job coach and LBPH's technical services team.

Jerry Price and Ms. Myles, in partnership with MSDE and MSB, presented "Using BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) with Your Students" a webinar on Thursday May 23. All webinars are recorded and uploaded to the MSB YouTube channel.

The MAERDAF Accessible STEAM programs in Rural Counties grant project is coming to a close. We have had only positive feedback from librarians in rural counties. Our last program date is June 8th. We will have a curricula developed by Futuremakers and LBPH that we can distribute to libraries and organizations to promote STEAM

Programing for students will be presented at three NFB Bell Academy sites this summer (Glen Dale in Prince George's County, Salisbury, and at LBPH).

Public Libraries and State Networking Branch (PLSNB)

Programs and Events

LSTA funds have been used to support and promote the Maryland State Library, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Public Libraries and the Summer Reading Program on MPT2. These ads will run for the next few months.

We are gearing up for the National Book Festival, in partnership with the Maryland Humanities Council, on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the DC convention center. If anyone is interested in volunteering an hour of their day, we would be thrilled to include you in this high-energy event. If you're planning on attending the festival but can't volunteer, please stop by and say hello.

The State Library Resource Center will host the third annual Information Literacy Summit at the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. This year's focus will be on Workforce Development.

Four NASA Cosmic Workshops will be held regionally in late summer to provide training to library staff regarding the NASA @ My Library STEM Facilitation Kits. These Kits have been awarded to Maryland by NASA for statewide library use through the NASA @ My Library project.

Grants

The FY 2020 competitive grant awards cycle has been shifted to better align with the system's fiscal years. We are evaluating proposals and will announce the systems receiving funds in the coming days.

\$100,000 in Federal funds will also be used to support collection development in 12 Maryland Prison libraries.

Grants Management software has been purchased to create a more robust tool for library systems. This should also lessen the burden of work for PLSNB and Finance staff.

Advocacy

A new statewide survey is being developed to gauge Maryland resident's perceptions of Public Libraries in the state. We hope the results will not only be a powerful tool for advocacy and storytelling as the state funding cycle comes under review, but will also serve as a guide for directing services in the future.

The next Public Library Trustees/Citizens for Maryland Libraries Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019, at the newly renovated Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The Keynote Speaker will be John Szabo, City Librarian for Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Szabo has been featured in Susan Orlean's new work, *The Library Book*. There will also be a panel, including Mr. Szabo, as well as Siobhan Reardon, President and Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia; Heidi Daniel, President and CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The panel will be moderated by Mary Baykan, Director of the Washington County Free Library System.

Organizational and Staff Development

The Youth Services Coordinators will begin their third statewide book study this fall of the book, *Becoming a Media Mentor* (Claudia Haines). Through this study, library staff will continue their learning and development of media mentorship skills in order to assist youth and families in the use of new technologies. Youth services librarians from around the state will participate in monthly phone calls and also meet within their systems to build communities of practice surrounding media mentorship.

MSL is supporting MLA to offer *Everyone Leads*, a one day workshop with a follow-up session that focuses on empowerment skills for leadership at every level of the organization. Maureen Sullivan will facilitate these programs at five regional locations. The dates are: Talbot (June 10), SMRLA (June 11), Miller (June 12), Allegany (September 10), and Odenton (September 11).

The Agile Management training, a project management methodology that focuses on effectiveness and efficiency, held on April 10, 2019, was extremely well received by the participants. MSL has scheduled additional training for library administrators and their staff on this topic at two central locations and we are also working closely with the regional libraries to schedule dates in the regions.

The LATI Spring Graduation occurred on April 17, 2019, at the Miller Branch, Howard County. Upcoming graduation dates are November 13, 2019; March 18, 2020; and June 10, 2020. The new LATI curriculum, using the Blackboard platform for online lessons, will be implemented starting with the fall 2019 Cohort. Computer tablets will be provided to each of the library associates, and all lunches will be sponsored by MSL.

Situational Awareness is the next workshop in the What's Next Series for library staff and it is scheduled for June 10, 2019. It focuses on competitive intelligence.

Youth Services

The 2019 Collaborative Summer Reading Library Program (CSLP) season nears with the theme, "A Universe of Stories." MSL is partnering once again with the Maryland Science Center and the Baltimore Orioles in support of summer reading and learning. MSL is also working closely with the NASA network of Solar Systems Ambassadors and the Night Sky Network to connect local libraries to programming opportunities that support space-themed summer and STEM programs. We will be promoting CLSP with an advertisement on MPT2.

The first annual Maryland Teen Connect 2019 occurred on April 2, 2019 at the Elkridge Branch, Howard County. Library staff convened during this day-long event to discuss best practices in meeting the social/emotional needs of teens. Round Table discussions included mindfulness, cultural competencies, inclusive and diverse young adult collections, and teen brain development. A panel discussion reviewed self-care for library staff, and a Poster Session allowed library staff to share their programs and services created for and with teens. Planning begins in June for another Teen Connect Conference in 2020.

Updates

Citizens for Maryland Libraries

Ms. Wheeler provided the following report:

- Ms. Wheeler provided a celebration cake for Mr. Al Martin's ALA Trustee of the Year award.
- She shared the CML newsletter, The Citizen, spring 2019 Edition <https://citizensformarylandlibraries.org/resources/Documents/Newsletters/spring19.pdf>
- Ms. Wheeler discussed new board members of CML (see page 5). Kristen Pironis won the Marion Satterhwaite award (see page 6) and DCIC at iSchool won the Davis McCarn award (see page 7). Ms. Wheeler also discussed outstanding employee awards and the six Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy and Awareness Grants (see pages 8 & 9).

College of Information Studies (iSchool)

- Dr. Butler shared an update for the iSchool:
- Susan Winter, Joel Chan and other are leading the Knowledge Extension project focused on how local community organizations and independent businesses navigate the complex local information landscape and how libraries can better support them where they are. We are looking for partners in the Baltimore area who are interested in being involved by being interviewed about current library resources and practices, suggesting additional information sources, and/or providing feedback on potential enhancements.
- Mega Subramaniam is currently serving on the advisory board for Grow with Google.
- At Spring Graduation (Friday, May 24, 2019) the iSchool celebrated the success of more than 250 students (one of the largest graduating classes ever). Highlights included inspiring talks by Bryce Hammond [InfoSci, 2019) (Undergraduate Speaker) and Danielle DuMerer, CIO and Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) - and UMD MLIS graduate.
- Bryce Hammond (InfoSci, 2019). In addition to graduating with his B.S. in Information Science, he will also be graduating with a minor in Engineering Leadership Development. Bryce is a Banneker Key Scholar and has also earned his University Honors citation. During his undergraduate years, Bryce has been involved in the Black Engineers Society, as a two-time secretary, the former telecommunications chair, and the former leader of the Black Hack program. Bryce has also been involved in the Student Success Leadership Council as the Gift of Giving Gala Chair, the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) STEM program, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the W.E.B. Du Bois National Honor Society. Bryce has held internships at the University of Maryland Division of IT, the National Institutes of Health, Leidos, Autodesk as a Code2040 Fellow, and this summer, he will be a Software Engineering Intern at Mailchimp. Bryce was a part of the 2019 Opportunity Hub at South

by Southwest (SXSW) cohort and he is the 2019 recipient of the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for his contributions to the African American community at Maryland. This fall, Bryce will be returning to the University of Maryland to pursue his M.S. in Human-Computer Interaction.

- Danielle DuMerer (MLIS, 1998) - Danielle is CIO and Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), where the team is working to improve how residents interact with government by creating more responsive and accessible digital services. DoIT is responsible for the City's core technology infrastructure, enterprise applications, data management & analytics, and information security; DoIT partners with other City departments to leverage data and technology to improve operations and service delivery. Daniel brings more than ten years' experience in government tech, having previously served as the City's CTO and leading data, digital inclusion, and other strategic initiatives. She was named one of Government Technology's Top 25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers in 2019. In 2018, Bloomberg Cities named Commissioner DuMerer one of seven CityLab innovators to watch, and Statescoop named her one of the Top Women in Technology. In 2016, Danielle and her team were recognized by the Chicago chapters of SIM and AITP as the Most Effective IT Team in a large company. Prior to joining government, Danielle developed educational technology products at the McGraw-Hill Companies. She also worked in the Library and Archives field-serving educational and non-profit organizations to promote equitable access to and preservation of information resources. Danielle holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- The UMD MLIS program continues to earn strong national rankings -- #8 in US News and World Report's Graduate program ranking and a recent #2 ranking in the USA for online MLIS programming on TheBestSchools.org (an online education information/rating site).
- In fall 2019 the iSchool will launch an undergraduate specialization in Digital Curation that will prepare students for careers in which they collect, digitize, appraise, curate, and disseminate information assets effectively and efficiently in both the public and private sector. Courses in this specialization include:
 - INST 341 Introduction to Digital Curation This course explores various dimensions and contexts for digital curation including the management, representation, and preservation of both born-digital and digitized information. Focus will be on current efforts that respond to the opportunities, challenges, and demands of ever increasing digital data and networked information infrastructure. Students will learn to work with the infrastructure needed for handling digital collections as well as the knowledge and skills necessary for effective management of digital curation systems and programs.
 - INST 441 Tools and Methods for Digital Curation The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge and skills in the application of digital curation tools and methods in diverse organizational settings, academic disciplines, and economic sectors. Using the digital curation lifecycle as the foundational concept, students will use digital collections to explore tools, workflows, and standards required to successfully access, preserve, and reformat data contained in digital collections. Students will learn how to develop and implement data management plans, and how to design and use workflows and tools for creating, acquiring, or ingesting content.
 - INST 442 Information Ethics and Policy Students will explore via case studies the legal, ethical, and technological challenges in developing and implementing policies for managing digital assets and information. Emphasis

will be on access questions pertinent to managing sensitive information, and the roles and responsibilities of information professionals.

- INST 443 Curation in the Sciences, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Students will learn how to apply digital curation principles, tools, and strategies in managing diverse data collections and digital information in different disciplinary settings. In particular, this course will explore differences among data curation principles and practices across diverse settings, ranging from scientific organizations (such as business and academic research laboratories and computational science settings), to humanities-based institutions (such as cultural heritage organizations), to social science based institutions (such as data-intensive professional environments).
- INST 448 Digital Curation Research in Cultural Big Data Collections This course focuses on introducing students to principles, methods, and technologies involved in the digital curation of large cultural data collections. Students will learn these concepts in class lectures, discussions, and participating on project teams in the Digital Curation Innovation Center (DCIC).
- The MLIS program was featured by the Baltimore Sun this past April for its exceptional ability to prepare graduates for the workforce as "socially-engaged and technologically-focused information professionals," via hands-on learning with partners and with our research centers (Digital Curation Innovation Center [DCIC] in particular)
<https://go.umd.edu/MLIS-SunArticle1>
- iSchool Faculty, Staff, Students (and no doubt Alumni) will be active participants in the upcoming ALA annual meeting. If you are attending please consider stopping by:
 - The UMD iSchool Booth -- #3115 at the LIS Pavilion
 - UMD iSchool ALA Reception will be held during the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The reception is on Saturday June 22, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Henley Park Hotel just a block away from the DC Convention Center (<https://ischool.umd.edu/events-typelumd-ischool-ala-reception>).
 - ... plus numerous sessions, plane, workshops, and book talks.
- The UMD Digital Curation Innovation Center hosted and participated in:
 - Co-Hosting a 2-day Datathon for the AHRC UK-US project "International Research Collaboration Network in Computational Archival Science". See: <https://computationalarchives.net/>. The National Archives (UK), Jun. 20-21, 2019.
 - Invited to the OCLC Research Works workshop on "Shaping an applied research agenda" that charts engagement between libraries and data science and a range of computational methods: machine learning, computer vision, expanded discoverability, global information equity, and analysis of collections at scale. Dublin, OH Apr. 25-26, 2019
 - Hosted the kickoff UK-US AHRC workshop on the "International Research Collaboration Network in Computational Archival Science". See: <https://computationalarchives.net/>
 - Hosted the IMLS-funded iConference-sponsored workshop "Developing a Computational Framework for Library and Archival Education", Apr. 3 & 4, 2019 at UMD and the Smithsonian. See: [https://dcicblog.umd.edu/ComputationalFrameworkForArchival Education/](https://dcicblog.umd.edu/ComputationalFrameworkForArchivalEducation/)

- Richard Marciano, co-host of 3" Computational Archival Science (CAS) Workshop at the IEEE Big Data 2018 Conference on Dec. 12, 2018 in Seattle.
- Dr. Butler invited the Board to the iSchool event at ALA. Dr. Butler explained the Digital Curation Undergraduate program stating that college is a time to encourage career paths, as after graduation, changing careers becomes extremely difficult. The iSchool is working to reduce "discovery period" so that the right people find the right (information) career path.
- The iSchool received University approval on June 6, 2019 to move into the 22,000 square foot space on the ground floor of the Hornbake library.
- Dr. Butler also discussed the impact of Amazon Headquarters in Crystal City as a model for community engagement and economic development. Jonathan Lazar has worked with large tech firms to develop a Master's program in adaptive technologies.
- Adriene Lim, Ph.D. has been named Dean of University Libraries, effective August 19, 2019. She currently serves as Dean of Libraries at the University of Oregon.
- Dr. Butler discussed the expansion of the iSchool program to the Shady Grove campus which will focus on first generation college students and first generation information students. They are looking at morning classes for non-traditional students, as evening/weekends are booked with family and work.

Enoch Pratt Free Library

- Ms. Heidi Daniel spoke about the State Library Resource Center. On July 1, 2019 the new Sailor databases (Mango, Gale, etc.) and the training session that will occur this summer. Enoch Pratt Free Library has hired John Huber to manage a delivery/MILO survey.
- She reported on construction of Central location. The construction is near substantial completion. The first major even in Central Hall was on May 2, 2019 for major donors. The first author event, Daniel Silva, will occur in July. The donors want to sponsor a speaker series.
- The computer lab at Central was closed to the public so Baltimore City could process their payroll during the ransomware attack.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Central Branch is on September 14, 2019.
- June 11, 2019 will be the kick off for Wash and Learn. The Washington Village Branch is in the ground floor of an apartment building. All of their statistics are up. Circulation has risen 55% and visits to the branch have risen 7%.
- She stated that the Pratt Library is working to keep the expanded hours funding now, even though funding is set to expire in a few years.
- Ms. Daniel shared that the library won the ALA award for going fine free. The Entrepreneur Academy Program at the conference will be at 10:00 a.m. and an overflow crowd is expected to attend.

Higher Education Commission

This seat on the State Library Board is vacant.

Maryland Library Association (MLA)

Mr. Thompson provided the following report:

ALA Annual Conference 2019 in Washington, DC, June 21 – 25, 2019

- Maryland Library Association, Delaware Library Association, Virginia Library Association, and the DC Public Library will be hosting a Local Chapters Social on the evening of Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at The LINE DC, 1770 Euclid St NW, Washington, DC 20009 (located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood). Registration is full, but standing room only may be available if you arrive early.
- MLA, DLA, VLA, and the DC Public Library will be sharing the staffing of a booth in the Exhibit hall. Make sure to stop by and see us if you will be there! Exhibits are open Friday, June 21 (5:30-7:00 pm); Saturday, June 22 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm); Sunday, June 23 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm); and Monday, June 24 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm).

MLA/DLA Conference 2019 in Cambridge, MD

The joint Maryland Library Association and Delaware Library Association Conference “What if…” was a great success, with over 790 attending! It took place May 1 – 3, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD. Many thanks go to the Maryland State Library for providing staff development grants that helped Maryland public library staff attend.

- The MLA business meeting was held on Friday, May 3.
- The official slate of elected officers for 2019-2020 was announced:
- Vice President/President Elect: Morgan Miller, Cecil County Public Library
- Treasurer: Carl Olson, Towson University
- ACLR MD Vice President/President Elect: Louis Entner
- ACLR MD Secretary: Sean Hogan
- CSD Vice President/President Elect: Betsy Brannen
- CSD Secretary: Jill Hutchison
- LDD Vice President/President Elect: Anita Crawford
- LDD Secretary: Megan Jones Sutherland
- PSD Vice President/President Elect: Sam Eddington
- PSD Secretary: Melissa Lauber
- SSD Vice President/President Elect: Robin Soma-Dudley
- SSD Secretary: Maria Jacobs
- MLA Membership approved the Bylaws changes, which can now be found at <https://www.mdlib.org/files/docs/about/bylaws.pdf>
- The 2020 Conference Committee is being assembled now by the chair, Naomi Keppler. Work to plan the May 2020 conference will begin shortly. Next year’s conference will again take place at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge.

Leadership Training

- The Nettie B. Taylor Maryland Library Leadership Institute (MLLI) will be held July 17 – 19 and October 10 – 11 at the Donaldson Brown Conference Center in Port Deposit, MD. Participants have been contacted.
- MLA offered a new session of Director’s University on April 10, 2019 at the South Cumberland Library. Titles, Overbooked: Prioritization in the Age of Agility, it was facilitated by Peter Bavero and Zikiria Chaudhary and focused on the Agile way to manage workflow.
- MLA will offer the Everyone Leads workshop, focusing on how to be a leader and influence organizational change from any position you hold in your organization. Each workshop is made up of two sessions: June 10, July 8 at Easton Library, Talbot

County; June 11, July 9 at SMRLA; and June 12, July 10 at Miller Library, Howard County

- All of the above projects are supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Maryland State Library.

MLA Task Forces

- The MLA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force has met three times, chaired by Michelle Hamiel of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. This task force is charged to draft a set of actionable recommendations supporting the successful achievement of Goal 4 of MLA's 2018-2020 Strategic Plan, which is "MLA fosters an inclusive organizational culture, representing a growing and increasingly diverse organization, and prepares members for leadership opportunities."
- The MLA Branding Task Force has held its first meeting. This task force will use a survey (or surveys) to begin developing a clear understanding of how the Maryland Library Association is currently seen and thought of by members of the organization, as well as those within Maryland libraries who are not members; develop a description of how the Maryland Library Association would like to be seen and thought of by members of the organization; develop a plan to move from the organization's present public image to the desired public image (if there is a discrepancy) – which may or may not include a new logo design.

Read Across Maryland

- MLA was contacted by the Legislative Black Caucus to participate in planning the Governor's Literacy Initiative this October, Read Across Maryland. In conjunction with the Maryland State Library, a committee was assembled and is currently meeting with a committee in Annapolis to coordinate the event with the public libraries and prison libraries.
- Mr. Thompson stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the board of the Maryland State Library over this past year. Andrea Berstler, Executive Director of the Carroll County Public Library, will begin her term as President of MLA beginning July 1, 2019 and will serve as MLA's representative on the MSL board from 2019 – 2020.

MLA Legislative and Advocacy Issues

Ms. Marshall provided the following report:

- Speaker Busch passed away and Adrienne Jones is the new speaker. We are in the process of developing a plan to introduce Ms. Jones to Maryland libraries. There will be a strategy meeting this summer with the Directors.
- We are working to get more state funding for the Capital Grants Project.
- The MAPLA lobbyist will disseminate the RFP for the Maryland Library Survey.
- ALA advocacy is restructuring. There has been some mixed messages regarding the direction of communication. For example, Maryland Federal Legislative Day. Maryland will meet with federal officials outside of ALA.

School Library Media

Ms. Hicks provided the following report:

- Maryland Standards for School Libraries and Student Technology Use – The School Library Media Standards were presented to the Board and accepted for publication for public comment. These standards will be incorporated in an amended COMAR. We are moving forward with planning implementation trainings and supporting documents. The Maryland Digital Standards for Students were also presented to the State School Board. They were very positively received. These will be shared with the original work groups to see if there are any suggested revisions.
- School Library Media Online Reporting
- Data collection for the 2018-19 school year has been completed.
- A summary report will be completed by July 15 and posted to the SLM webpage (tinyurl.com/MSDE-slm2018).
- Maryland Repository/#GoOpen – OER (Open Education Resources) Initiative – We are moving forward with the two day OER workshop at the MSDE Professional Development regional conferences this summer. There will be 3 regional conferences this summer in Charles, Howard and Talbot counties.
- Upcoming meetings and important dates:
 - Combined meetings with School Library Supervisors and Instructional Technology Liaisons.
 - Thursday, October 31, 2019 @ Carver Staff Development Center, Gambrills
- Retirements – Irene Hildebrandt, Carroll County and Patty O'Donnell, Harford County.

MDK12 Digital Library

- The completed RFQs for vendors will be presented to for approval on June 11. We will distribute the price list to members on the 12th. We had a combined MDK12/SAILOR meeting on May 24th to hear a presentation about implementing the new resources from Gale. It was well attended by district Library Media Supervisors and Technology Specialists.
- MILEX – Information Literacy Summit
- The 2019 Summit will be held July 17th at Anne Arundel CC. School library representatives will be co-presenting multiple sessions.
- Local School System - Library Media Positions
- We are waiting on the updated Maryland Teacher Staffing Report. It is expected that the School Library Media Specialist will still be classified as a critical shortage area.
- Ms. Hicks also stated:
 - The School Library Journal Leadership Summit Equity and Access for All will be held in Baltimore September 21st and 22nd.
 - The MASL fall conference is October 18th. The theme is Making Waves. Jason Reynolds and Ali Schlipp (SLJ school librarian of the year – Garrett County) will be the keynote speakers.
 - MASL is working on Rugged Reading workshop at North Bay Adventures. This is a school librarian camp for the fall.
 - MSDE: Standards for Technology Use has been approved. There has been no substantial change in costs to the digital repositories. Info Literature Summit will be July 17, 2019.

Public Comment

No public comments were submitted.

State Library Board Member Updates

There were no discussions or updates

FY 2020 Meeting Calendar

- Friday, September 27, 2019
- Thursday, December 12, 2019
- Friday, March 20, 2020
- Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.