

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Wednesday, September 14, 2018

Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters
5 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Maryland State Library Board met in regular session on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 10:17 a.m. at the Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters building. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Alfred Martin, Dr. Jon Enriquez, Ms. Laura Hicks, Ms. Sharan Marshall, Mr. Robert Windley, Ms. Lynn Wheeler, Ms. Melissa Daggett, Mr. Wilson Parran, Mr. Joseph Thompson, Ms. Sharon Maneki, and Ms. Irene Padilla, State Librarian.

Ms. Heidi Daniel and Mr. James Fish were absent (all excused).

Dr. Brian Butler and the following staff members were also present: Ms. Leslie Bowman, Director, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), Dr. Tamar Sarnoff, Branch Chief, Public Libraries and State Networking (PLSNB), and Renee Croft, Capital Grants Project Manager (MSL).

Mr. Martin, Chair, called the meeting to order. Welcome and introductions were made. Mr. Martin welcomed new member Joseph Thompson.

Mr. Martin explained the need for the Executive Session later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the State Library Board meeting of June 13, 2018 were considered. Mr. Windley moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Wheeler seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS FOR THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD

The Governor appoints the Chair of the Board. The Board appoints the Vice-Chair. Ms. Wheeler agreed to serve as the Vice-Chair. Mr. Martin asked if there were any other nominations. Ms. Maneki motioned to have Ms. Wheeler serve as Vice-Chair of the State Library Board. Mr. Parran seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous agreement.

CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS (COMAR)

COMAR 13A.04.05.02 – COMAR 13A.04.05.07

The Board discussed the request for adoption of the proposed amendments to COMAR 13A.04.05.02 – COMAR 13A.04.05.07. On July 1, 2017, the MSDE Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) became the Maryland State Library Agency (MSL) as a result of changes to the Maryland Code made during the 2017 General Assembly session (Senate Bill 587/House Bill 1094). The Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries at MSDE became the State Librarian and head of MSL and the powers vested in the State Board of Education related to libraries were transferred to the newly formed State Library Board. The proposed regulations will change the name Maryland Department of Education and Division of Library Development and Services to the Maryland State Library Agency, the acronym from DLDS to MSL, and the title State School Superintendent to State Librarian. On July 20, 2018, the following proposed regulations were published in the Maryland Register. Comments were to be received by August 20, 2018. The Maryland State Library did not receive any public comments.

COMAR 13A.05.04.02 Librarians in County Public Libraries

COMAR 13A.05.04.03 Public Library Associates

COMAR 13A.05.04.05 Special Library Services

COMAR 13A.05.04.06 Free Public Library Services

COMAR 13A.05.04.07 Audits of County Public Libraries

Ms. Padilla advised the Board that Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Derek Simonsen, had reviewed these regulations and recommended them for approval. It was noted that in the printed version of COMAR 13A.05.04.03 distributed to the Board, section (F) mentioned the Maryland State Library Division. This should be changed to Maryland State Library Agency. (Ms. Padilla advises that this had already been corrected in the published copy.) Mr. Martin asked about the reference to Professional Public Librarian Certification by MSDE in COMAR 13A.05.04.02. Ms. Padilla confirmed that MSDE is required by statute to continue to provide this certification.

The proposed adoption of COMAR 13A.04.05.02 – COMAR 13A.04.05.07 were considered. Ms. Wheeler moved to adopt the regulations as amended and Ms. Marshall seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

COMAR 13A.05.04.08 County Library Capital Project Grants Program

The State Library Board discussed the request for approval of the revision of regulation 13A.05.04.08 County Library Capital Project Grants Program to reflect enactment of the Wealth-Based Cost Share for the County Library Capital Project Grant Program. Ms. Croft clarified that this change ensures greater geographic diversity, consistent with statutory intent, for counties with less wealth. Funding ranges from 50% to 90% for library capital projects. Every library system is required to provide a match of at least 10%, in keeping with the Legislative intent of the program to encourage local support of the development of public library facilities. This formula is based on the Public Library State Aid Formula developed annually by the Budget Office, adjusted for County wealth and based on a per capita distribution.

On July 20, 2018, the following proposed regulation was published in the Maryland Register. Comments were to be received by August 20, 2018. The Maryland State Library did not receive any public comments.

Ms. Padilla advised the Board that Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Derek Simonsen, had also reviewed this regulation and recommended it for approval. It was noted that in the printed version distributed to the Board, section (E)(i) reflected a transposed MSL. (Ms. Padilla advises that this had already been corrected in the published copy.)

The proposed adoption of COMAR 13A.05.04.08 was considered. Mr. Parran moved to adopt the regulation as amended and Mr. Windley seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon a motion by Ms. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Windley, and with unanimous agreement, the Maryland State Library Board met in closed session on Friday, September 14, 2018 in the conference room of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Headquarters. All State Library Board members present at the meeting were in attendance. Also in attendance were: Irene Padilla, State Librarian. The Executive Session commenced at 10:35 a.m.

Ms. Padilla presented the proposed State Library FY 2020 Operating Budget. Ms. Padilla and Ms. Croft presented the proposed FY 2020 County Library Capital Project Grants Program and State Capital Improvement Program recommendations.

- First Item: Ms. Marshall moved. Mr. Enriquez seconded.
- Second Item: Mr. Windley moved. Ms. Marshall seconded.
- Third Item: Ms. Marshall moved. Mr. Parran seconded. Ms. Wheeler and Mr. Thompson recused themselves
- Fourth Item: Mr. Thompson moved. Mr. Windley seconded. Mr. Parran recused himself.
- Fifth Item: Ms. Wheeler moved. Mr. Windley seconded.

Recommendation to adopt the FY 2020 Operating Budget as discussed in Executive Session: Ms. Marshall motioned to approve. Mr. Enriquez seconded the motion.

Recommendation to adopt the FY 2020 County Library Capital Program/Recommendations: Ms. Maneki motioned to approve. Mr. Enriquez seconded the motion.

The Executive Session ended at 11:20 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened in open session at 11:25 p.m.

STATE LIBRARY FY 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

The Maryland State Library Operating Budget is submitted annually in accordance with the instructions promulgated by the Maryland Department of Budget and Management (DBM). The Maryland State Library FY 2020 Operating Budget Request was provided to the State Library Board for review and approval.

The State Library Board unanimously approved the Maryland State Library FY 2020 Operating Budget for submission to the Department of Budget and Management.

COUNTY LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS PROGRAM, FY 2020

The FY 2020 County Library Capital Project Grants and State Capital Improvement Program is submitted annually in accordance with the instructions promulgated by the Maryland Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Office of Capital Budgeting. This budget was provided to the State Library Board for review and approval.

The State Library Board unanimously approved the FY 2020 County Library Capital Project Grants and State Capital Improvement Program for submission to the Department of Budget and Management.

STATE LIBRARIAN UPDATE

Personnel

We have welcomed the following new staff: Andrew Russell, Recording Studio Manager, LBPH. Positions pending hire include: Maintenance Mechanic, LBPH and the Research and Evaluation Specialist, PLSNB.

FY 2019 Capital Budget

The Board of Public Works approved all seven FY 2019 Capital Awards on June 20, 2018. Federal FY2019 Budget

The full Senate passed the federal FY 2019 Labor, Health, Human Services & Education (Labor-HHS) appropriations bill which includes level funding plus a slight increase for IMLS.

- \$242 million for Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), a \$2 million increase
- \$189.3 million for Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA)
- \$27 million for Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL)

The Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program was funded at \$27 million. The next steps are for the bills to go to the full Senate and House. The House is expected to delay voting on the spending bills until after the November election and pass a continuing resolution instead. Public Libraries and State Networking Branch (PLSNB)

Programs and Events

- The One Maryland One Book 2018 season has launched with the study of Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence by Tim Junkin. This study includes an 8-stop Author Tour, with locations including several public libraries, college sites, and the Baltimore Book Festival. Kirk Bloodsworth will join Junkin at two of these stops: in Dorchester County and at the Baltimore Book Festival.
- The second annual Information Literacy Summit was held at Anne Arundel Community College on July 25, 2018. An audience of 100 school, public, and academic librarians gathered to discuss the Maryland Information Literacy framework and to hear speakers from Common Sense Media and PA Forward.
- The 2018 “Libraries Rock!” Summer Reading season has come to a close. MSL partnered once again with the Maryland Science Center and the Baltimore Orioles to offer enjoyable and educational experiences to Maryland youth. Summer readers from across the state were recognized at the Summer Reading Ceremony at the August 14, 2018 Orioles game.
- MSL’s What’s Next Series is now underway. Follow-up sessions for both Community Needs Assessment and Futuring and Forecasting have been scheduled later this month. Two new programs have been added: Participatory Design in October and Situational Awareness in November.
- Carrie Sanders, MSL’s Youth Services Coordinator, and Dorothy Stoltz, Director for Community Engagement, Carroll County Public Library, were featured in a recent Policy Brief from The Global Family Research Project entitled, “Leading Family Engagement in Early Learning: The Role of State Library Administrative Agencies”, showcasing how state libraries support libraries’ work to engage families with young children and demonstrating how Maryland excels in the development of family engagement initiatives through public libraries.
- In the first year of the statewide Choose Civility Program, 18 public libraries signed up to join this national initiative led by Howard County Library System. Funded through LSTA funds, Choose Civility is now a finalist for The American Civic Collaboration Awards (the Civvy’s) and will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, DC in October. The Maryland State Library again will offer public library systems grants of up to \$5,000 to participate in the Choose Civility initiative, and will officially kick off at a Summit at Howard County Library System’s Miller Branch on Thursday, October 11, 2018.
- American Libraries magazine recently gave national recognition for award-winning work done at two Maryland library systems-- Prince George’s County Memorial Library System won an ALA 2018 Library Building award, and Western Maryland Regional Library won the H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant.
- MSL and the MD Humanities Council participated in the National Book Festival Parade of States. Hundreds of families and individuals stopped by Maryland’s booth to learn about highlighted books and events at Maryland libraries.

Grants

- The 2018 Competitive Grants cycle has been announced and applications are due October 8, 2018. This year the competitive grants program will emphasize digitization and building partnerships.
- The 2017 Competitive Grants cycle is coming to an end. MSL distributed more than \$2,000,000 in grants and support to Maryland Library systems, including more than \$500,000 in staff development grants.

Organizational and Staff Development

- MSL continues to partner with the Maryland Library Association (MLA) to provide the following leadership training funded through a LSTA grant. The Everyone Leads workshop was held in June at the Donaldson Brown Center and a follow-up day is scheduled in September. In coordination with MLA, a second Director's University will be offered prior to the October MAPLA meeting and will focus on Managerial Leadership. The first-ever MLA sponsored Strategic Leadership program will be held for three days in September. This program focuses on developing executive leadership in Maryland Libraries.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)

Programs and Events

- For the third quarter, the Technology User Group (TUG) has had successful ventures into two new regions: Salisbury and Columbia. In June, attendees from Salisbury learned the strengths and weaknesses of using an Alexa-driven device (the Echo Dot). While in August, Columbians learned the pros and cons of various reading apps which included Overdrive, Kindle, Audible and BARD Mobile. Jerry Price, Assistive Technology Trainer, believes that the demonstration of Overdrive on an IOS device using Voiceover has never been done before (he could find no such recordings). Sandwiched between these two ventures was a presentation at LBPH which dealt with social media apps. The three remaining TUG's will deal with Apple and IOS 12 (Sept. 8), Assistive Technology Gifts for the Holidays (Oct. 13 in Silver Spring), and the Google Assistant (Nov. 3).
- The speaker for a teleconference in October related to the One Maryland One Book 2018 selection is attorney Michelle Nethercott, Director of the Project Innocence Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Ms. Nethercott is a nationally recognized legal expert in DNA evidence and other forms of scientific evidence. She will talk about her work in seeking justice for Maryland clients who have been wrongfully convicted of crimes. The teleconference will be held on Monday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.
- The Maryland Accessible Textbook Program continues to convert, edit or has sent 174 textbooks to 49 student attending UMCP, AACC, Morgan State, Stevenson, CCBC, UB Law, St. Johns, Cecil College, and BCCC.
- The library was interviewed and featured on "Coffee with Lannie D", a video blog under the Low Vision Specialists of Maryland and Virginia umbrella.
- The library was featured on WYPR's "On The Record" with Sheila Cast. The library was scheduled to receive 13-minutes, but was given the entire 24-minute show.

LBPH hosted the following teleconference events:

- July 10 Fraud and Fraud Protection
- July 17 Music Therapy 101
- August 21 Voting 101 & Accessibility

The library attended the following outreach events:

- Saturday, June 2 - People on the Go
- Thursday, June 7 - Blakehurst Retirement Center
- Tuesday, June 12 - MgCo Stroke Assn Meeting
- Wednesday, June 13 - Ridgewood Village, Low Vision Group
- National Library Service, Library of Congress, National Conference

- ALA National Conference
- Tuesday, July 10 - Seven Oaks Senior Center
- Thursday, July 19 - NFB Towson Monthly Meeting
- Friday, August 3 - BISM Senior Services
- Monday, August 13 - JCC of Greater Washington
- August 15-18 - MACO Summer Conference
- LBPH staff conducted an ADA Compliant Workstation Training for St. Mary's County Library staff.
- LBPH Volunteers have contributed over 920 hours so far this calendar year.

LBPH continues to see an increase in new patrons. 607 patrons have been added to the system since 01/01/2018. At this rate we project adding 902 patrons by the end of 2018. 132,058 items have been circulated since the beginning of the year. At this rate we project circulating over 196,000 items by the end of 2018.

Grants

LBPH in partnership with FutureMakers has been awarded a grant of \$19,400 from the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF). Established in 2000, MAERDAF offers important financial support to rural-serving nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic and community development, and agricultural and forestry education efforts. The goals of this grant will focus on:

- Goal 1: Creating accessible family STEAM programs, accompanying curriculum, and staff training modules.
- Goal 2: Facilitating accessible STEAM training for library staff and educators.
- Goal 3: Increasing STEAM engagement and understanding through accessible workshops.

CITIZENS FOR MARYLAND LIBRARIES (CML) UPDATE

Ms. Wheeler provided a report recapping the CML awards provided at MLA. She indicated that the CML meeting scheduled for this summer has been postponed and that the CML Conference will be held Saturday, November 3rd. Miguel Figuerro will be the keynote speaker.

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION STUDIES (iSCHOOL)

Dr. Butler provided the following UMD iSchool Library News:

Lilead: 4 district level library supervisors from Maryland were selected as Lilead Fellows. (While each was selected because of her expertise and qualifications, and not because they were from Maryland, Maryland has the highest percentage of individuals selected for the program of any state). Directors of Library Media Services from four Maryland school districts were selected to participate in the Lilead Project, a multi-year, multi-faceted initiative, funded by the Institute for Library and Museum Services (ILMS), to study, support, and build community among the individuals responsible for library and information services at the district level. Shari Blohm (Prince George's), Dedra VanGelder (Charles), Mary Jo Richmond (Frederick), and Jennifer Sturge (Calvert) were selected to participate in the highly competitive Lilead Fellows Program – an intensive, professional development program designed to strengthen leadership skills and enable individuals to bring about positive change in their districts. In fall 2018, the Lilead Project Team, based at Maryland' iSchool and Old Dominion University, expanded its

audience by launching a series online professional development Lilead Leaders courses, which focus on preparing school library professionals for transformational change, implementing evidence-based practice, building collaborative relationships, and strengthening leadership skills. The online courses are available nationwide and are open to individuals at the building, district, or state levels. For more information about the Lilead Project, visit <https://lileadproject.org/>

MLIS:

- Online archives & curation specialization was approved in August.
- Began marketing and outreach for the Legal Informatics specialization in August. (Legal Informatics flyer attached).
- We have our first students enrolled in the two new MLIS specializations - Legal Informatics and Intelligence and Analytics.
- We now have an expert in information behavior and demography at the college, who also has many years of academic library experience.
- The first cohort of students completing the School Library Certificate program is in the final stages of completing their certificate (only two classes remaining).
- Trace R&D Center:
- Trace is field testing in libraries a technology platform based on the Morpheus technology that makes it easy for patrons to sit at any computer and have it instantly change to match their needs and preferences. Also to discover what things would make it easier to use, includes a utility that changes inaccessible documents into accessible ones in a pinch.
- Upcoming Events:
- On Oct 19, 2018, Beth Bonsignore and Mega Subramaniam will be delivering a workshop on "Participatory Design", part of the "What's Next" workshop series organized by MSL.
- On Dec 6, 2018, Mega Subramaniam will be one of the panelists for the "Service Design and User Experience" panel at the MD Tech Conference that is organized by MSL annually. Beth
- Bonsignore will also be doing an affinity session at this conference, whereby she will be sharing participatory design techniques utilized in KidsTeam to encourage school and public librarians to incorporate participatory design techniques in the design of their programming and services.
- On Dec 7, 2018, the iSchool will be hosting the Maryland State Library Board for a meeting in the morning, and also a "Meet the Faculty" session in the afternoon, whereby iSchool faculty will be sharing their current research.
- Renee Hill is giving a presentation in October for the Rochester Regional Library Council's "Inclusive Libraries Council." Her talk is titled "Beyond Buzzwords: Strengthening Library Programs & Services by Promoting Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion."
- Renee is also soon giving her talk that goes with winning the ALISE/LJ educator of the year award, focusing on best practices for online instruction.
- Paul Jaeger is giving the keynote in October at the Mid-Atlantic Medical Library Association conference on "Policy, Justice, and Information Literacy"
- The pair of Re-Envisioning the MLS books (edited by Johnna Percell, Lindsay Sarin, John

- Bertot, and Paul Jaeger) were published within the couple of months; they present dozens of essays about innovative educational approaches in LIS education from around the world.
- In Fall 2018 a national search of the UMD Dean of Libraries will begin. The iSchool Dean, Keith Marzullo will be chairing the search and several iSchool faculty will be members of the committee.

Other UMD iSchool Highlights

- PERVADE: Researchers, co-led by PIs Metcalf, Shilton, and Zimmer, have partnered with the
- Social Science Research Council Social Data Initiative (SDI) to study their major data partnership with Facebook. This example of a hybrid research/industry ethical review process will provide ethical guidance to PIs who apply to use Facebook data to study elections.
- PERVADE members are advising the SDI on data ethics, using our expertise to help applicants craft ethical data policies. We are also evaluating the process to better understand the challenges of data ethics in industry/academic partnerships.
- Year of Data Science: During the Year of Data Science, UMD will host a coordinated campus-wide effort anchored around a series of events organized by colleges and departments to leverage their data science strengths and showcase their accomplishments. The goals of the
- Year of Data Science at UMD are: (i) to strengthen data science collaborations across campus
- (ii) improve UMD's capabilities in data science research and education (iii) enhance UMD's visibility in the broader community. The Year of Data Science is lead and coordinated by the
- UMD iSchool, and will be announcing the events following September.
- iConference: iConference 2019 will be hosted and coordinated by the UMD iSchool. Since
- 2005, the iConference series has provided forums in which information scholars, researchers and professionals share their insights on critical information issues in contemporary society. An openness to new ideas and research fields in information science is a primary characteristics of the event. Attendance has grown every year; participants appreciate the inspiring sense of community, high quality research presentations, and myriad opportunities for engagement.
- IGNITE Workshop: In August, the UMD iSchool hosted the NSF-funded Ignite Connecting
- Technologies & Communities (ICTC) workshop, which bridged researchers and community leaders to identify what is known, what has been done, and what additional work is needed to strengthen our ability to explain, facilitate, and enable community-based technology innovation.
- The workshop developed a research agenda and fostered initial collaborations through case- presentations; brainstorming and agenda articulation exercises; and networking opportunities.
- The focus was on practitioners and researchers who explore the factors, conditions, and practices that enable communities to leverage emerging data resources and infrastructure technologies to meet local needs.

UMD iSchool in the News

Research

- “University of Maryland, Part of a Six-Institution Collaboration, Receives NSF Grant for Groundbreaking Study on Big Data Ethics” This was also a CNSF Expo feature project. <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/university-maryland-part-six-institution-collaboration-receives-nsf-grant-groundbreaking-study>
- “Event Announcement: iSchool’s PERVADE Project is Featured Exhibit at CNSF Event” <https://pervade.umd.edu/2018/05/ischools-pervade-project-is-featured-exhibit-at-cnsf-event/>
- “Team of Researchers Led by UMD are Engaging Communities in Baltimore’s Smart City Transformation” - Vanessa Frias-Martinez
- <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/team-researchers-led-umd-are-engaging-communities-baltimore-s-smart-city-transformation>
- “University of Maryland Launches Smart and Connected Communities Initiative for Baltimore Avenue” - Andy Fellows <https://umdrightnow.umd.edu/news/university-maryland-launches-smart-and-connected-communities-initiative-baltimore-avenue>
- “UMD Part of Multi-Institutional Team Awarded \$14.4M to Develop Innovative Language Technologies” - Doug Oard <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/umd-part-multi-institutional-team-awarded-144m-develop-innovative-language-technologies>
- “iSchool Partners with White House Correspondents’ Association to Host Presidential Pool Reports Collection” <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/university-maryland-partners-white-house-correspondents-association-host-presidential-pool>
- Student Highlights
- “UMD iSchool Students Co-Design Digital Literacy Program with Homeless” <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/umd-ischool-students-co-design-digital-literacy-program-homeless>

Alumni Spotlights

- “Kevin Beverly, a 1981 MLS Alumnus, Helps Local Disadvantaged Youth Realize Their Ambitions” <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/kevin-beverly-1981-mls-alumnus-helps-local-disadvantaged-youth-realize-their-ambitions>
- “One Pulitzer can make a career. Two can make a legend: News on iSchool Alumna Alice Crites”
- <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/one-pulitzer-can-make-career-two-can-make-legend-news-ischool-alumna-alice-crites>
- Teaching Innovation
- “David Weintrop and Tammy Clegg Developed Proposed Program to Train Teachers to Use Technology in the Classroom” <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/david-weintrop-and-tammy-clegg-developed-proposed-program-train-teachers-use-technology>
- “MLIS Program Launches Two New Specializations: Legal Informatics and Intelligence Analytics” <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/mlis-program-launches-two-new-specializations-legal-informatics-and-intelligence-analytics>
- “iSchool Faculty Weigh In on Facebook and Social Media Issues”
- <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/ischool-faculty-weigh-facebook-and-social-media-issues>
- “How Facebook 'Likes' Predict Race, Religion and Sexual Orientation: Timothy Summers on CNN” <https://ischool.umd.edu/news/how-facebook-likes-predict-race-religion-and-sexual-orientation-timothy-summers-cnn>

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Enriquez stated there were no updates at this time.

MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (MLA) UPDATE

Mr. Thompson provided the following report:

- Legislative Panel: Carrie Plymire will serve as Chair. Mary Baykan, outgoing Chair, will continue to serve as well. Natalie Eddington will serve as the Federal Liaison.
- MACO Conference: At an open forum hosted by Senator Ben Cardin, Ms. Padilla thanked him for his support of Libraries. She asked about funding for IMLS. Senator Cardin stated that he loves libraries and that nothing would change until after the election. The library booth won Best Booth! Thomas Vose built a pirate ship out of Amazon boxes.
- The MLA Conference will be held May 1-3, 2019 at the Hyatt Cambridge. The theme will be "What if?"
- MLA has a great partnership with MASL. Vickie Falcone and Joe Thompson have a presence with the marketing group at MASL.
- MLA works with MSL on providing leadership training for the libraries. MLLI is the Maryland Libraries Leadership Institute.
- MLA is looking for nominations for Treasurer.

MLA LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY ISSUES

Ms. Marshall provided the following report:

- Every four years every member of the legislation is up for election. This is the year for elections. This year major players with leadership roles did not make it through the primaries. Library leaders need to start building relationships with the new legislators.
- The Southern Maryland Regional Library Association is planning a legislative breakfast and recommends that others do the same.
- Advocacy should be a yearlong process and building relationships take time and effort.
- SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA
- Ms. Hicks provided the following report:
- MSDE updates:
- Maryland Repository/#GoOpen – OER (Open Education Resources) Initiative -- Summer workshops were very successful. Over 200 quality resources were submitted for approval. We are now in the process of analyzing them for copyright, accessibility and privacy compliance. Our goal for going live with the Hub is end of September.
- Maryland Standards for School Libraries and Student Technology Use – Both standards have completed the public comment process and are ready to go for "approval to publish" by the Maryland State Board of Education. Our original goal to submit them this summer was delayed. We are planning on submitting in September or October.
- School Library Media Online Reporting
- Data collection is complete and the data files have been cleaned up and analyzed.
- The 2017-18 report will be released as an infographic in the next couple of weeks. It will be posted on the School Library Media webpage.
- Upcoming meetings and important dates:
- MASL Conference – Friday, October 19, 2018 @ Camelot by Martins, Bowie, MD
- MDK12 Steering Committee
- Fall meeting – Monday, September 17 @ Elkridge Library

- Vendor Day – Thursday, November 1 @ TBD
- Combined meetings with School Library Supervisors and Instructional Technology Liaisons.
- Wednesday, October 31, 2018 @ Carver Staff Development Center, Gambrills
- Monday, March 25, 2019 @ Carver Staff Development Center, Gambrills
- MDK12 Digital Library
- Vendor Day is scheduled for November 1. Location to be determined.
- Steering Committee leadership continued their work as part of the Maryland eContent Advisory Committee and the Maryland Library Consortium Board (MLC).
- MILEX – Information Literacy Summit
- The 2018 Information Literacy Summit was held at Anne Arundel Community College on July 25th. We had 100 attendees. Keynote speakers from Common Sense Media and PA Forward. All sessions and affinity group working sessions were well received. General consensus among attendees was to continue to make this an annual learning opportunity.
- Next steps planning meeting is scheduled for October 1 at the Elkridge Branch library.
- Presentations/Professional Learning Delivered by the School Library Media Office
- Sumer Symposium workshops were held in Caroline, Calvert, and Frederick Counties. The IT&SLM office provided sessions on Copyright, Accessibility and Evaluating OERs.
- The OERs and Copyright session will be presented at the MASL Conference on October 19.
- Local School System - Library Media Positions
- Though budget outlooks for local school systems continue to be troublesome, there is no indication at this time that school library positions will suffer further cuts this school year. We are monitoring the budget processes for next school year, which begin in October, for possible cuts.
- The biennial Maryland Teacher Staffing Report is due out this month. I will share that report at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Mr. Martin stated that Lynn Wheeler will be retiring as Director of the Carroll County Public Library. Ms. Wheeler will remain on the Board.

Ms. Wheeler mentioned that the Carroll One Book proposed by School Library Media Specialist at Manchester Valley High School, Valerie Dennis, is a first book by Jack McBride White titled, *In Carrie's Footprints: The Long Walk of Warren Dorsey and Attending the Colored School*. This is a story about Mr. Dorsey's struggle to get an education and attaining the position of Principal. Ms. Daggett mentioned that Howard County Library System organized a speaking event with Jason Reynolds at the East Columbia Branch. The library system and the school system

worked together to identify 200 middle and upper elementary school students to receive reserved seating to hear him speak. The event maxed out on capacity at 350 seats so this was a very generous and directed event for our teens. The library also worked with a foundation to purchase copies of one of Mr. Reynolds' books and had them signed.

Ms. Maneki informed the Board that the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is celebrating 50 years!

Mr. Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, December 7, 2018 at the iSchool, University of Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.