



# THE CITIZEN

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## Message from the President

I am excited about the things CML has accomplished as I conclude my term as President of CML in December. Three years ago, Martha Grahame started us on developing a strategic plan for the organization. This effort helped us clarify the issues we needed to address to move the organization forward. We concluded that we need to focus on a few priorities:

1. Improve our outreach to the other library support organizations
2. Energize our advocacy efforts.

Citizens for Maryland Libraries exists to advocate for libraries and, perhaps more important, to encourage and support other citizens as they advocate for libraries. CML is most effective when members who do not work full-time in the library profession – people like Martha Grahame and others, including myself – engage in robust participation in CML. The organization could not function without our members who are professional librarians, but the impact of showing widespread support from a diverse group of citizens cannot be underestimated. We call this “putting the C in CML.”

In order to improve outreach and increase participation, we need to demonstrate the value of belonging to and participating in CML. The most significant initiative during my term as President was our Friends and Trustees Conference held in September 2015 (shown on left). More than 80 people from around Maryland gathered to learn from and be inspired by very distinguished speakers on a wide variety of advocacy topics. The event was a tremendous success, and we plan to make it a biannual event.



Above: John Carty

Another initiative we began is an award for an outstanding library employees. We hope that this award will not only honor a series of outstanding library employees, but that it will give visibility to the exemplary service that takes place in Maryland libraries every day. To make the most of this opportunity, we have invited local politicians to present the awards. Including local leaders adds prestige to the award and highlights the impact that libraries have on local communities.

None of this would have been possible without our Executive Director, Diane Barlow and the core volunteers who stepped up and took charge of each of these events. Kristen Pironis has been nominated to relieve me as President, and you will find a strong leader in her. Kristen is very active on the Board of Trustees for Queen Anne’s County Free Library and brings a great combination of experience and energy to the job. She is absolutely the right person to continue to move CML forward. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to CML for your support. We could accomplish nothing without you.

— John Carty, President, Citizen for Maryland Libraries

### SHARE YOUR STORY!

Do you have a story suggestion for the next issue of The Citizen? Does your library have an event or activity you would like The Citizen to cover? If so, please email your ideas to Lynn Wheeler at [lwheeler@carr.org](mailto:lwheeler@carr.org).

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# Announcements

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## CML Award Nominations Sought

Each year CML presents three prestigious awards. Nominations are now being accepted for:

- The Marion Satterthwaite Award in recognition of outstanding advocacy efforts for libraries
- The Davis McCarn Award for innovative use of technology to enhance library service
- The Outstanding Library Employee Award to recognize a library staff member who has made exceptional contributions in the area of public service

Nominations are being accepted through February 1, 2017. Go to [www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org](http://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org) for criteria, list of previous award recipients and online nomination form.



## 100th Anniversary of WWI to be Commemorated through Traveling Exhibit to Libraries

Margaret Carty, CML Board member and Executive Director of the Maryland Library Association, is serving on the World War I Commemoration Committee, Maryland Network, established by the White House to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of US involvement in WWI. Under Margaret's leadership, MLA is planning a traveling exhibit of WWI era aircraft paintings by Robert Horvath (retired director of Talbot County Free Library) and other paintings, posters and artifacts from the US Airforce Museum collection. Libraries in Maryland will receive an invitation to apply to host the exhibit during 2017. Those selected will be asked to develop education opportunities and events on the WWI theme. Watch the MLA website for more information: [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

# Faces & Places

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## 2016 Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy Grant Awarded to the Friends of the Brunswick Branch, Frederick County Public Libraries

The Friends of the Brunswick Branch of the Frederick County Public Libraries was awarded the 2016 Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy Grant. The \$500 grant will help the Friends to fund a PlayStation gaming system and accessories to establish a permanent gaming station in the Teen Zone at the branch. The community has identified a need for more activities for teens. The library is an important and popular place for families with young children. This added activity will provide an engaging activity for teens in a friendly and comfortable environment.



## Libraries at MACo

The Maryland libraries booth featuring a 3D printer, robotics and Virtual Reality was a big hit at the 2016 Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Conference. Senator Ben Cardin (lower left) proved to be very adept with the job simulator software on VIVE Virtual Reality, as Attorney General Brian Frosh roots him on. Summer reading mascot Sneaks (upper left is a perennial favorite at MACo.)

## Faces & Places

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### CML Receives Special Gift in Honor of Denise Davis

Denise Davis, M.L.S., J.D. was Director of Cecil County Public Library (CCPL) for 15 years leading Cecil County Public Library to state and national recognition. At a retirement reception to honor her career and accomplishments, CCPL's Board, Friends, Foundation and staff presented a donation to Citizens for Maryland Libraries in the amount of \$1,000. Davis is the Maryland Library Association's 2017 President Elect.



### Partridge Award Presented to Dr. Arthuree Wright

Dr. Arthuree Wright has been named the 2016 recipient of the James Partridge Outstanding African American Information Professional Award. Dr. Wright's career encompasses more than 30 years at Howard University Libraries, from which she retired as Associate Director and Chief Operating Officer in 2015. Dr. Wright is a member of the Prince George's County Library Board of Trustees. She also works on Capitol Hill for the Women's & Children's Advocacy Division of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society.

In 1998, while at Howard University, Dr. Wright launched the Heritage Exploration Cybercamp for middle school students. For five summers, she oversaw all aspects of the computer camp which was based in the main library but included public and school librarians, federal agencies, local businesses, as well as Howard faculty, staff, and students.

Active in the American Library Association, Dr. Wright served on the Committee of Accreditation for the American Library Association. She is a former chair of the ACRL Research Committee and former member of the Advisory Committee for the ERIC Clearinghouse on Teaching and Teacher Education.

Presented by the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland and the Citizens for Maryland Libraries, the Partridge Award honors African-American members of the library profession who have made important contributions to librarianship and the library community. The Award was presented on Friday, October 21, at the 2016 Conference on Inclusion and Diversity in Library and Information Science, at the University of Maryland, College Park.



### Dr. Marzullo appointed Dean of Maryland's iSchool

Dr. Keith Marzullo was appointed Dean of the College of Information Studies (iSchool) at the University of Maryland on August 1, 2016. He has an extensive background in computer science and cybersecurity. Prior to joining the university, Dr. Marzullo was the Director of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. His extensive resume includes five years at the National Science Foundation, where he served as Director of the Division of Computer and Network Systems. Dr. Marzullo received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University.



*From above: Denise Davis, Dr. Arthuree Wright, and Dr. Keith Marzullo*

# Four New Public Library Directors Take the Helm

Since November 2015, four new public library directors have been appointed by their boards, bringing new ideas and energy to Maryland libraries. We are pleased to introduce:



## **Michael Blackwell** St Mary's County Library

He spent the previous 22 years in Ohio libraries before coming to Maryland in November 2015. He has a particular interest in digital content. Michael is a member of ALA's Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), Buildings and Equipment Section. He is active on the Digital Content Work Group, and on advocacy committees for ReadersFirst and the Library E-content Access Project. When not at the library, Michael enjoys community service, cycling, windsurfing, reading (of course), and exploring his new home county with his wife Lisa, who is also a library director.

When asked what opportunity he is looking forward to addressing, Michael said, "In St. Mary's, we have many great community partnerships and opportunities for increasing library service. If pressed to name only one, our biggest project now is building the new Leonardtown Library, which will share a lobby with a senior activities center. It is located near an elementary school, with a middle school soon to be built. It's an amazing opportunity to create a community hub for all ages that honors our past with traditional building materials while offering an innovative and airy design which provides a vision of our engaged, sustainable, and informed future."



## **Janet Salazar** Charles County Public Library

Janet Salazar was appointed Executive Director of the Charles County Public Library in November 2015. She has worked at the Charles County Public Library for 19 years including as Children's Librarian at the P.D. Brown Memorial Branch, Branch Manager at the Potomac Branch, the Waldorf West Branch and the P.D. Brown Memorial Branch, and, Acting Assistant Director and Acting Director during the new library director search.

Janet says of her new job, "Charles County is near and dear to my heart and I want to see it grow and prosper in a thoughtful way. We are very excited about our new strategic plan, our updated website, and our new Mobile Library. Our Kids Cards campaign has been a complete success and we look forward to serving our community in new and innovative ways in the future."

*From above: Michael Blackwell,  
Janet Salazar*

## Faces & Places

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### **Dana Newman** Talbot County Free Library

Dana Newman served as the Chief of Public Services and Branch Management for the Anne Arundel County Public Library system before coming to the Talbot County Free Library in May of 2016 to serve as Director. While at AACPL, she oversaw the operation of 15 branch libraries, as well as the public service departments. She led development of new public service initiatives that supported STEM curricula, school outreach, and early literacy education and helped to inspire commitment to provide lifelong learning opportunities to patrons of all ages.

Dana believes, “libraries are essential to the community as they fulfill the individual’s intellectual and creative needs and also transform the lives of their patrons and the communities they serve.” She finds that her “most important role is one of empowering staff to lead from within the organization and to help facilitate and encourage a culture of change and innovation. I am looking forward to strengthening our ties to the community through growing partnerships and building relationships with customers.” Over the next year, she says, “we will be collaborating with our community to create a shared vision of library service that best serves the unique needs and aspirations of the Talbot County community.”



### **Morgan Miller** Cecil County Public Library

A native of Cecil County, Morgan joined the Cecil County Public Library (CCPL) system 11 years ago and most recently served as its Assistant Director for Public Services. She was honored in 2013 with the Maryland Library Association’s Emerging Leader Award. Morgan was an integral part of the CCPL team that was awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Service in 2015. In announcing her appointment, CCPL Board President Brig. Gen. Kennard Wiggins stated, “Over the past ten years, Morgan has built a remarkable record of accomplishments both locally and at the state-level, fostering collaboration and innovation while pursuing the mission and vision of the CCPL. We are confident that Morgan will continue to lead CCPL’s culture of world-class quality and the pursuit of individual and community success.”

On her new role, Morgan stated, “In addition to the transformational work we do for the people we serve, what has inspired me most are the dedicated professionals of CCPL whose commitment to the library’s mission is evident in every one of our branches and in every area of our operation. Together, we have created a culture of innovation, creativity, and excellence that has built far more than great services and branches- we’ve built community, aspiration, and opportunity for our citizens. I am honored to be charged with leading our extraordinary library system into its next exciting chapter.”



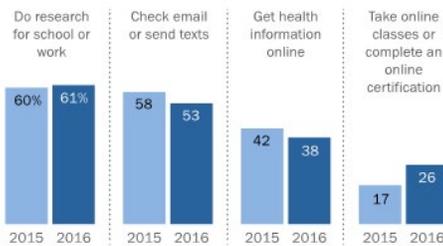
*From above: Dana Newman,  
Morgan Miller*

# Features

## Libraries 2016 by Pew Research Center

**Doing research or checking email are the most frequent uses of library tech resources, but more people are using them to take classes online than last year**

*% of U.S. library computer users ages 16 and older who used library computers in past 12 months to ...*

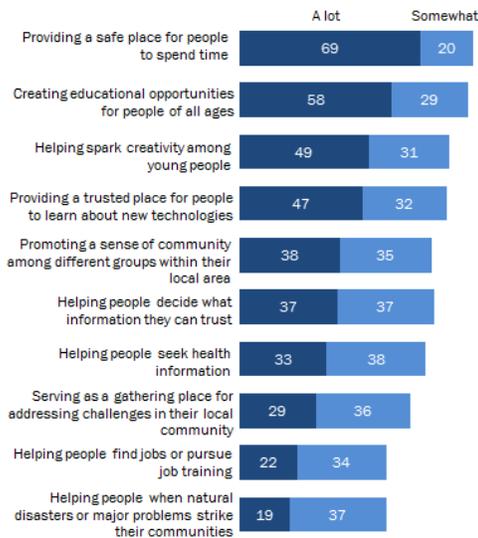


Note: 23% of adults ages 16 and older used library computers/internet connections in the past 12 months.  
Source: Survey conducted March 7-April 4, 2016.  
"Libraries 2016"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

**People see libraries as a safe place, a source of educational opportunity and trusted information, as well as a place to ignite creativity in young people**

*% of U.S. adults ages 16 and older who say libraries contribute 'a lot' or 'somewhat' to their communities by ...*

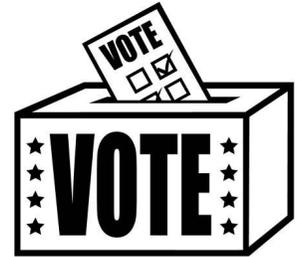


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PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Read the full report and findings of Libraries 2016 at:  
<http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/09/09/libraries-2016/>

## Nominees for 2017 CML Board



At the CML Annual Business meeting, on Saturday, October 22, members will be asked to vote for the following slate of officers:

### President – Kristen Pironis

An avid reader and writer, Kristen Pironis found a home in libraries at a young age. Her support of libraries—and the communities they serve—grew as her family made Kent Island their home in 2008. She joined the Board of Trustees for the Queen Anne's County Library in 2012. She is also a member of the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library group. In 2014, she joined the CML Board and is currently serving as Vice President.

### Vice President – Lynn Wheeler

Director of Carroll County Public Library. Lynn Wheeler served on the CML Board for many years, including three years as President. She received CML's Satherwaite Award for advocacy in 2012. She was re-appointed to the CML the Board in 2014.

### Treasurer – Stuart Ragland

Stuart Ragland has served as treasurer of CML since 2011. He has worked at the Enoch Pratt Free Library / Maryland State Library Resource Center since 1994. He is a member of Howard County Friends, ALA, and MLA. Since 2009 he has served as the chair of the MLA Technology Committee. He received CML's Davis McCarn Award for innovative technology in 2013. Mr. Ragland is also in nomination for another three-year term on the CML Board.

### Secretary – Pat Hofmann

Pat Hofmann served as the director of Calvert Library for 15 years before retiring in 2013. She served as the ALA Councilor for the Maryland Library Association. She continues to be a passionate advocate for libraries. In her role as CML liaison to the Maryland Library Association's Legislative Panel, she often presents compelling testimony to the Maryland Legislature on library issues. Ms. Hofmann is also in nomination for another term on the CML Board.

### Al Martin – Board Member

Al Martin has served one term on the CML Board. He is a CPA, who served as Director of Finance for the City of Hagerstown for 30 years before retiring. Very active in the community, he is the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for Washington County Free Library and is the Chair of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries. Mr. Martin is also a candidate for the Washington County Board of Education.

### Arthure Wright – Board Member

Dr. Wright retired from a long career at Howard University Libraries, serving as Associate Director and Chief Operating Officer before retirement. She serves on the Board of Library Trustees for Prince George's County Memorial Library. She is the 2016 recipient of the James Partridge Outstanding African-American Professional Award. She is nominated for a first term on the CML Board.

For more information on candidates go to [www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org](http://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org).

# Features

## Calvert Library Friends Hosts Mini Golf Event By Pat Hofmann for the Friends of Calvert Library

Mini golf in the library? Why not! We jumped into this project with great enthusiasm. The Friends of Calvert Library sponsored the mini golf event and received lots of help from Director Carrie Plymire and key awesome staff to assist with a smooth event.

When I say “event,” I really mean “three events!” As a group of over achievers (my favorite people), we planned a weekend of fun events. Friday night was for teens. The super teen group of Calvert Library, the TACOS, helped to set up the course. That evening was for teens only. They played the 18 hole course, ate donated pizza, chips and salsa, and popcorn, and listened to music presented by fellow teens.

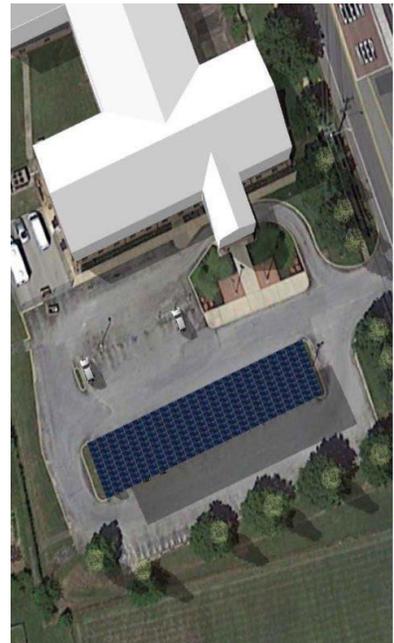
On Saturday, families came to play mini golf while the library was open. The team planned ahead, volunteers and staff assisted, and it was a very smooth event. Golfers were super-excited, especially the kids. They loved playing golf in the library. Saturday night was an elegant, yet casual, evening for adults. Sponsors and attendees enjoyed the evening that included a silent auction, delicious appetizers, a bar, and of course –golf. We added seated massage to make the evening even more special.

We held mini golf in September. Friends of Calvert Library were proud to raise about \$8,500 from the mini golf. We hired LMG Library Mini Golf to provide the golf course and we recommend them highly. Almost all of the holes were sponsored and the sponsors had the option to decorate their hole. Even the 19th hole (the Bar) was sponsored by a wonderful library vendor, Recorded Books, with offices in Calvert County.



## 1st Solar Canopy in a Maryland Public Library Nearing Completion

Cecil County Public Library received State Capital Grant funds to renovate the 27 year old central library in Elkton for 21st century energy improvements, including the construction of a solar voltaic array to generate energy, achieve renewable energy credits for utilities savings and to demonstrate the potential of this technology. SunTrail Energy, LLC began construction of the Solar Canopy in August. The canopy structure has 264 solar panels installed.



### County Library Capital Grant Program

Since its inception, Renee Croft has coordinated the County Library Capital Grant Program. She shares these facts:

- Fiscal year 2017 marks the tenth year that State assistance has been available to public libraries for capital projects.
- Library space planning guidelines suggest that one square foot per capita is the minimum required to serve the community effectively. In Maryland, the average public library space available to serve the State’s residents is 0.6 SF per capita.
- Program goals include geographic diversity in grant distribution and stimulating local support for public library development.
- Over the past ten years, \$45,025,000 has been authorized to assist public library projects in 20 counties, leveraging more than \$300,000,000 in local matching funds.

From above: The Friends of Calvert Library mini golf fundraiser, Solar canopy at Cecil County Public Library central branch

**Editor’s Note:** We greatly appreciate and owe a huge thanks to Renee Croft for her superb work in successfully navigating library projects large and small through the State’s capital grant process.

# What is Your Time Worth?

## **A Message from Susan J. Schmidt President, United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association**

If you are a volunteer in a community library, your time is worth more than you know! Are you a Friend of the Library? Then the funds that you raise allow for enhancements to the library building, provide additional programs, and appreciation for the staff. Are you a Trustee? Then the time you spend involved in your library's budget process, working with the Library Director, and interacting with elected officials will never equal an hourly income. If you support your library and advocate for services, collections, and hours, then your time is immeasurable.



*Susan J. Schmidt*

You are not alone. There are thousands of us across the country that willingly spend time planning and achieving goals to make our libraries the heart of our communities. You should know that there are wonderful resources that can help your volunteer experience be productive and successful.

### **Citizens for Maryland Libraries**

Visit the CML website for the latest information on what is happening in the legislature that can affect your library and system. CML has links to statewide initiatives and access to other Friends groups in Maryland. CML also provides grants and awards for library initiatives.

### **United for Libraries**

The American Library Association supports friends, trustees, and foundations within its United for Libraries Division (<http://www.ala.org/united/>). United is a national network of enthusiastic library supporters who believe in the importance of libraries as the social and intellectual centers of communities and campuses. They have wonderful fact sheets including starting a friends group, best practices for a Board meeting, and how to advocate on the local, state, and federal levels. Have a question? You can join United's listserv and be sure that someone will have an answer!

*Susan J. Schmidt is on the board of Citizens for Maryland Libraries. For many years, she has been active with the Friends of the Little Falls Library in Bethesda. Prior to her role as President of United for Libraries, she served on ALA Council as Division Councilor. She regularly coordinates CML programs at MLA and planned the very successful CML Friends Conference in 2015.*

From IMLS Director

**DR. KATHRYN K. MATTHEW**

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## Features

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# Institute for Museum and Library Services Town Hall Meeting Enhances Initiative to Promote Community Wellbeing

by Denise Davis

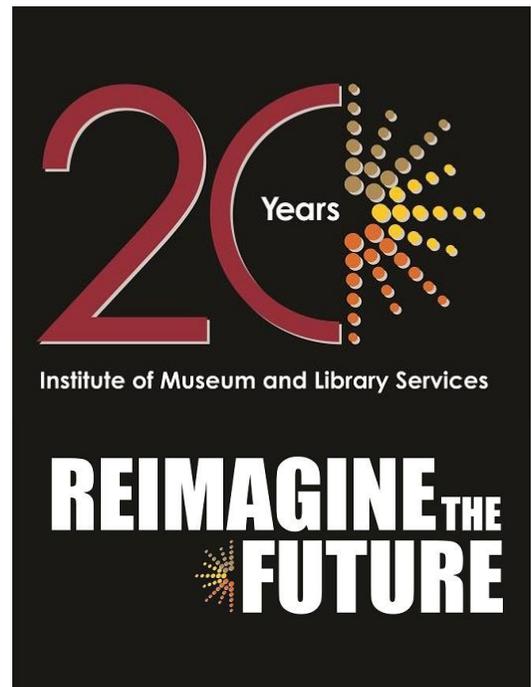
President-Elect, Maryland Library Association and Director Emerita, Cecil County Public Library

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for libraries and museums. This federal agency offers grants designed to spur innovation, develop effective policy, and perform vital research. IMLS also awards the National Medal to libraries and museums that are making exceptional contributions to their communities.

I was honored to be an invited participant in the IMLS sponsored Community Catalyst Town Hall in Philadelphia on September 8 and 9. Invitees came from around the country, representing museums, libraries, foundations, and other community organizations committed to collaborating to address community concerns and challenges. The Town Hall was designed to assess and develop the potential for a new IMLS initiative supporting a greater role for museums and libraries in advancing community well-being. Prior to the event, participants reviewed a research summary developed by IMLS's research partner, the Reinvestment Fund.

IMLS's new leader, Dr. Kathryn Matthew, opened the Town Hall and introduced speakers, including an outstanding plenary speaker, Rev. Starsky D. Wilson, President and CEO of the Deaconess Foundation in St. Louis and co-chair of the Ferguson Commission. Rev. Wilson called on participants to do more to address the many challenges facing our country and communities in these troubled times. You can watch his speech at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=904kLBDny9c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=904kLBDny9c)

Participants were then assigned to small groups to focus intently on the research related to specific challenges faced in community work, including forming partnerships, assessing needs, developing necessary skills, evaluating impact, and on specific goals, such as economic development. We participants offered our ideas, experience, and methods, as well as critiques of the tentative findings reached in the research document. On the second day, feedback was honed collectively. While numerous challenges were identified, I sensed considerable support for the potential IMLS initiative. Town Hall participants were rewarded with highly generative discussions, inspiring new colleagues, and moving speakers, including the closing plenary speaker, Inaugural Poet, Richard Blanco. I was deeply impressed with IMLS's investment of time and funds to host this Town Hall to gather feedback on the prospective initiative in its formative stages. I look forward to next steps.



“ Libraries and museums impact thousands of their community members daily, providing resources and services that contribute significantly to quality of life, education, economy, and community cohesion. I am delighted to announce our Community Catalyst Initiative, which was conceived on the premise that museums and libraries that are integrally linked to their community ecosystems can respond powerfully and purposefully to their community needs and visions. ”



# Calendar

October 16-22, 2016 – National Friends of Libraries Week, sponsored by United for Libraries [http://www.ala.org/united/events\\_conferences/folweek](http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek)

January 20-24, 2017 – American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta, GA, <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/>

March 10, 2017 – Opening of the Harriett Tubman Visitors Center, Church Creek, MD <http://harriettubmanbyway.org/>

April 9-15, 2017 – National Library Week, sponsored by ALA

May 1-2, 2017 – National Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC

May 10-12, 2017 – MLA/DLA Annual Conference, Hyatt-Chesapeake, Cambridge, MD



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A perfect time to show your love for our libraries.

**February 14, 2017  
Valentine's Day &  
Library Legislative Day  
Annapolis, MD**

## Membership Application

Yes, I want to join Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) and continue to work for the best possible public library service for all the people of Maryland.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Memberships

- \_\_\_ Individual – Basic \$15
- \_\_\_ Individual – Supporter \$25
- \_\_\_ Individual – Contributor \$50
- \_\_\_ Individual – Benefactor \$100
- \_\_\_ Organization (Friends Group) \$25
- \_\_\_ Corporate – Benefactor \$200

### Lifetime Membership

- \_\_\_ Individual – Lifetime \$750

Yes, I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support:

\_\_\_ **Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund**

\_\_\_ **James Partridge Award**

*CML is a 501c3 organization. Membership dues are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to CML.*

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