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## Successful Legislative Session for Maryland Libraries

The Maryland General Assembly approved an increase in per capita funding for regional and public libraries by a unanimous vote in the Senate (47-0) and the House (137-0). The increased funding is scheduled to begin in FY16. The General Assembly also fully funded the State Library Capital Grant at \$5 million in FY15. Readers are urged to write or call their senators and delegates to thank them for their support.

Other library-related legislation approved in the 2014 session of the Maryland General Assembly includes:

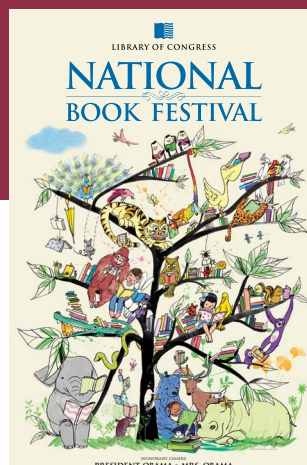
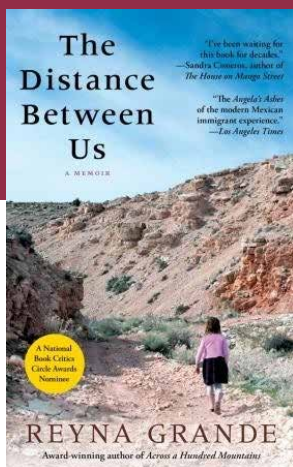
- \$12.1 million in capital funding to support renovation of the Enoch Pratt Free Library/ State Library Resource Center.
- Requiring the Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) to establish a Deaf Culture Digital Library.
- Authorizing MSDE to include operating funds for the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) in its budget and for LBPH to receive a specified amount of funding each year.

### 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 [lindalupro@comcast.net](mailto:lindalupro@comcast.net) by February 1, 2014.

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## CML Events & Activities

### Upcoming Events

May 5-6	National Library Legislative Day <a href="http://www.ala.org/nlld">www.ala.org/nlld</a>
May 7-9	Maryland Library Association Annual Conference <a href="http://www.mdlib.org">www.mdlib.org</a>
May 17, 10 AM	CML Board Meeting, Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch Library (Hagerstown)
August 13-16	Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference, Ocean City Convention Center <a href="http://www.mdcounties.org/">http://www.mdcounties.org/</a>
September 6, 10 AM	CML Board Meeting, Location TBD
August 30	National Book Festival, Washington Convention Center, <a href="http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/">http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/</a>
September 26 -28	Baltimore Book Festival, Inner Harbor (note new location) <a href="https://www.baltimorebookfestival.com/">https://www.baltimorebookfestival.com/</a>

## One Maryland One Book 2014

### *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir* by Reyna Grande

Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years in this "compelling....unvarnished, resonant" (Book Page) story of a childhood spent torn between two parents and two countries. As her parents make the dangerous trek across the Mexican border to "El Otro Lado" (The Other Side) in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced into the already overburdened household of their stern grandmother. When their mother at last returns, Reyna prepares for her own journey to "El Otro Lado" to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years, her long-absent father.

Heartbreaking and lyrical, *The Distance Between Us* poignantly captures the confusion and contradictions of childhood, reminding us that the joys and sorrows we experienced are imprinted on the heart forever, calling out to us of those places we first called home.

In its seventh year, One Maryland One Book is designed to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. Readers are then invited to participate in book-centered discussions and other associated programs at public libraries, high schools, colleges and universities, museums, bookstores, and community and senior centers. Programs will take place each year in the fall. A calendar of free public events will be available online this summer.

<http://www.mdhc.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/>

# ELECTION CONNECTION



## Gubernatorial Candidates Respond to Questions

Five gubernatorial candidates responded to questions asked by CML. Following are excerpts from their responses. Complete responses can be found on the Citizens for Maryland Libraries website. <http://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org/> For a complete list of gubernatorial candidates go to the Maryland Board of Elections: [http://electionsmaryland.com/elections/2014/primary\\_candidates/index.html](http://electionsmaryland.com/elections/2014/primary_candidates/index.html)

### 1. How will you support the dynamic education mission of public libraries as you promote educational success for all Marylanders?

**Anthony Brown:** Libraries play a fundamental role in the vitality of our communities.... Increasingly, our libraries are becoming much more than just a place to borrow books. They are community centers, meeting places, and information and technology hubs...Libraries are also vital to adult education, and will serve as valuable partners as we work to ensure that adults learn the skills they need to compete for great jobs...In 2012, through the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, we partnered with public libraries to expand our workforce and adult education delivery systems. We will continue to support efforts to reach out to the community to provide job training and job search assistance through our libraries...Over the last seven years, the O'Malley-Brown Administration has increased total local aid to libraries over 25%, topping out at \$69.5 million in FY2014. As introduced, our FY2015 budget will invest \$13 million to begin renovations to the State Library Resource Center at the Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central Library) in Baltimore City, a critical service delivery and coordinating entity that both services Baltimore City residents and supports all Maryland public libraries...County Executive Ulman has shared this commitment to libraries. Due in large part to his leadership, Howard County Library System was named "Library of the Year" by Gale/Library Journal in 2013.

**David Craig:** I began to love the public library system when my mother took me to the Havre de Grace Library almost 60 years ago. Ultimately I read almost every book in the "920" category. Currently my wife, Melinda walks our youngest grandson – three year-old Joey to the library every Friday morning. Joey and "Nana" look forward to this every week. During the recent recession the public library has taken a very important role in expanding educational opportunity – to children in public, private, and home schools and to adults who have become unemployed. The system needs to be appropriately funded to provide this access. Benjamin Franklin had it right when he took the lead on this over 240 years ago.

**Heather Mizeur:** ...I will seek to expand the state's capital funding assistance for construction and renovation and explore tying future increases to the cost of inflation. The current library capital grant program has been in existence for six years and funding has stayed at a constant \$5 million per year. With a backlog of hundreds of millions of dollars in needed renovations, we must do more to help communities leverage local resources to improve facilities. I will also encourage counties to include library funding within their education budgets, properly classifying them as educational assets. Under a Mizeur-Coates administration, Maryland libraries will receive the funding they need to fulfill the needs of every community.

**Shawn Quinn:** ...Schools should be run by local communities involving the public Libraries where they see fit. The best way to support dynamic education is let local communities decide what is best for their education system. Libraries can play an important role in that effort.

**Cynthia Walsh:** ...Right now, for many it is libraries that offer the only access to the internet and as public schools become more wired and computers more integrated in lessons, access to computers outside the classroom is critical. Funding for this transition in classrooms is a good thing and we need to see that libraries and community centers are viewed as equally needing of funding to meet these changes.



From left:  
Anthony Brown,  
David Craig,  
Heather Mizeur,  
Shawn Quinn,  
and Cynthia Walsh



## 2. How will you incorporate libraries in your educational goals for the state?

**Brown:** We will create ladders of opportunity for every Maryland student by ensuring access to a world class education. That education is delivered in our schools, museums, performing arts centers, galleries, science centers and our libraries. Universal Pre-K, and closing the achievement gap will be made more achievable with cooperation from our state's public libraries. Similarly, expanding education for adults is key to providing new job opportunities and growing our economy...We will support all of the existing library educational programs that enhance the lives of Marylanders and seek new opportunities to expand the educational reach of libraries as we build a better Maryland...

**Craig:** I have a record as county executive of providing new and upgraded libraries to the citizens of Harford County. We completed the Jarrettsville Branch, expanded the Whiteford Branch, developed the mobile branch, and are getting ready to break ground for a new Havre de Grace Branch – a \$7.3 million project ... We also realized that we needed to provide access to broadband and spent \$20,100,000 creating a HMAN project so that the internet was available to all libraries, schools, and public safety facilities in our rural areas.

**Mizeur:** Libraries will play a central role in my educational goals for the state by making libraries true partners in public education. A Mizeur-Coates administration will utilize successful models found around the country to inform our library policy... I will encourage counties to create partnerships with their libraries to expand opportunities and enhance academic achievement. County school systems should implement a library card enrollment program with incoming elementary school and new students. Libraries should also work hand-in-hand with school systems to craft co-dependent goals and plan activities. Finally, each public school throughout the state should create a formal partnership with a local library where children will know they can go to receive additional help in learning and researching school assignments

**Quinn:**... It will be up to local communities to decide how they wish to incorporate their libraries. Libraries have always found ways to provide service to their communities and I have no reason to think they will stop now.

**Walsh:**...Education that is broad and experiential needs to have more opportunity in group projects and exposure to any number of learning skill development tools...libraries can be an excellent source for parents and students in their after-school choices...The upside down education policy of having students going online after school to prepare for classroom lessons is an excellent opportunity for libraries so having the software and materials used in the classrooms at the library is a must. Parents have never needed more resources than now in learning how to help their children meet these new classroom requirements.

## 3. As our state moves to the new Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards (Common Core), public librarians and school librarians/library media specialists are working with teachers as they develop new lesson plans and make curriculum changes. How will you foster and recognize the roles of public libraries and school librarians/library media specialists as you advance the MCC-RS?

**Brown-Ullman:** ...We will promote Common Core success through enhanced collaboration between our public schools, libraries and colleges. For example, Howard County's A+ Partners in Education (A+) - a collaborative effort between the County's Library System, Public Schools and Community College – automatically links every student with a library card at enrollment and promotes cross-system educational support. Through A+, libraries and schools work together to aid students through after-school and weekend services offered at libraries, including free online tutoring and research assistance for all students. We should seek to expand these partnerships across Maryland.

**Craig:** As a public school teacher and assistant principal for 34 years, I am concerned that the changes being mandated are not an appropriate way to evaluate students, teachers, or schools. We must let the local systems – Boards of Education, Community Colleges, and Public Libraries make these decisions – not politicians.

**Mizeur:** School librarians are essential to the well-rounded education of our children... we will take a multi-faceted approach that protects and strengthens the roles of librarians and media specialists in the implementation of MCC-RS. School librarians should play a critical role in helping teachers formulate school lesson plans, and our policies support this concept.

**Quinn:** It is not my intention at this time to support Common Core. This system appears to be a way to dumb down our children and waste tax payers dollars. I am open to hearing more on the subject. It is my belief that we need to push students to be the best they can be.

**Walsh:** The amount of education funding going into implementing these Race to the Top policies is outrageous...it would be my job to look carefully at all of the private consultants, all of the private educational businesses tied with this Race to the Top and assess how we might better implement these policies by using the resources such as libraries already in our community...

## CML News: James Partridge Award

### James Partridge Outstanding African American Information Professional Award

Dr. Janet Sims-Wood received the 2014 James Partridge Outstanding African American Information Professional Award presented by the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland and the Citizens for Maryland Libraries on April 11, 2014, in College Park, Maryland. The award was presented to Dr. Sims-Wood during the Symposium on Diversity in LIS Education: Advocacy, Outreach, and Inclusion by Assistant to the Dean Diane L. Barlow.

In 1998, Mr. James Partridge was the first recipient of this annual award that honors unsung members of the information profession for their contributions to librarianship and the library community. Mr. Partridge died shortly thereafter and the award was later named in honor and memory of his life-long advocacy for the right of all people to read and learn, and his dedication and excellent service to the Maryland Division of Library Development and Services and the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Dr. Sims-Wood began her professional career in 1972 as the Readers Advisor in the Black Studies Division of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, the main public library for the District of Columbia. In 1974 she joined the staff of Howard University's Moorland Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) where she served first as Reference Librarian/African American Specialist and then, from 1987 until her retirement in 2005 as Assistant Chief Librarian. Dr. Sims-Wood now serves as a part-time Adjunct Faculty-Reference Librarian at the Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland, a position that she has held since 2002 and through which she serves a new generation of students, faculty, researchers, and scholars. (Excerpted from the Internet Newsletter of Prince George's Community College 4/24/14)



*Dr. Janet Sims-Wood*

From Left: Tracy Carroll,  
Louise LeTendre



## CML News: Davis McCarn Awards

### CML Awards Davis McCarn Awards to Louise LeTendre and Tracy Carroll

Louise LeTendre, Chair of the Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees, will receive the Davis McCarn Technology Award on May 10, at the Maryland Library Association Conference. Ms. LeTendre will be completing 10 years of service on the Harford County Public Library (HCPL) Board of Trustees in June. During her tenure, she has been an engaged and dedicated Trustee who has brought cutting edge technology opportunities to the Harford County community. This past year, Ms. LeTendre was instrumental in bringing 3D Printing to the Abingdon Branch of HCPL. Launched in October 2013, the 3D printer has been a resounding success and is in constant use. The public now has the opportunity to learn about 3D printing and create items for school projects, business models, and more.

Over the years, Ms. LeTendre has been instrumental in introducing new technology to Harford County Public Library customers, including TumbleBook Library (interactive eBooks for children). TumbleBook Library contains interactive, animated talking story books for preschoolers, puzzles, and games, as well as language learning audiobooks for young children. This wonderful product supports the development of pre and early literacy skill building.

Due to Ms. LeTendre's vision and success in making critical connections, the services to residents of Harford County have been improved through the introduction and mainstreaming of the newest technology.

Ms. LeTendre has had an illustrious career as a librarian for the US Army, most recently as the Chief Librarian of the Technical Library at the US Army Research Laboratory. She operated the Army library in Viet Nam where she maintained service during the 1973 fall of Saigon.

Also receiving the Davis McCarn Award at MLA is Tracy Carroll, Web Specialist, Western Maryland Regional Library (WMRL). Immediately after joining the WMRL staff in 2007, Ms. Carroll put her expertise to work to implement the statewide "23 Things" project, designed to help library staff throughout the state gain a working knowledge of social media. The project hit a huge stumbling block because libraries were building websites using free blogging software that had no backup option, so if the technology crashed, all of the work on the project would be lost. More than 1,000 library staff members had enrolled to participate. The project was in jeopardy of being dumped until Ms. Carroll developed a solution.

During 2012, all Maryland public library systems participated in a project to ensure that public library websites met the newest standards for web accessibility. Ms. Carroll not only developed a technology plan for WMRL, but also submitted well-crafted plans for other libraries in the region.

In preparation for the 2013 Summer Reading Club, Ms. Carroll created an online registration system for the Washington County Free Library. This allowed the library to eliminate a great deal of paperwork and encouraged greater participation. The SRC registration system is now available to all Maryland public libraries at no cost. This is truly an innovative use of technology that is improving library service in Maryland.

Former WMRL Director Joe Thompson notes, "Ms. Carroll is well respected by her colleagues for her technical skills, her easygoing attitude, and ability to work under pressure. She is truly a statewide team player who consistently contributes her technology talents to innovate for Maryland public libraries.

The Davis McCarn Technology Award is given in recognition of outstanding effort and innovative use of technology to support and improve library services in Maryland.





# 2014 Finalist National Medal for Museum and Library Service

[www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov)

## **Congratulations to the Cecil County Public Library for being named a 2014 Finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the federal agency that provides leadership for libraries and museums at the national level. Their mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Each year, IMLS selects a group of 15 libraries and 15 museums as finalists for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service and highlights their work for two months before selecting 10 recipients of the IMLS annual medal.

CCPL Director, Denise Davis notes, "We are honored to have been selected as a finalist for the IMLS medal for 2014. Although CCPL is not a really big library like some of the other finalists (which include Los Angeles and Chicago Public Libraries!), our services are having a major positive impact in Cecil County. We try to live our mission every day by providing lifelong educational and cultural opportunities and resources for all and actively promoting individual and community success."



## **Around Maryland Libraries**

**“People with hopes for the future come to the library to learn, to strategize, and to achieve.”**



*Talbot County Free Library,  
St. Michael's Branch*

## Around Maryland Libraries

### **The Library: Where the Future Begins**

**by Bill Peak**

One of the things I love about working at the library is the opportunity it gives me—pretty much daily—to peer over the threshold into tomorrow. Whether it's starting a new business, planning a wedding, finding the perfect blind site for this year's hunting season, building an addition to their house, learning English as a second language, or getting a statue of Frederick Douglass erected on the courthouse lawn, people with hopes for the future come to the library to learn, to strategize, and to achieve. It is the go-to place for people with a goal in mind, people who intend to accomplish a great deal with the resources available to them in our little neck of the woods (a part of the country that stands admittedly, but also blessedly, just a little ways off the beaten path). And in case you haven't noticed, when people in Talbot County set out to do something, they usually succeed. In this, I think, we share something in common with people living in rural areas all across America.

Before I got smart and moved to the Eastern Shore, I worked as a writer for an association in Washington that represented companies in a particularly influential national industry. Members of this association, as part of the federal licensing process, are required by law to provide a certain level of pro bono community service. One of my responsibilities with the association was to run an awards program that named and honored the industry's ten top community service efforts each year.

Now it happens that, before going to work for the association, I had run a non-profit human service organization myself, so I knew something about how difficult it can be—on a shoe-string budget—to set up and run a program that actually helps people. And again and again, reviewing the entries we received each year for those prestigious awards, I was struck by how often the programs run by huge companies making loads of money in major markets, though they looked impressive, in reality often didn't provide much more than a lot of self-congratulatory bells and whistles. While the programs run by smaller companies operating in rural areas on a fraction of the budget were often surprisingly well-thought-out, well-run, and effective. The people working in those companies seemed to really know and care about the communities they lived in.

Sound familiar? Over and over again, since moving to Talbot County, I have been impressed by how much people here are able to accomplish with just their minds and the resources ready to hand. For people such as this, the library is both engine and fuel: it is our public forum, our university, and our intellectual refuge all rolled into one.

At the height of its glory, the ancient city-state of Athens is estimated to have had a population of just 30,000 people. Talbot County has a population of 37,834. Does a modern-day Socrates walk our streets unnoticed? Is there an Aristophanes among us, a Sophocles, a Euclid, an Aristotle? If there is (and why shouldn't there be?), I think it's safe to assume you will find him or her among the quiet, happy patrons at the Talbot County Free Library.

*The Citizen received this article highlighting the important work that goes on at the Talbot County Free Library every day. [First published in Talbot County's paper, The Star Democrat, on September 1, 2013]*



# Tribute to Kitty Hurrey

By Pat Hofmann

Kitty Hurrey, retired Director of the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, SMRLA, was honored by the Calvert Library Foundation for her service to Calvert Library and the community. This festive event took place in Chesapeake Beach on February 22.

Today, each Southern Maryland County has its own library director, but until 1995, that was not the case. Kitty was the director of Calvert, Charles & St. Mary's county libraries, as well as SMRLA. The counties were smaller, but Kitty managed to work with three boards of County Commissioners and four Boards of Trustees! How could one person be in charge of four systems? By being Kitty, with her endless energy and gumption. Kitty is outgoing and down to earth. She has a great generosity of spirit and a zest for life.

Kitty was the third library employee in Calvert County, hired in 1962 as a part time bookmobile librarian, becoming full time the next year. She truly did it all – raising a family, going to college for her Masters in Library Science, and working. SMRLA had gone through a few administrators between 1959 and 1968 when Kitty became the director and luckily for the region, she stayed. Kitty loved her staff. Once she retired, Calvert Library retained Kitty's hiring procedures, continuing to hire excellent employees. Kitty was always proud of her staff and enjoyed visiting the branches. She knew all of the staff and their spouses personally, and was known for introducing everyone in the room at special events.

Kitty built an excellent library system from the ground up through both good and tough economic times. She set the tone for excellent customer service that continues today. She was never deterred by circumstances and she made the most of everything. For example, if one county was replacing their shelving, Kitty would find a way to store that shelving until she needed it for one of her other branches. Kitty would never ask her staff to do something she wouldn't do herself. When it was time to wash the soot off of metal shelving, she was right there with her staff in the Fairview parking lot, rinsing and washing.

Many of Calvert County's current services were started by Kitty. When the library moved to its first online system, it was amazing that Kitty convinced three boards of County Commissioners at the same time to pay for a computer system. Library automation took place in 1992.

Kitty excelled at building libraries. In Calvert she added onto Prince Frederick on Duke Street, opened Twin Beaches in North Beach, then opened a new Twin Beaches in Chesapeake Beach, opened Fairview in Owings, then an addition to Fairview, then built Southern in Lusby. Each of those projects required years of planning and working with elected officials for funding. Kitty worked with state officials for years to receive funding for the SMRLA building/library branch in Charlotte Hall.

Kitty didn't only work her magic at the libraries. She worked in her community, making Calvert a better place. She volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce, putting on the Business Expo for many years. She gave a home to the newly-formed Cultural Arts Council, and then to the Calvert County Literacy Council in the basement of the former library in Prince Frederick. She taught Library Science 101 at the College of Southern Maryland. She was involved in politics, and helped to found the Calvert County League of Republican Women in 1963. She worked on political campaigns. Kitty and her husband Charlie had five children. With her children, she was involved with scouting, youth sports, music and band programs. Kitty was a member of the Calvert County School Board from 1966 to 1974 and was the first female president of the Board.

In the library world, Kitty was a star. She nurtured and trained her staff, created collegial tri-county teams, participated in Maryland Library Association (including a term as President), and served on committees for the American Library Association. In 1992, the MLA conference was held in Solomons. Kitty was an integral part of the planning and execution of the conference. The conference was followed by a chili cook off, the Fiery Foods Festival, at Jefferson Patterson Park in St. Leonard. The tag line was, "Let libraries spice up your life!"

Kitty received the MLA award in 1978. She received the Alumni of the Year Award from University of Maryland's College of Library and Information Science (now iSchool) in 1985. She was the Chair of the Planning Commission to the Maryland Conference on Libraries and Information Services in 1990, and was a Maryland representative to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services. She received the Marion Satterthwaite Award from CML in 1995.

Kitty enjoys her retirement in Myrtle Beach, volunteering at Brookgreen Gardens and for the Friends of the Library.



*Kitty Hurrey honored for years of service*

## New Branch: Gaithersburg

### State Library Capital Grant at Work in Montgomery County

State Library Capital Grant funding through the Division of Library Development and Services, MSDE was an important partner in the construction of the new Gaithersburg Branch, the busiest branch in Montgomery County with a circulation of nearly one million items and 700,000 visits per year.

The Gaithersburg Library is the County's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Library and represents the County's commitment to sustainable construction and operations. A green roof is one of the features of the building. It reduces storm water runoff and heat-island effects.

The exterior panels on the branch, called rain screens, create a carefully designed and time-tested exterior wall cladding. There is a waterproof membrane behind the panels and insulation. The panels are the skin that protect the insulation and waterproofing and gives the wall a clean appearance. There is no caulking between the joints so that the space behind the fiber cement panels can drain and breath.







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

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

\_\_\_\_ James Partridge Award

\_\_\_\_ Admiral Maurice A. Rindskopf Fund

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