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Dr. Carla Hayden Nominated by President Obama to Serve as Librarian of Congress



The Maryland Library community is delighted with President Obama's nomination of Carla Hayden as Librarian of Congress. As the CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Dr. Hayden has led major transformations to buildings, services and technology. "Dr. Hayden has devoted her career to modernizing libraries so that everyone can participate in today's digital culture," President Obama stated in his nomination announcement.

Before coming to Baltimore in 1993, Dr. Hayden was the chief librarian of the Chicago Public Library. She is a past president of the American Library Association (2003). In 2010, she was appointed to the Board of the Institute for Museums and Libraries (IMLS). Dr. Hayden's confirmation hearing before a congressional committee took place last month. Making opening statements on her behalf were Senators Mikulski, Cardin and Sarbanes. If appointed, she would be the first woman, the first African American, and the first professional librarian to head the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world with more than 162 million items in its collection. Since its founding in 1800, there have only been 13 librarians of congress.

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.

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Legislative Update

Maryland public libraries had a successful legislative session, under the leadership of MLA Legislative Panel chair, Mary Baykan, director of the Washington County Free Library.

On the last day of the session, Senate Bill 337 was passed, which escalates the rate of state aid increase to libraries, starting in FY 2018. This legislation will bring state aid to public libraries to \$16.70 per capita by FY 2022, instead of FY 2025 as currently stated in the law. Regional Libraries and the State Library Resource Center will also see increases.

CML Board member, Pat Hofmann testified in support of the bill in the House and Senate on behalf of Citizens for Maryland Libraries. MACO also testified in support of this increased funding. Libraries owe a great deal of thanks to lead sponsors Senator Nancy King and Delegate Sheila Hixson, and to the team of Hannah Garagiola and Camille Fesche at Alexander and Cleaver for their advocacy work on behalf of libraries during the session.

State Aid to Public Libraries will increase by \$.27 in FY 2017, bringing it to \$14.54 per capita.

Please take the time to thank bill sponsors. For a complete list of bill sponsors, go to:

<https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/SB337/2016> for Senate sponsors and

<https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB144/2016> for House sponsor.

Susan Schmidt to Receive 2016 Marion Satterthwaite Award



The Marion Satterthwaite Award for outstanding advocacy efforts to support and improve Maryland libraries is awarded to Susan Schmidt. Ms. Schmidt is the immediate past president of the Friends of the Little Falls Library in Bethesda, and a media assistant at the Wood Acres Elementary School in Montgomery County. She is the Vice President/President Elect of the American Library Association's United for Libraries. Ms. Schmidt has served on ALA Council as the United for Libraries Division councilor. She served as president, secretary and a member of the board of directors under Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (the organization that preceded United for Libraries).

For many years Ms. Schmidt has helped to coordinate "Nuts and Bolts for Friends, Trustees, and Foundations" for ALA Conferences.

In addition to her national work in library advocacy, Ms. Schmidt has been a library champion on the state level. She served on the

Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries, and is currently on the CML Board. For many years, she has coordinated a CML sponsored program for the Maryland Library Association Conference. In the fall of 2015, Ms. Schmidt coordinated the CML Friends Conference, featuring advocacy tips from Maryland Senator Richard Madaleno and United for Libraries staff member Beth Nawalinski, as well as perspectives from *American Girl* author Valerie Tripp.

News

John Courie to Receive Davis McCarn Award

The 2016 Davis McCarn Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in using innovative technology to improve library service in Maryland is awarded to John Courie, Systems and Network Manager at Caroline County Public Library. This year, in addition to his regular duties, Mr. Courie took on the major task of configuring more than 250 laptops for the Statewide Programming Laptops Initiative for Community Education (SPICE) Laptops for Youth initiative, in partnership with the Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS), Maryland State Department of Education. Each laptop had to be CIPA compliant and configured to be easily managed and updated by youth services staff in public libraries throughout the state. Mr. Courie is also providing tech support for those systems who need assistance in maintaining the SPICE laptops.



Mr. Courie has served as the Systems and Network Manager at Caroline County Public Library since 2008. He is a strong believer in the power of public libraries to provide equal access to technology to all sectors of the community, and works to ensure that rural citizens have access to cutting edge technology through their public library.

Mr. Courie has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from UMBC, and a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics from Wayne State University. He will receive a Master's Degree in Clinical Herbalism from Maryland University of Integrative Health in 2017.

Frederick County Public Library



Congratulations to the Frederick County Public Libraries team! MSN is showcasing the Thurmont Regional Library as one of its "Amazing Libraries in All 50 States" article. The Thurmont Regional Library opened in 2008 with 25,000 square feet and a home for the Thurmont Center for Agricultural History. There's a drive-through window for easy book returns or pickups, a covered deck where visitors can read and relax, and a children's department with a puppet stage, a lab, and windows facing the forest.

Passport Service Popular in Libraries



Public libraries in Maryland are proving to be good US State Department partners in offering passport service. Currently branches in six library systems in Maryland are offering passport service with more on the way. Participating library branches recently formed a Passport Services Users Group to share information. Members held their first meeting at the Arbutus Branch, BCPL last month.

CML Board Welcomes New Members

Sandy Lombardo

The Citizens for Maryland Libraries Board welcomes Sandy Lombardo, the Branch Manager at the White Marsh Branch, Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL). Ms. Lombardo has worked in various roles at BCPL for 27 years. In joining the board, Ms. Lombardo noted that she is excited to contribute her passion for libraries to CML's advocacy efforts.

When not working at the library, Ms. Lombardo spends her spare time keeping up with her busy eight year old son and dreaming of her next trip to Disney World.



Jennifer Keats Curtis



The CML Board is delighted to welcome children's author Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ms. Curtis has penned numerous nonfiction and realistic fiction books about animals, including the Children's Choice Book Award winner *Kali's Story: An Orphaned Polar Bear Rescue*. She notes that her passion for wildlife and inability to stop asking "why" has compelled her to start writing kids' books with scientists, including Maryland biologist J. Adam Frederick, with whom she created the realistic fiction *Salamander Season*. The next scientific collaborations are also realistic fictions, *After A While Crocodile: Alexa's Diary* with co-author Dr. Brady Barr of Nat Geo Wild's *Dangerous Encounters* and *Moonlight Crab Count* with environmental ecologist Dr. Neeti Bathala.

Ms. Curtis is looking forward to working with CML to help promote libraries: "as a child, I loved losing myself in books loaned from my local library and as a mom, I delighted in not just the print section but the fabulous educational programming for my daughters. I wholeheartedly believe that libraries are a crucial resource for all and I am looking forward to advocating alongside librarians, media specialists, and readers!"

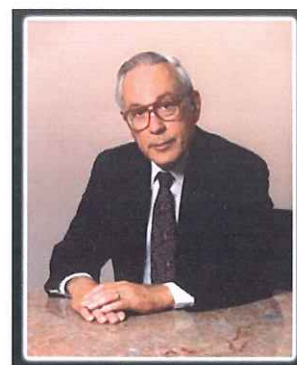
A huge fan of all things Maryland, Ms. Curtis has resided in Anne Arundel County since the age of 7. She and her family love the fact that they live where other people pay to vacation.

To learn more about books by Ms. Curtis, visit her website at www.jenniferkeatscurtis.com.

Charles Robinson

We say farewell to Charles W. Robinson, who served as the director of Baltimore County Public Library for more than three decades. He died on April 8, following complications from a stroke. He was 88.

Mr. Robinson leaves an immense legacy. His “Give ‘em what they want” philosophy of materials purchasing was looked on with great derision and controversy in the early 1980s, but today every public library in America strives to provide service under this model. He was controversial indeed. He spoke his mind, and effectively shared his vision for the benefit of all public libraries



Mr. Robinson began his library career at the Free Library of Philadelphia. In 1959, he joined the Baltimore County Library System as assistant director. In 1963, he was named director. Throughout his 33 year career as director, he transformed BCPL from a small 50 employee system to one of 24 branches and 700 employees, as he kept pace with county growth. During Mr. Robinson’s tenure, the library became the busiest in the United States in terms of books circulated per capita.

Nora Rawlinson, publisher and editor of *EarlyWord*, noted that one of Mr. Robinson’s major achievements, “was to get local government to understand the importance of libraries, launching persuasive arguments based on data. He taught other directors to do the same and helped establish PLA’s Output Measures for Public Libraries, Planning and Role Setting for Public Libraries and the annual Public Library Data Service, Statistical Report.

Mr. Robinson was always known to his colleagues as a man with strong opinions on library services. After his retirement, he suggested to the BCPL Board of Trustees that they purchase *Library Administrator’s Digest* and he would serve as the volunteer editor, with all proceeds going to BCPL. The Board did just that and for the next 18 years, Mr. Robinson continued his influence through editorship of *Library Administrator’s Digest*, a roundup of news along with his comments, or as Rawlinson states, “a monthly dose of Charles.” Over this 18-year period, LAD provided significant revenue to BCPL.

Mr. Robinson was born in Beijing, China, the son of Dr. Hugh Robinson, a medical missionary. He graduated from the Hotchkiss School, and earned a bachelor’s degree from Colby College, where he majored in history, economics and government. He earned his master’s degree in Library Science from Simmons College in 1951. He served as a sergeant with the 38th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife Martha, of 59 years, son Hugh, daughter Kate and three grandchildren.

2016 Upcoming Events

- June 23 – 28 American Library Association Conference, Orlando, FL - <http://2016.alaannual.org/>
- August 17– 20 Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Summer Conference, Ocean City, MD
Cyber Solutions: Counties in the Digital Age - <http://www.mdcounties.org/index.aspx?NID=254>
- September 24 Library of Congress National Book Festival, Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC
<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>
- October 16 – 22 National Friends of Libraries Week, Sponsored by ALA – United for Libraries

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.

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Annual Memberships

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_____ Individual – Supporter	\$25
_____ Individual – Contributor	\$50
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_____ Corporate – Benefactor	\$200

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

_____ **Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund**

_____ **James Partridge Award**

Lifetime Membership

_____ Individual – Lifetime	\$750
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