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Governor Hogan signs SB 587 and HB 1094 establishing the Maryland State Library Agency and the Maryland State Library Board.

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Message from the President

Transitions & Opportunities

The last CML president, John Carty, focused on putting the “citizen” in Citizens for Maryland Libraries. I want to thank him for his continued service to Maryland libraries. While he has stepped down as president, he is still very active on our board. He has also been extraordinarily helpful in the transition to my term as president, and both of us have had the absolute pleasure of counting many librarians as our mentors and sage counsel in this work.

Transitions seem to be the theme in 2017 as our executive director, Diane Barlow, has announced her retirement for the end of June. I know I represent the entire Board of Directors and our membership in thanking her for her leadership and unrelenting dedication over the last six years in support not just of Citizens for Maryland Libraries, but all Maryland libraries. We wish Diane good luck in this next stage of her life and look forward to seeing her in and around libraries for years to come.

2017 brings change in leadership to CML, and a renewed focus on our mission to “serve as a positive force for the promotion of enhanced library services for all Marylanders.” Our work with our members and our partner organizations has taken on an urgency that I have not seen in years past. All of us at CML look forward to working with you in this very important year and beyond.

Kristen Pironis
President, Board of Directors
Citizens for Maryland Libraries

Faces & Places



CML at Maryland Day

CML board members Joe Thompson and Margaret Carty, along with Summer Reading Mascot, Sneaks, represented Maryland libraries on Saturday, April 29 at University of Maryland College Park's Maryland Day! The 90+ degree heat did not deter the crowd. Participants of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to experience Augmented Reality through tattoos and coloring sheets at the library booth. Thanks to Joe Thompson for coordinating volunteers representing CML, MLA and Ask Us Now!



National Library Legislative Day Draws a Big Crowd

More than 500 librarians, trustees, Friends and other supporters from every state gathered in Washington, D.C., on May 1–2 for the 43rd National Library Legislative Day (NLLD), an event organized by the American Library Association's (ALA) Washington Office to bring US senators and representatives together with their constituents to talk about libraries and information policy. Maryland libraries had a large delegation, thanks to the efforts of Natalie Edington, who serves as MLA's National Legislative Coordinator.

ALA reported that the number of attendees was the highest in 10 years, spurred by the Trump administration's proposed 2018 budget that would eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the agency that distributes federal funding to state library agencies and other grant programs. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels encouraged participants to urge legislators to support library funding, noting, "Libraries are facing the challenge of a lifetime, if this funding can be done away with at the stroke of a pen. This is the time when the rubber hits the road."

One piece of good news that greeted attendees regarding the FY 2017 budget was that Congress announced a bipartisan agreement to fund the government through September 30, which includes \$231 million for IMLS. Work begins right away on the 2018 federal budget, and librarians gave the highest priority to this in discussions with their members of Congress, urging them to continue to fund libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (\$187 million) and the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program (\$27 million). About one-third of the House of Representatives has signed on in support of these two programs, and a similar effort is underway to persuade 51 members of the Senate to do so by May 19.

Above (from top): Joe Thompson (CCPL), Margaret Carty (MLA), and Sneaks at Maryland Day; Kristen Pironis, CML President, at National Library Legislative Day.

CML Satterthwaite and McCarn Awards Announced

CML's most prestigious awards will be presented on May 11, at the Maryland Library Association Annual Conference.

Marion Satterthwaite Award: Martha Grahame



Martha Grahame will receive the Marion Satterthwaite Award for outstanding advocacy efforts to support and improve Maryland libraries. Martha has worked tirelessly as a member of the CML Board, including serving as its President. She regularly represents CML at statewide Friends and Trustees meetings and at the Maryland Association of Counties Annual Conference. Martha has testified on behalf of libraries at Maryland General Assembly hearings, participated in other legislative events in Annapolis, and represented Maryland libraries at American Library Association conferences.

She has served as President of the Board of the Southern Maryland Regional Library, Inc. "Martha has worked tirelessly to help facilitate the continued growth of the regional library," said Sharan Marshall, director of SMRLA.

Martha is the President of the Calvert Library Board of Trustees. She has served multiple terms on the Board. She is the Treasurer of the Library Foundation and the President of the Friends of Calvert Library, a position she has held since 1994. In addition, she volunteers on a frequent basis for the library. She also promotes the library through her numerous volunteer roles in Calvert County, including long term service on the Calvert County Literacy Council Board.

This spirit of dedication and caring is what led the Maryland Library Association to name Martha Volunteer of the Year in 2010.

Davis McCarn Award: Steve Potash



The 2016 Davis McCarn Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in using innovative technology to improve library service in Maryland is awarded to Steve Potash, President and Chief Executive Officer of OverDrive, Inc. Steve founded OverDrive in 1986. In the ensuing 30 years, he adapted rapid changes in technology to develop a digital reading platform for eBooks, audiobooks and other digital media for libraries, schools, government agencies, colleges and universities worldwide.

In March 2005, Public libraries in Maryland, in contract with OverDrive, began circulating digital content to library cardholders through the Maryland Digital eLibrary Consortium. In February 2017, the Consortium reached a milestone of 10 million circulations, and is now exceeding 2 million circulations per year.

A pioneer and visionary in the digital content and distribution industry, Steve is an expert in digital rights management, intellectual property issues, and electronic publishing. He serves as President of the International Digital Publishing Forum. Through his collaboration with federal and state agencies, Steve has worked extensively for improved digital media accessibility for the visually impaired.

The Steve and Loree Potash Family Foundation, based in Cleveland, Ohio, offers Believe in Reading funding, which supports programs dedicated to the teaching and encouragement of reading for all ages anywhere in the world.

A graduate of The Ohio State University and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Steve has also been active in the Practice of Law and served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General. He has served as an Acting Municipal Judge, and authored technology columns for the American Bar Association Journal.

Above (from top): Martha Grahame, recipient of the Marion Satterthwaite Award 2017; and Steve Potash, recipient of the Davis McCarn Award 2017.

Faces & Places

Diane Barlow, CML Executive Director Retires

We say farewell and thank you to Diane Barlow, who served as the executive director of CML for six years. Diane joined CML following her retirement as associate dean of the College of Information Studies (Library School) at the University of Maryland. Diane received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies at the University of Maryland. She joined the Library School faculty in 1990, as the director of Student Services. She was named assistant dean in 1995 and associate dean in 2000. Over the course of her career at UM, she taught, mentored and assisted hundreds of librarians now working in public, private and special libraries in Maryland, Virginia, Washington, DC and beyond. Following her full-time retirement, she continued to work at the Library School as special assistant to the dean until 2016.

Diane has a long list of publications to her credit, including journal articles, book chapters, edited works, and technical reports. Her most recent book, edited in partnership with Dr. Paul Jaeger is *Celebrating the James Partridge Award: Essays Toward the Development of a More Diverse, Inclusive and Equitable Field of Library and Information Science* coming out this year, published in December 2016.



Al Martin Named Washington County's Business Person of the Year

Congratulations to Al Martin, Chair of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries and CML Board member on being named Washington County Business Person of the Year, by the Hagerstown-Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

Al, a certified public accountant, was the finance director for the City of Hagerstown for 27 years. Prior to that, he was the Hancock town manager and an auditor for Smith Elliott Kearns.

Al is an incredibly busy man. He serves as the treasurer on the Washington County Free Library Board of Trustees. He is the president of the board of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, as well as for the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts Foundation. He also volunteers in leadership roles with the Discovery Station Children's Museum in Hagerstown, the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and other organizations.



Deborah D. Taylor appointed to IMLS Board

In January 2017, Deborah D. Taylor, coordinator of School and Student Services at the Enoch Pratt Free Library was appointed by President Obama to the Institute of Museum and Library Services Board. Ms. Taylor is a member of the Voice of Youth Advocates Editorial Advisory Board and served as President of the Young Adult Library Services Association and Chair of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards. She received the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Practitioner Award for Lifetime Achievement from the American Library Association in 2015.



Above (From top): Diane Barlow; Al Martin (Photo credit: Ric Dugan, Staff Photographer, Herald Mail Media); and Deborah D. Taylor.

Features

Maryland State Library Agency Established

By Lynn Wheeler, editor

On April 18, Governor Hogan signed historic legislation establishing the Maryland State Library Agency and the Maryland State Library Board. This change in State law, within the Education Article, moves library administration (formerly the Division of Library Development and Services) out from under Maryland K-12 and places it on equal footing with K-12 and higher education.

At the time the laws pertaining to public libraries were established in the late 1940's, the major focus of both schools and public libraries was building facilities to house services. However, over time the educational mission of schools and public libraries diverged, with schools mandated to maintain an ever sharper focus on the structured education of students in grades K-12, while libraries are expected to take a broader focus on the self-directed educational needs of citizens of all ages. This reorganization gives public libraries a distinct identity within the Education Article, one parallel to the structure within counties, where public schools and public libraries have separate governing boards, resulting in strong and successful education partnerships. Further, the reorganization will ensure that existing library-designated resources are specifically invested in public library service.

Sharan Marshall, Director of the Southern Maryland Regional Library, Inc., and a key member of the legislative team, stated in her testimony, "This new legislation is the result of more than 10 years of careful consideration, conversations, and debate among public libraries and library support groups and individuals."

The law goes into effect on July 1, 2017. At that time, the Assistant Superintendent for Libraries, Irene Padilla, will become the State Librarian, and the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries, will become the State Library Board, representing a giant step forward for high-quality, proactive library service to the citizens of Maryland.

Now is the opportune time to make this change in State law. The State Library Resource Center, which is located in the Enoch Pratt Free Library and serves all citizens of Maryland, is currently undergoing a multi-year, extensive capital renovation. This provides the opportunity to pursue re-locating the staff, currently assigned to the Division of Library Development and Services and housed in the MSDE/Grasmick Building, onto the campus that houses the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the State Library Resource Center and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, thereby becoming the site of the Maryland State Library.

Thanks to the CML Board and to members Pat Hofmann and Al Martin for their testimony supporting this important legislation.

Mary Baykan, director of Washington County Free Library and Chair of the Maryland Library Association's Legislative Panel noted, "We enter a new era in Maryland Public Libraries. We now stand independent and equal in the Public Education Laws of Maryland with K-12 and the Community Colleges. It was a long road thoughtfully and carefully navigated by MAPLA and MLA, which resulted in overwhelming bipartisan support. Since we had not one "no" vote in either chamber, we can, with confidence, thank every member of our respective delegations for their support."

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Mary Baykan

Director, Washington County Free Library

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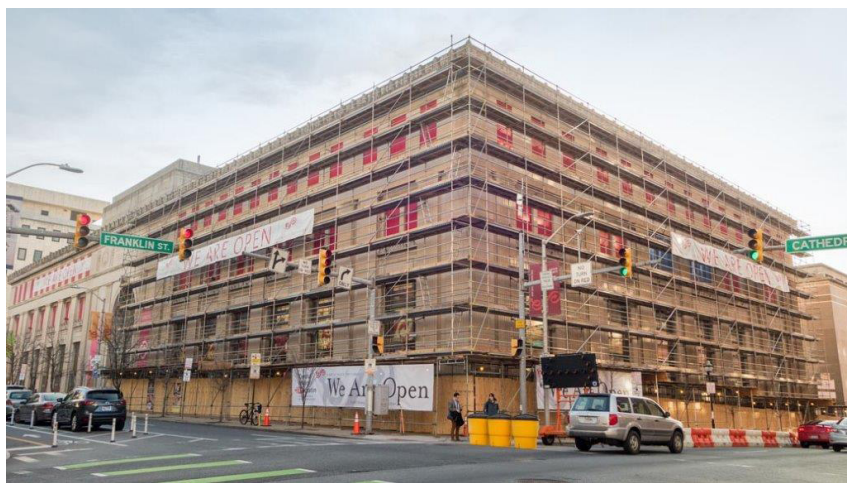
Thanks to the Maryland General Assembly for Library Support!

This was, indeed, a very successful legislative year for libraries. In addition to unanimously approving the Library Reorganization bills, thereby establishing the Maryland State Library, the General Assembly approved an acceleration in the scheduled increases to per capita funding for the State Library Resource Center (\$.02), the regional resource centers (\$.20), and county public libraries (\$.19). This brings State Aid for Libraries to \$1.73 per capita for SLRC, \$7.55 per capita for regionals and \$15 per capita for county public libraries in FY 2018.

The Public Library Capital Budget Program was also approved at the full rate of \$5 million. In addition, capital funding for the State Library Resource Center renovation project at the Enoch Pratt Free Library – Central, was approved at \$32.6 million.

Be sure to give thanks and a round of applause to the Maryland General Assembly and to Governor Hogan for their support of Maryland public libraries!

Pictured Below: Enoch Pratt Free Library/SLRC Renovation



State Aid FY2018 funding per capita
State Library Resource Center **\$1.73**
Regional Public Libraries **\$7.55**
County Public Libraries **\$15.00**

Advocacy ALERT

LSTA Federal Funding for Libraries in Jeopardy

President Trump's proposed FY 2018 budget eliminates the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding for libraries. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. The mission of IMLS is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Through grant making, policy development and research, IMLS helps libraries and museums deliver valuable services that help individuals and communities thrive.

In Maryland, over many years LSTA funding has played a tremendous role in supporting staff development, STEM learning technology, online information service and assistive technology. It funds statewide Summer Reading and One Maryland One Book initiatives. LSTA has been responsible for the development of a tremendous number of innovative services in Maryland libraries.



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Nettie B. Taylor Fund for Leadership Established

CML is pleased to announce that in memory of former MD State Librarian, CML founder and board member, Nettie B. Taylor, the board has established a scholarship fund to sponsor a participant in the newly named Nettie B. Taylor Maryland Library Leadership Institute. The next institute will be held on July 12-14 and October 25-26, 2017.

Donations to the fund can be made directly to CML at: www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org.

World War I Exhibit Traveling to Libraries Throughout the State

In honor of the 100th anniversary of World War I, an exhibit featuring oil paintings of vintage aircraft will be on display in Maryland libraries throughout the year. The paintings are the work of Robert Horvath, retired director of Talbot County Free Library and chairman of the board of the Norman Rockwell Museum. The paintings are on loan from the US Air Force Museum. The exhibit also features World War I recruitment and war bond posters on loan from the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Robert Horvath will speak about his art in November at the Talbot County Free Library. Thanks to Margaret Carty, executive director of the Maryland Library Association, for coordinating this exhibit in partnership with the Maryland World War I Commission.

*Pictured below: **Putnam's Red Spad** by Robert Horvath*

Exhibit Schedule

MAY ★ Carroll County Public Library, Mt. Airy Branch

JUNE ★ Washington County Free Library

JULY ★ Cecil County Public Library

SEPTEMBER ★ Frederick County Public Libraries

OCTOBER ★ Montgomery County Public Libraries

NOVEMBER ★ Talbot County Free Library



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Montgomery County Public Libraries Wins Top Innovator Award

Montgomery County Public Libraries was awarded the prestigious 2016 Top Innovator Award from the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) for the Library Refresh Program (Refresh), an innovative approach to revitalizing libraries while avoiding long-term shutdown of facilities. Refresh uses a rotating approach to renovate branches, which keeps down costs, allows for timely updates and minimizes interruption of services.

The cost of Refresh is estimated at \$20 million for all 16 libraries and takes 18 months for the entire rotation. Refresh includes updating technology, furniture replacement, carpeting, painting, preventative roof maintenance, improved access, and upgrades to lighting, electrical and heating systems.



Pictured clockwise below from top right: The award was presented to County Executive Isiah Leggett and MCPL Director Parker Hamilton (right) by ULC CEO and President Susan Benton on November 2; Twinbrook Branch; Robotics program; and Kensington Branch.

Calendar

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

June 22-27 – American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago

August 16-19 – Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference, Ocean City

September 2 – Library of Congress National Book Festival, Washington Convention Center

October 15-21 – National Friends of Libraries Week, sponsored by ALA – United for Libraries

October 14 – 9:30am-3pm - Maryland Trustees/CML Annual Meeting, Laurel Branch, Prince George's County Memorial Library



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

_____ **Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund**

_____ **James Partridge Award**

_____ **Nettie B. Taylor Leadership Fund**

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

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