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Above: Paula Miller

Baltimore County Public Library Welcomes New Director, Paula Miller

In August 2014, Baltimore County Public Library welcomed its new director, Paula Miller. Ms. Miller came to BCPL from Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) in Colorado, where she had been director since 2006. Before that, she served as director of the Westlake Porter Public Library in Ohio, administrator of the Eastern Shore Regional Library in Maryland, and director of the Dover (DE) Public Library. She received her MLIS from the University of Maryland.

Ms. Miller noted, "I am excited to begin working with the BCPL Board, staff and community partners to explore new and emerging library needs and to find innovative solutions that keep our libraries relevant and effective to the communities we serve."

Ms. Miller has a strong track record of innovation. Under her leadership, PPLD conceived, built and opened Library 21c, offering a wide variety of learning opportunities under one roof. The second largest library in Colorado, Library 21c offers an in-house video production studio, a Creative Commons that includes 3-D printers, sewing machines, and laser cutters, a gallery space and a 400-seat theater. Library 21c's Center for Business and Entrepreneurship offers online job training sessions via meeting room projectors, smart boards and teleconferencing.

Ms. Miller is the fourth director of BCPL, and the first female director in its 67 year history. She was selected after a nationwide search conducted by the BCPL Board of Library Trustees.

The library community is delighted to welcome Ms. Miller back to Maryland!

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 by February 1, 2014.

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CML Events & Activities

Upcoming Events

January 30 - February 3	American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Chicago
February TBA	Maryland Library Legislative Day, Annapolis, MD
May 4-5	National Library Legislative Day, Liaison Hotel, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
May 6-8	Maryland Library Association Conference, Clarion Resort, Ocean City, MD

Nominees for CML Board

The following are nominees for CML officers and board appearing on the ballot to be presented at the Annual Meeting on November 8, 2014, with terms to begin on January 1, 2015.

For President: Linda Lupro
For Vice President: John Carty
For Treasurer: Stuart Ragland

For Secretary: Pat Hofmann
For Board Member: Kristen Pironis
For Board Member: Lynn Wheeler

Nominations Sought for CML Satterthwaite and McCarn Awards

Is there a library advocate you would like to recognize with CML's Satterthwaite Award or a Maryland Librarian who has helped move the library forward through technological innovation who you would like to recognize with the McCarn Award?

Nominations are now being accepted at the CML website: www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org



Nettie Taylor Celebrates 100 Years

On August 6, Nettie B. Taylor, first State Librarian of Maryland and founding member of CML celebrated her 100th Birthday. Nettie was born before women had the right to vote. Throughout her life, she has been a tremendous champion of civil rights and education.



CML Awards First Outstanding Library Employee Award to Sharon Lanasa, Dorchester County Public Library

This year, Citizens for Maryland Libraries established a new award to recognize an outstanding library employee who has made exceptional contributions to their library particularly in the areas of customer service or community outreach.

The first recipient of the award is Sharon Lanasa, Dorchester County Public Library. Mrs. Lanasa works tirelessly in her role as the Children and Youth Director of the Dorchester County Public Library at both the Hurlock and Cambridge locations. Mrs. Lanasa is extremely active in the community and can often be found reading to children in the public schools, acting out stories for children at the Judy Center, or sharing books with children gathered at the local farmer's market.

Sharon Lanasa was an original participant in the County's Early Childhood Advisory Council, participating in ten days of training in Results Based Accountability and Facilitation. She has remained an integral partner as we work to carry out the Council's mission of improving school readiness through literacy activities, public awareness, and family engagement.

Mrs. Lanasa has contributed to each Council initiative in a variety of ways. She has advocated for literacy and early education by speaking at public forums such as the Rotary Club and on local radio programs. She has also contributed to the improvement of family engagement by providing "Learning Parties" (a program developed by the Ready At Five organization), Library Cafes, and supporting the public schools "Raising A Reader" initiative. Mrs. Lanasa has also championed the Council's main initiative of providing a "Book Wagon" to the Dorchester community. This concept, when it comes to fruition, will bring books to underserved areas of the county, connecting those families with the library and other critical resources.

Mrs. Lanasa is always willing to volunteer and contribute her time and resources to help improve the community. She is also an ideal example of a life-long learner, often sharing resources regarding early childhood development and literacy with colleagues. She facilitates many library programs including interactive story times, LEGO building events, digital story times, family movie nights, and craft activities.



Above: Sharon Lanasa

Nomination by Donna Greenleaf, Coordinator for Early Childhood Education, Dorchester County Public Schools



From Left: Battle of the Books, CCPL; Mini Golf fundraiser, CCPL; and ELLA, FCPL

CML News: Awards

2014 Mary Lou Dewey Grant Awarded to Friends of Carroll County Public Library

CML has awarded the 2014 Mary Lou Dewey Grant to the Friends of Carroll County Public Library. The \$500 award will support Carroll County Public Library's (CCPL) Battle of the Books. This coming spring, 197 elementary and middle school teams will compete through 9 Battles across the county. The Friends of CCPL identified Battle of the Books as its top priority.

On June 13, 2014, the Friends transformed the Eldersburg Branch into an 18-hole mini-golf course to raise funds to support Battle of the Books. More than 300 people joined in the fun of playing golf in the library. The event not only brought in much-needed revenue to purchase book sets for the teams, but also increased visibility of the library and its many services.

Battle of the Books, held in partnership with Carroll County Public Schools engages students in reading, while highlighting Maryland's Black-Eyed Susan Award Books, selected each year by school media specialists to introduce students to quality literature representing a variety of viewpoints.

2013 Mary Lou Dewey Award Supports Emmitsburg Library Literacy Area

The Emmitsburg Library, Frederick County Public Libraries, was delighted to be awarded the CML 2013 Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy Awareness Grant.

Tara Lebherz, Children's Services Supervisor and Assistant Branch Administrator, developed a plan to create a space dedicated specifically to early literacy. The CML grant was used to fund the purchase of a permanent piece of furniture which is being used to define this early literacy area and which houses all the necessary materials. We also purchased "Ella," a unique monogrammed stuffed elephant who is used as a mascot for the early literacy area.

ELLA was established in the spring of 2014 and had its "grand opening" in June during an Early Literacy Fair held at the Emmitsburg Library. The program was well attended and the area has been popular with library patrons. We hope that increasing awareness of the Emmitsburg Library Literacy Area will result in an increased usage of the library as a whole and specifically of ELLA.

Howard County Library System Opens Savage Branch & STEM Education Center

In July 2014, Howard County Library System (HCLS) opened a STEM Education Center in the newly renovated Savage Branch. The renovation and expansion tripled the classroom space available for the delivery of STEM education for children and teens.

The STEM Center offers state-of-the-art equipment and showcases an outdoor environmental instruction lab and biohabitat garden, green technologies and water life cycle.

HiTech STEM at HCLS

HCLS started the HiTech STEM education initiative for teens in June 2012, teaching science, technology and math via project-based classes that include computer programs, 3D animation, nanotechnology, music and video production, game apps, cybersecurity, green energy and robotics. Projects completed to date include the design and build of weather balloons, robots, flight controllers and hovercrafts. Teens involved in HiTech STEM have written an ebook titled Chapters of Civility, and created a mobile game, Escape from Detention, which has been downloaded more than 6,000 times from 30 countries.

HiTech STEM's curriculum comprises four modules: Interact, Improvise, Invent and Instruct, each incorporating progressively greater levels of instruction. HiTech STEM incorporates an innovative methodology that blends instruction with experiential learning and peer to peer communications.

Members of the HiTech STEM Board of Advisors include representatives from Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Mindgrub Technologies, Northrup Grumman, University of Maryland's School of Engineering, UMBC's Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology, as well as representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education, Howard County Public Schools and Howard Community College.

The Urban Libraries Council named Howard County Library System a "2013 Top Innovator." When announcing the award ULC president and CEO Susan Benton said, "HCLS staff are commended for setting the pace for growth, change and innovation in the field." Howard County was also named Library Journal's "Library of the Year in 2013."

Recently Valerie Gross, President & CEO of HCLS traveled to the Czech Republic, where she was invited to speak about the library's HiTech education initiative. Ms. Gross wrote an article about the experience for the October 1, 2014 edition of Library Journal, in which she states, "struck by the way U.S. libraries implementing the strategy enjoy heightened respect in their communities and maximized funding, team members were eager to achieve the same result for Czech libraries."

Below: Savage Branch Opening, HCLS



Around Maryland Libraries



Montgomery, Wicomico, and Carroll County Libraries Receive Funding to Increase Hours of Service

This year, Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) increased service hours by 10% percent over fiscal year 2014. Sixteen branches have expanded hours, joining the five branches whose hours were increased in FY13. In addition, four more branches are open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. bringing the total number of branches with Sunday hours to 13.



In other good news for Montgomery County, funding for materials acquisition was increased for the current fiscal year by \$500,000. This is the largest materials budget (\$5,350,000) since FY10. The increases were made possible by recommendations from County Executive Ike Leggett and the County Council totaling \$800,000 in the FY15 Operating Budget, in response to feedback from the community.

County Executive Ike Leggett said, "It is extremely gratifying for me – as a long-time supporter of public libraries -- to be able to announce these increases in hours, staff, and materials. "For me, a true measure of the value of our public libraries is their accessibility to those they serve. Closed library doors are closed opportunities for learning. "



Above: Newly unveiled Our Family Farm sculpture by Toby Mendez, CCPL; Book mural, WPL; and Library card campaign, MCPL.

The Wicomico Public Library received funding to open the Downtown Branch on Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm throughout the school year. Additionally, the Pittsville Branch added hours on Fridays from 2-8 beginning Friday, Sept 5.

"We are thrilled to be able to open the Downtown Library on Sundays and Pittsville on Friday afternoons." stated Executive Director Andrea Berstler. "This has been an ongoing request from the community since budget cuts forced the Library to reduce hours in 2009. We appreciate the support of the County Executive, Rick Pollitt. His recommendation to the County Council that these hours needed to be restored demonstrates his understanding that the Library is a vital service in our community. County Council's actions in keeping this recommendation in the budget means that we can be more accessible to our community."

Carroll County Public Library received funding from the Board of Commissioners to open all six branches on Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm from October through April in recognition of the important education role libraries play in the County.

Around Maryland Libraries

State Releases FY13 Statistics on Maryland Public Libraries

During Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013), Maryland public libraries were busy places, as reflected in the Maryland Library Statistics recently released by the Division of Library Development and Services, Maryland State Department of Education:

FY 2013 Highlights

Public library per capita funding statewide: \$44.67

Capital revenue: \$41,477,487

Capital expenditure: \$32,646,658

Staff: 3,362

- **Professional librarians:** 642
- **Library associates:** 666

Total holdings: 15,380,165

- Books: 12,926,952
- Videos/DVD's: 1,082,328
- Databases: 744
- EBooks: 125,592

Registered borrowers: 3,369,292

Population that hold library cards: 58%

Total circulation: 57,538,130 items

Circulation per capita: 9.97 items

Library visits: 28,491,536

Reference transactions: 8,268,259

Electronic materials spending: \$6,853,797*

Internet terminals available to the public: 4,824

Internet users per year: 6,909,651

**includes spending by public and regional libraries*

2012/2013 Comparison Highlights

- Spending on electronic materials increased by \$200,183
- Internet users increased by 182,273
- Total holdings increased by 518,249
- Book holdings increased by 372,174
- Video holdings increased by 49,424
- Registered borrowers increased by 78,427



Above: Savage Branch Opening, HCLS

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 _____

Membership Type 1 Year

____ Individual – Basic \$ 15

____ Individual – Supporter \$ 25

____ Individual – Contributor \$ 50

____ Individual – Benefactor \$100

____ Organization (Friends Group) \$ 25

____ Corporate – Benefactor \$200

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

____ Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund

____ James Partridge Award

____ Admiral Maurice A. Rindskopf Fund

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

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