

MAPLA Update April 2011

Irene Padilla, Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries

Presentation at PSSAM Planning Meeting

Freedom of Information Act

Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting

Bylaws for the Kent County Public Library Trustees

Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements

FFY 2010 Grants

FFATA – New Audit Requirements

Possible Federal Shutdown

Library Interns for a Day

Jill Lewis, Director, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

National Library Service 80th Anniversary

- The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), the parent organization of LBPH, celebrated its 80th birthday on March 3, 2011.
- NLS provides the Braille, audio materials, and administrative oversight for the 113 LBPH libraries nationwide. The program began as a Braille service to 19 libraries.
- NLS and the LBPH libraries throughout the country will hold events to commemorate the start of this unique program.
- MDLBPH will celebrate with a birthday party on April 13 featuring balloons and cake and entertainment by the Blue Duffs, the lively jazz band from the Maryland School for the Blind.

LBPH Staff Member Presented with Award

- Braille and Adaptive Technology Specialist Jerry Price was presented with an MSDE Pride Award in recognition of his development of adaptive technology training classes and the Technology User Group.
- The Pride Award is presented to a Department of Education staff member who has made a significant contribution to public education.
- Jerry and the other award winners were recognized at an Executive Team meeting and by having their photos and achievements displayed in the lobby of the MSDE headquarters building.

Transitioning Youth

- Planning has started for a fall transition program, “Transition to the Future,” a seminar on opportunities after high school for teens with print disabilities.
- The keynote speaker will be Dr. Linda Schnapp, Assistant Director of Project Access, a program to improve the transition of students with disabilities to college or the workplace.
- The program will also include breakout discussion sessions and a fair for participants to gather information from schools and organizations.

Web Accessibility Interest Group

- Beginning on April 9 LBPH will host a monthly forum for Web developers interested in learning and sharing information about Web accessibility.
- The meetings will take place the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 12 noon.
- The forum will be hosted by experts in the field with the first two sessions hosted by Web accessibility consultant Karl Groves.

Nini Beegan, Project Coordinator, Organizational Learning & Innovation

Leading From Any Position

- Leading From Any Position has been redesigned for a shift in focus to “Influencing Library Effectiveness and Responsiveness”. No longer is there a LFAP1 and LFAP2. Rather, there is just the one workshop, incorporating parts of both.
- Leading From Any Position is scheduled for April 21 and 22, 2011 in Columbia.
- Leading From Any Position 1 Follow-up is scheduled for April 20, 2011 in Columbia.
- Registration for both of these programs is closed.

Train-the-Trainer Live Online – NEW PROGRAM

- A new train-the-trainer focusing on live, online facilitation for training, webinars, and meetings is being facilitated online (via Wimba) by the Synchronous Trainers group. It began on March 9. By summer, we will have 15 newly minted synchronous trainers.
- Special thanks to: Julie Zamostny, WMRL; Joanne Trepp and Betty Morganstern, Anne Arundel; Jennifer Falkowski, SMRLA; Jennifer Spriggs, Allegany; Trina Panagos, Frederick; Kate Tavakolian, Montgomery; Patty Sundberg, Carroll; Annette Gaskins, Harford

5 Quarters – NEW PROGRAM

- This new program is the beginning of a statewide innovation incubator where ideas are developed and shared to fuel actions to invent the future of Maryland libraries.
- The program is open to anyone in Maryland libraries who is passionate about the future of libraries and how they can help create that future.
- The program includes two aspects: 1) Various free or low-cost workshops held in regional locations statewide. Each workshop will be different. These will be held quarterly, five times (thus 5 Quarters). Although held regionally, open to all. 2) Online community will be open to participants as well as the entire Maryland library community.

- Dates/Locations for the workshops:
 - June 7, 10am to 3pm, Boonsboro Library, Washington County
 - August 8, 5pm to 9pm, In-flight Studio, Baltimore City – co-sponsored with MLA
 - December 8, 10am to 3pm, SLRC at Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City
 - March 2012, Eastern Shore, TBA
 - June 2012, Southern area, TBA
- Registration invitation for the first workshop (June) will be sent to MAPLA next week.
- Special thanks to those who are developing and facilitating this program: Dolores Maminski, Frederick County and James Kelley, Carroll County; Julie Strange, AskUsNow; Julie Zamostny, WMRL; Scott Reinhart, Carroll County; Wendy Allen, SLRC; Sam Eddington, ESRL; Lew Belfont, Howard County; John Taube, Allegany County; Jennifer Falkowski, SMRLA; and John Bertot, University of Maryland.

Community Connectors – NEW PROGRAM

This two-day workshop will provide library leaders with skills and competencies as community leaders who will help solve their community's challenges. Teams will be asked to choose and implement a project that strengthens their library's community connections. Workshop facilitators are Gail Griffith and Cheryl Gould, InfoPeople consultant, California.

Who should attend: Teams of up to three people, including Library Director or Assistant Director.

Dates/Locations:

June 9 and 10, 10am to 4pm, Maryland City at Russett Library, Anne Arundel County
June 13 and 14, 10am to 4pm, Provinces Branch Library, Anne Arundel County

Registration invitation will be sent to MAPLA next week.

Special thanks to Advisory Team members: Skip Auld, James Kelly, Kathleen O'Connell, Jennifer Ranck, Kathleen Reif, Carol Starzman

SkillSoft Online Training

- New project began September 15, 2010 and runs to August 30, 2011. Seats are again open to all Maryland public library staff. Statistics so far seem favorable. As of March 21, we have 777 users and 1,636 course completions. Course completions are high.
- It is not too late to register - new users can join any time so please continue to thank your liaisons and encourage your staff to try it.

Online Book Clubs workshop with Nancy Pearl in September – NEW PROGRAM

Carroll County Public Library has been awarded an LSTA grant to host an event with Nancy Pearl focusing on how to develop online book clubs. This full day event will be offered in September (exact day TBD) in Carroll County. We will be investigating a virtual opportunity to participate in this program.

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Renee Croft, Library Facilities Projects Manager**FY 2011 Capital Grants (including prior grants extended through 6/30/2011)**

- Quarterly reports were due March 31, 2011.
- Instructions for submitting requests for extensions will be sent out in mid-April.

FY 2012 Capital Grants

- Legislative Hearings on the grant program were held March 9 and 21, 2011.
- Written testimony from libraries has been posted on the MAPLA web site at <http://www.maplaonline.org/testimonies.asp>.
- Preliminary notices of grant awards were mailed in February 2011. Final notices are contingent upon the adoption of the State capital budget, project approval by the Board of Public Works and library certification of the local funding match.

FY 2013 Capital Grants

- Training will be held for potential applicants in mid-May.
- Grant deadline will be mid-June.

Paula Isett, Marketing and Outreach Specialist**Maryland Library Legislative Day**

- The Cecil County Library Brochure was reconfigured by Vicki Falcon and printed for the legislators for library day.
- The Capital Grant/Snapshot Day power point was displayed throughout the reception.

Read Across Maryland/America

- March 1 Kickoff event in a Prince George's County Middle School. Prince George's County schools, MLA and DLDS worked closely with the Maryland State Education Agency, MSEA (formerly MSTA) to coordinate the event.
- March 2- Dr. Grasmick toured Storyville at the Rosedale Library.
- March 23- First Lady Katie O'Malley toured the afterschool program of the Holabird Academy and read to students in the newly renovated school library.
- March 31- Governor O'Malley awarded certificates to students who participated in the Radical Readers program in partnership with Prince George's County Memorial Library System.

Summer Reading Partnerships

- Baltimore Orioles will be donating tickets to each branch of your library. The Field Ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011.
- Downtown Partnership will donate a family pass to each library system, which features the National Aquarium, the B & O Train Museum, Discovery Zone and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.
- Maryland Science Center has asked to be a partner with libraries this year. They are providing a 4 ticket family pack to each branch of the participating libraries.

BCPL sponsorship program.

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Susan Paznekas, Public Library Consultant

E-Rate

- FY 2011
 - The window for ordering services closed on March 24, 2011.
 - Watch for your Funding Commitment Decision Letter(s).
 - You may receive more than one letter if you ordered multiple services.
 - You have 60 days to appeal the decision.

Maryland Public Library Statistics

- FY 2010 statistics have been uploaded into the federal database.
 - Additional edit checks from Census may be requested; be prepared to turn around quickly.
- New elements for FY 2011 are being considered and have been sent to Data Coordinators for comment.

Certification

- Certification changes presented at the June 2010 MAPLA meeting are currently on hold.

FFY 2010 LSTA grant awards

- In process.
- Should be mailed by third week in April.

Data Universal Numbering System Number (DUNS number)

- This is a 9-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B).
- Will be required for all grantees **beginning with FFY 2011 grant awards.**
- Check to see if your library system has one
- If your library system does not have one, request one by:
 - Calling 866-705-5711 or
 - At <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

Trustees/CML Meeting – October 29, 2011

- Cathy De Rosa of OCLC has agreed to be the keynote speaker.
- Her presentation will be on the 2010 edition of Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources.

Stephanie Shauck, LATI Coordinator and Youth Services Coordinator

Library Associate Training Institute – separate agenda item

Summer Reading

April 13, 2011 is the Youth Coordinator's meeting.