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Librarians Venture Outside

MLA/DLA Joint Library Conference, Thursday, May 2, 2019

Description: Learn how librarians form partnerships with local and state organizations to take their programs and services outdoors. Betsey Brannen will discuss Fitness Rocks Storytimes in collaboration with Frederick County Parks and Recreation. Jennifer Adams will discuss working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to develop collections of fishing gear that can be checked out from the library to enjoy outdoors. This panel will be facilitated by Noah Lenstra of the University of North Carolina.

Speakers: Jennifer Adams, Branch Manager, Mountain Road Community Library, Anne Arundel County Public Library, jadams@aacpl.net

Betsey Brannen, Children's Services Supervisor, Walkersville Branch Library, Frederick County Public Library, bbrannen@frederickcountymd.gov

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Additional Resources:

Maryland Department of Natural Resources. June 28, 2018. Fishing Rod Loan Program Expanded. <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2018/06/28/fishing-rod-loan-program-expanded/>
Contact to bring this program to your library: Susan L. Sanger, Education Specialist, Aquatic Resources Education Section - Chesapeake and Coastal Service, susanl.sanger@maryland.gov, 410-260-8705

Delaware Library Association – In February 2018, Delaware Library Association awarded the Brandywine Hundred Library a grant for its “Go out & Play! Physical Literacy” initiative. Bernadette Davis, youth services librarian said “her inspiration was to take the library outside of the physical walls of the library. There is a difference between the physical location of the library and what the library has to offer. The library’s offerings include equipment, activities, and a big backyard!” <https://bit.ly/2Pvqxog>

Local Parks & Recreation Units / Town Government – Great example from Frederick County Public Libraries. Watch video of their Summer Challenge 2018 - <https://youtu.be/PMI0pp66sq0>
Consider developing a Memorandum of Understanding. Here’s an example that the Oak Park Library in Illinois used for its “Intergovernmental Environmental Community Organization,” which included the library, parks & recreation, school district, and town government. <https://bit.ly/2IMAm0n>.

Children & Nature Network – A Minneapolis-based non-profit currently developing a template for Nature-Smart Libraries. Read more: Richard Louv, June 9, 2015, The Essential Role of Libraries in Creating Nature-Rich Communities. <https://bit.ly/2UHbZCU> and Saint Paul Public Library <https://sppl.org/nature-smart-library/>

ParkRX – A D.C. based non-profit with deep connections to Maryland – “In October 2013, the National Recreation and Parks Association, with support from the National Park Service, convened a group of practitioners to discuss the emerging trend of prescribing nature to improve mental and physical health.”

John Henderson, Executive Director, 202.549.8233, john@parkrxamerica.org, **very** interested in how public libraries can help support movement to get more people experiencing the health benefits of being in nature.

Association for Library Service to Children – Children’s Learning Garden (blog post highlighting library garden in Cleveland, Ohio, funded by ALSC) - <https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/08/childrens-learning-garden/>

American Libraries Magazine – Out of the Branches, Into the Woods Libraries and state parks collaborate on backpacks for patrons. <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2018/01/02/hiking-backpacks-branches-woods/>

American Libraries Magazine – Walking History: Library-Led sightseeing tours bring local stories to life. <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/09/01/walking-history-library-sightseeing-tours/>

Kellogg-Hubbard Library – StoryWalk® – Official homepage of StoryWalk, a movement in “50 states and 12 countries,” with the majority in part sponsored by public libraries. <https://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>

CityLab - How StoryWalk Gets Kids Reading and Parents Moving – September 24, 2018, One of the best news articles on this international movement - <https://bit.ly/2Q0Z2Sq>

American Library Association Editions – Libraries and Gardens: Growing Together. New book published in 2019, written by Brooklyn Public Library’s Inclusive Services Librarian, Carrie Scott Banks, <https://www.alastore.ala.org/content/libraries-and-gardens-growing-together>

Seed Libraries – “Why So Many Public Libraries are Now Giving Out Seeds,” <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/public-seed-library>

National Park Service – Public Libraries to Public Lands initiative - <https://www.nps.gov/goga/mylibrary.htm>
Program initially developed with San Francisco Public Library. Lots of potential to collaborate!

San Francisco Public Library – Learn how and why this library made “active experiences in nature” one of the three pillars of its summer learning program, alongside “reading enjoyment” and “STEM learning” - sfpl.org/summerstride/