

## CCPL Teen Librarians Present at National Conference

This November, CCPL Teen Librarians spoke at the national Young Adult Library Services (YALSA) symposium. YALSA is a division of the American Library Association (ALA) with a goal to promote and expand library services for teens.

Our librarians presented on the ways in which library programs can be used to promote service learning and community partnerships amongst county teens. They highlighted our Teens Give Back program, which allows teens to earn service learning hours while engaging in fun and impactful activities that directly benefit Cecil County.

Partnerships include the Cecil County Health Department, Cecil County Animal Services, and Stone Run Family Medicine, among others. Activities have ranged from making cards to give to veterans, to creating toys and blankets to be distributed to shelter animals, to compiling kits to promote mental health in local teens. Teens Give back will be held again this winter!

Our librarians also emphasized the importance of working with the community to provide meaningful leadership opportunities for teens. Through programs such as the Start-Up Cecil teen business competition, in which the library works with local business owners to help teens grow as entrepreneurs, and our Youth Board, a group of high school juniors and seniors that represents the needs and interests of their peers to library leadership, CCPL librarians provide a platform for teens to develop as our community's future leaders



Congratulations to the CCPL YA Team of presenters from left to right:  
Anita Delp; Katelyn McLimans and Alycia Van Looy