

**2017 MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOOK CART DRILL TEAM COMPETITION**  
**RULES & REGISTRATION**  
**Massachusetts Library Association Conference**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**  
**7pm**  
**Resort and Conference at Hyannis, Cape Cod**



Video Book Cart Drill Team routines were a huge hit, so the video competition is on again for 2017 MLA Conference! Each participating library should perform their own routine in their library, video tape the routine and submit it to MLA. *Big update:* DIGITAL VOTING by audience through Capira app! See below for details.

1. The number of teams will be limited to 8. The first 8 complete applications received will be accepted. An authorized representative of each team must:
2. Submit the application and paperwork by: May 1, 2017
3. Sign and return one copy of these rules
4. Include a completed application with Team information
5. Add a donation to help cover costs (up to \$25 ~ *please*)
6. Mail to Gerry Deyermond, Past Chairperson, MLA Paralibrarian Section c/o Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover, MA 01810.
7. Teams may include up to 8 members. At least one member of the team needs to be a staff member.
8. All teams must provide the completed information form along with the application, with the following information: name of the team captain, an email address to which correspondence from MLA may be directed; blurb about team and theme of performance; title of music. The captain must be a library staffer and will be the spokesperson for the team.
9. Final video should be uploaded to YouTube
10. Teams must submit the YouTube link by May 6, 2017
11. Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. A team representative should be present at the award ceremony to be recognized.
12. Decision of the judges (audience voting) is final. Judging will take place using the MLA Conference App form Capira. Judging will be based on 3 criteria:
  - a. Technical Ability – organization, precision, unique moves, timeliness
  - b. Artistic Impression – overall performance, music, costumes, cart décor

c. Videography- creative expression

13. DEMCO Logo must appear on your carts in some format. DEMCO sponsors the competition, and will provide logo signs for your carts. They generously provide trophies and prizes for this competition.
14. **Maximum of 4 minutes for each routine.** Deduction from the Technical Ability Score if the team goes over the 4-minute time limit.
15. Each routine should include a minimum of 2 minutes of book cart maneuvers. (Suggestions: Do Si Do, Crisscross, Pinwheel, Spoke, Circular movements.) Reference "The Library Book Cart Precision Drill Team Manual" by Linda McCracken and Lynne Zeiher. There are 14 copies throughout the Commonwealth. Check your library catalog or ComCat.) Or search YouTube for book cart drill team videos.
16. A donation to help with the cost of the competition is requested (up to \$25.00), payable to MLA. The donation can be included with each team's application or at the conference.
17. Questions should be directed to Gerry Deyermond, Past Chairperson, MLA Paralibrarian Section ([gdeyermond@mhl.org](mailto:gdeyermond@mhl.org) 978-623-8421) or Matthew Costanza, MLA Conference Committee ([mcostanza@minlib.net](mailto:mcostanza@minlib.net)).
18. MLA or DEMCO, Inc. cannot be responsible for injury or damage to person or property incurred during performance. Teams agree that they will indemnify and hold harmless of, from and against all claims, demands, actions, damages, loss, cost, liabilities, expenses and judgments recovered from or asserted against MLA or DEMCO, Inc. on account of injury or damage of property.
19. Any and all matters not specifically covered by the preceding rules and guidelines shall be subject solely to the decision of MLA. MLA shall have the full power to interpret, amend, and enforce these regulations provided any amendments, when made, are brought to the notice of the participants. Each participant agrees to abide by the forgoing rules and guidelines and by any amendments or additions thereto in conformance with the preceding sentence.
20. An authorized representative of each team must sign and return one copy of the rules to MLA, by May 1, 2017 along with an application and any donation. Mail to Gerry Deyermond, Past Chairperson, MLA Paralibrarian Section c/o Memorial Hall Library, Andover, MA 01810.

The Book Cart Drill Team representing the

\_\_\_\_\_ (library name, town) agrees to abide by the above rules of the contest.

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
(designated representative/team captain)

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*LIBRARY:* \_\_\_\_\_

*TEAM NAME:* \_\_\_\_\_

*# OF TEAM MEMBERS:* \_\_\_\_\_

*TEAM CAPTAIN:* \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*TELEPHONE:* \_\_\_\_\_

*EMAIL:* \_\_\_\_\_

*TITLE/THEME OF PERFORMANCE:* \_\_\_\_\_

*SONG TITLE:* \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube URL: \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF TEAM (will be used to introduce the team performance):

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