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Living and Dying With COVID-19:



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THE GLOBAL Z RECORDING PROJECT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARYLANDERS TO TELL & RECORD THEIR COVID-19 STORIES

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(Urbana, MD) – The Global Z Recording Project is pleased to announce that it has launched a project of historic importance to all Marylanders titled, '*Living and Dying With COVID-19: The Maryland Stories.*'

We live in highly unique times. Living in a pandemic world has imposed significant inconveniences, hardships, unforeseeable circumstances, stressed academic and health systems, caused economic damage, psychological trauma, physical illness, and even death. Every human being has been impacted by COVID-19. Every human being has a story to tell.

Storytelling is known to be an incredibly powerful and valuable historical tool. *The Global Z Recording Project* has partnered with 15 libraries across the state of Maryland. Audio production gear has been installed in these partnering libraries, where all Marylanders may record personal stories of how COVID-19 has impacted and continues to impact their lives. Their voices and stories will become part of the *Enoch Pratt Free Library's Digital Maryland* and *Maryland State Archives* collections where they will be available to benefit all of mankind. In addition, feature stories will be distributed with the assistance of National Public Radio flagship station, *WYPR*.

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“This project empowers Marylanders, providing a rare and incredibly valuable opportunity for all citizens to tell their stories. These personal recordings will become part of our history, collectively informing the world and future researchers how COVID-19 impacted individuals and our local communities,” said Dr. Bill Lord, Founder and Executive Director of *The Global Z Recording Project*.

Partnering Institutions

- Maryland Humanities
- Digital Maryland, Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center
- Maryland State Archives
- Maryland State Library
- National Public Radio, WYPR
- Urbana Regional Library (Frederick County) - Pilot Library

Participating Libraries

- Caroline County Public Library – Central Branch Denton
- Dorchester County Public Library – Cambridge Branch
- Frederick County - C. Burr Artz Library
- Frederick County - Urbana Regional Library (pilot partner)
- Garrett County - The Ruth Enlow Library
- Howard County Library – Glenwood Branch
- Montgomery County Public Libraries – Aspen Hill Library
- Montgomery County Public Libraries – Davis Library
- Queen Anne’s County Library – Centreville Branch
- Somerset County – Princess Anne Library
- St. Mary’s County Library
- Talbot County Free Library – Main Library
- Washington County Free Library – Central Branch
- Wicomico Public Library – Pittsville
- Worcester County Library – Ocean City

To learn more about our initiative, visit www.globalzrecording.org

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About The Global Z Recording Project

The Global Z Recording Project is 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Urbana, Maryland. Per our mission statement, *we unite culturally diverse student musicians through virtual audio/video production experiences*. Specifically, we discover talented student musicians from around the world and bring them together using Internet-based technologies to produce world-class music. Through the music-making experience, scholars facilitate discussions pertaining to civility, appreciation and value of diverse others, and peace-mindedness. By building cross-cultural global friendships, *we give peace a chance through music*. We also serve our communities in tangential capacities during unusual circumstances and times of need.

About Maryland Humanities

Maryland Humanities is a statewide, educational, nonprofit organization. Maryland Humanities creates and supports educational experiences in the humanities that inspire all Marylanders to embrace lifelong learning, exchange ideas openly, and enrich their communities. For more information, visit www.mdhumanities.org. Maryland Humanities is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of Maryland, and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the [Baker Artist Awards](#).