## **Kathi Santora**

Kathi Santora is a Harford County-based freelance writer with 25+ years of experience in producing print and electronic communications for government agencies and nonprofits. Her work includes a wide range of newsletters, features, family histories, brochure copy, fundraising support materials, grant applications, press releases and annual reports.

She also completed a 30-year career at the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) in 2010. Her positions included disability claims examiner, medical relations liaison and, for the last 12 years of that time, Staff Specialist for Public Information and Planning.

Ms. Santora has prepared organizational strategic plans, implemented many special communication projects, managed web content, worked with local media, produced video projects, conducted statewide public meetings and trained large and small groups in communication skills.

She passionately believes in the "Plain Language" movement that makes the written and spoken word understandable and accessible to all.

Throughout 2020, the Year of the Woman, Ms. Santora volunteered research and writing services to produce biographies of sometimes-unknown Maryland suffragists.

Her avocations include regional history and photography. She is the co-author of Legendary Locals of Bel Air (Arcadia Publishing) and <u>Dying to Tell Their Stories</u>, a blog that explores Baltimore's past by researching who is buried in the city's historic cemeteries.

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