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GO GREEN WITH FOLMC

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County has been green long before it was trendy. Our bookstores are the ultimate in recycling—we take in books from the library system as well as community donors, saving thousands of books each day from being thrown out. If there are books we cannot sell or that are in no condition to move on to a next home, the bookstore employees are careful to properly recycle them.

Our Wheaton Bookstore has gone one step further on the green path and is partnering with Montgomery County Recycling to help you go green at home. You can stop by Wheaton during business hours and pick up a complimentary compost bin, provided by the County, to turn your food scraps into compost. To learn more about how to make and use compost, check out the gardening books in our stores.

FOLMC is also offering 100% recycled bags at our stores for you to use

while shopping for books, picking up titles from the library, or shopping for groceries. Our blue bags are free with a \$20 purchase, or \$2 each (plus sales tax). Be sure to bring the bags back with you each time you go shopping to avoid plastic bag waste.

In addition to going green with our stores, you can help us save trees by signing up to receive our newsletter online. Just email gogreen@folmc.org, and we'll send you a link to the newsletter when it comes out. You can also sign up for email updates for up-to-date information and exclusive bookstore coupons.

Want to help the libraries go green? Simply return your books on time to avoid late notice mailings and skip a printed receipt when you first get your books. Ask your librarian how to use your library account online or visit www.montgomery-countymd.gov/library.

Outside, the leaves are turning orange and red, but it's the perfect time to "Go Green" with FOLMC.

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President's Letter

ANN DOROUGH

Since the 2011 fiscal year started on July 1, 2010, the impact of our drastic library cuts is already causing pain for patrons. Checkout lines are longer. Most branch hours are shorter. Popular books have longer wait lists. New books are scarce. Worst of all, there is no staff on hand to run the Summer Reading Program.



True, it's easier to slash libraries instead of trimming other County services. But what if libraries disappeared, even for a day?

To help give you an idea of what that would be like, FOLMC, our Chapters, the Library Board and the Library Advisory Committees are collaborating this fall to paint a picture of the activities and services that are provided by our libraries in a given day.

So, on Tuesday, October 5, we will work with library staff county-wide to conduct **LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY**. Data will be collected in-depth, covering absolutely everything our libraries do for customers: materials borrowed, programs attended, stories read to young children, reference questions answered, computers used for homework and job-hunting, and so on.

I predict that decision-makers will be startled to learn just how central our libraries are to the vibrancy and health of our communities and our economy. And to its recovery.

Kudos to FOL Little Falls Chapter President (and former FOLMC President) Susan Schmidt for inspiring this exciting project.

We welcome your participation in Library Snapshot Day. Just contact the Friends office at 240-777-0020 or email us at staff@folmc.org. Check out FOLMC's website for details, and we look forward to seeing you.



FOLMC thanks Bonnie Ayers for her editorial contributions.

From the Executive Director

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Everyone needs a hero; someone that inspires you to lead a life with purpose and to its fullest. For me, former FOLMC Board Member Bruce Saypol was that person. "Determined" is the best word to describe Bruce. Even though he was quadriplegic due to multiple sclerosis, Bruce was a faithful and consistent volunteer. He was a passionate advocate for the disability community and kept the Board in tune with their needs as library patrons. He was always one to give solid and practical advice as he peppered his comments with funny anecdotes and timely adages. I will remember him most for his charm and grace. He could always give life to a conversation, even if the topic was tedious or less than appealing. Bruce was involved



with numerous organizations and fought for many causes. He gave his time freely and generously. His purpose was to help others and serve his community. Bruce's determination gave me the inspiration to find my passion and reinforced the notion that giving back is an important lifelong endeavor. On June 3, Bruce, an accomplished attorney, activist, advocate and dear friend passed away. I salute his life's accomplishments and thank him for being a hero to us all.

“Everyone needs a hero; someone that inspires you to lead a life with purpose and to its fullest.”



Friend In Memoriam

Paula Benoist-Falwell, an FOLMC employee since 2004, passed away on July 29, 2010. She was a staple in the Rockville store and most recently the Wheaton store where she was promoted to children's specialist. Her sense of humor, upbeat attitude, and quiet strength impressed everyone who worked with her. Never one to sit idly, she worked right up until the point that it was no longer safe for her to drive. A memorial service for Ms. Benoist-Falwell was held at Hospice Caring on August 15, 2010. She will be missed by the staff, volunteers and customers.



Paula Benoist-Falwell

“I think the most amazing thing about Paula was her refusal to give in to her illness. She maintained a positive, upbeat attitude that I doubt I could have achieved.”

Jim Ludlum, FOLMC Business Manager

a MYSTERY grows in Damascus



Attendees used all aspects of the library to solve the mystery.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, DAMASCUS CHAPTER recently joined together with the Damascus Library Advisory Committee to hold their second “Mystery in the Stacks” event. This very successful series was created by Damascus residents and LAC members Nancy Lacy and Kathleen Wiacek. As a professional author, Nancy has written numerous interactive mysteries and was more than willing to lend her talents to craft new stories related to the library. These programs are held when the library is closed in order to give the guests free rein to roam the “stacks” searching for clues. The scheduling of these events after hours has the added benefit of not increasing the workload of library staff.

Arbor Day was the inspiration for the most recent interactive mystery and heavily featured the Ironwood family tree. Guests, some dressed in sleuth-inspired costumes, were ushered in to a library meeting room transformed into a botanically-inspired dining area, complete with trees and flowers with classical music playing in the background. The mystery plot surrounded Jonathan Ironwood, a British nobleman from the 17th century who died under mysterious circumstances. A history of the Ironwood family was provided to each guest. A prominent fact revealed to the guests was that Ironwood and his descendants were extremely fond of their collection of books and also had a great love of puzzles and games.

When Lord Ironwood’s last living relative died recently, the family fortune was bequeathed to the Damascus Library. In keeping with family tradition, the estate lawyers in charge of the bequest created a library scavenger hunt which the patrons had to solve in order for the fortune to remain at the library. (Unfortunately for the library, the fortune was imaginary and created only for dramatic purposes...the budget crisis continues.)

The scavenger hunt consisted of six literary clues hidden in books around the library. Each guest was given a clue to get them started and sent to different areas of the library. Eventually every guest worked their way through all six clues but not at the same time. Some clues referred to items placed around the library, while others referred to the titles of books. Guests had to use their brains (along with library resources like the computer catalogs) to solve each riddle and advance to the next round. Once they found the correct book, the guest was instructed to record the word listed on the sheet hidden there. Once they had all six words in their possession, they received an incomplete

poem and were asked to fill in the blanks using the words they collected. The final step was to return the completed poem to the timer for judging. The entry with the most complete answer in the shortest amount of time was declared the winner. The winner received a \$25 gift certificate to a local nursery, but in order to claim it they had to solve one last mystery puzzle. Vintage items that might have been part of the Ironwood family treasures were displayed on the table and the winner had to select which item concealed the prize based on their knowledge of the family. There was much high-spirited competition (and gnashing of teeth) but every guest was smiling at the end of the evening. One guest was even overheard saying “I never knew about that section of the library!”

Guests were treated to a full buffet of appetizers, desserts and drinks for a minimal charge of \$10 per person. In honor of our Arbor Day theme and the “roots” of the family-inspired mystery, each guest received a memento of the evening which included a family tree chart along with a package of flower seeds.



Deborah Turton and Les Cannon at the computer, with event organizer Nancy Lacy coaching them through the mystery.

READ, EAT & GIVE III

Join us on October 27, 2010, as we bring former *New York Times* reporter Jennifer 8. Lee to Montgomery County for an evening of enlightening entertainment. As the author of *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles*, Ms. Lee will be presenting stories, facts, photos, and videos from her travels throughout the world. If you ever wanted to know why General Tso has chicken named after him, or where fortune cookies came from, you won't want to miss the third annual Read, Eat & Give celebration.

Check www.folmc.org for the latest information on how to join us for this one-of-a-kind event to benefit our libraries.



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Larry Friend

A lifetime resident of Montgomery County, Larry Friend is among the newest FOLMC Board of Trustee members. Bringing with him a love of books and business savvy, Mr. Friend is joining the Board with an eye to the future, and making sure FOLMC is around to help MCPL for another 27 years.

As part of a family of voracious readers—his family used to measure car trips in terms of the number of books read—Mr. Friend has a love for the ease and comfort of borrowing books from the library. One of his favorite things about the library is that, old or new, books and magazines can be found for anyone, free to those who want to take advantage, including his own family.

For Mr. Friend, becoming involved with FOLMC was a natural extension of his lifelong love of libraries. He currently resides in Potomac, and he enjoys the work of John Grisham and spending time with his family.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Rae White



What's a former English teacher to do? If you're Rae White, you volunteer helping students and parents alike at the Gaithersburg Friends of the Library Bookstore.

Retiring last year after 41 years of teaching in Illinois, Japan, and Montgomery County, Ms. White stumbled across the FOLMC bookstore while reading *The Gazette*, and was promptly accepted on her offer to volunteer. At least three days a week, she comes in to help with the fiction section, and anywhere

else that needs some assistance. Bookstore Manager Kathy Blair calls her "very versatile," especially since Ms. White can help with Spanish speaking customers and materials, as well as recognize some of the variations in Eastern languages after her 4 years of teaching in Japan.

After her years of focusing on the classics, Ms. White has discovered a love for British mystery authors, especially Elizabeth George, P.D. James, and Ian Rankin. As a patron of the store, she lets friends know about FOLMC at every opportunity.

Stop by the Gaithersburg store today to join FOLMC in saying "Thank you" to our dedicated volunteer, Rae White.

Dine Out for Friends

Mamma Lucia restaurant in Falls-grove is sponsoring dine-out for libraries day on Wednesday, September 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mamma Lucia will donate 8% of the proceeds from dine-in and carry-out food to FOLMC to help keep our libraries strong. Stop by for "down home Italian cooking," and bring friends and family. You can still pick up gift cards valued at \$100 from Costco for only \$79.99.

Save your receipt from Mamma Lucia's (dated 9/22/10) for an additional 10% off any purchase at the Friends Bookstores, on top of your membership discount or any coupons you have from FOLMC.

Offer expires October 3, 2010.

DATE September 22, 2010
TIME 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
LOCATION 14921-J Shady Grove Rd.
Rockville, MD 20850

MONEY MATTERS FOR MCPL

You keep hearing that there's no money for books, to keep libraries open their normal hours, or even to hire enough staff, and yet the new Silver Spring Library groundbreaking took place on August 30, 2010. How is this possible?

Operating vs. Capital Funds

From an accounting perspective, there are two different types of budget. The money needed to operate branches is separate from that used to build and renovate the branches. Funds for the latter come from "General Obligation Bonds" and through some state matching funds. Using Capital Improvement Plans, which are every six years, the county can ask for money for projects for everything from our libraries to schools and roads. Changes are a lot less fluid in capital funding, although some changes do occur as needed to react to changes in the overall economy.

The operating budget, on the other hand, is primarily through taxes (income

and property, mainly) and is spread out throughout the entire county, including services like fire and rescue and the police that spark more public opposition when their budgets are threatened. The operating budget for the entire county *must* be completely balanced each year, so changes occur more rapidly to ensure the government meets its fiscal requirements. FOLMC, the Library Board, and other groups fight to keep the libraries central in the minds of the County Council and County Executive, especially during Library Lovers Month in February.

FOLMC and Chapter Funds

FOLMC and 16 chapters fund library enhancements, which means core library functions like staffing, cleaning, and utilities are out of its jurisdiction. In these crucial budget times, however, "enhancements" are being expanded to include supplementing the collections budget, which has been cut by 40% since last year. For example, this year FOLMC is planning to fund the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing database. It's used around the country

to connect libraries so information can be shared quickly and efficiently. There are nearly 6,000 interlibrary loans requested each year by county residents, and more may become necessary as the collections diminish.

FOLMC and our chapters also work to ensure that the librarians and staff know that they are appreciated. To this end, FOLMC has funded staff training day for the past six years that allows MCPL employees to stay on the cutting edge of library science, even as budget cuts reduce the number of classes available for them to take elsewhere. FOLMC also funds cultural and educational programs for groups of all ages. Although limited by staffing reductions, the chapters work with their branch managers and the MCPL administrators to ensure their constituents have access to programs that are appealing and relevant to their needs and interests.

You can help FOLMC in its efforts to keep MCPL strong by joining today. Your membership goes a long way to ensure the libraries don't get lost in the budget shuffle.

Renovations and You

Renovations are critical to keeping the libraries efficient, safe, and attractive for users. When a library is closed for renovation, the building is usually "gutted" to the walls, and new windows, doors, lighting, heating and air conditioning, carpeting, flooring and furniture are installed. The layout may be reorganized to accommodate new services.

The Gaithersburg Library has closed for renovations, and an interim branch will be housed temporarily in Lakeforest Mall. The site is only 3,000 sq. ft., so it will have a smaller circulating collection, and the computers will only access the catalogue. Customers can visit one of the nearby libraries to check email or surf the internet. FOL Gaithersburg Chapter is still going strong—members can volunteer to raise funds for the new facility by emailing gaithersburg@folmc.org.

The Olney Library will close for renovation soon, and there will be a final public meeting in the fall to present the completed design. Unfortunately, there is no funding for a temporary library. Once the closing date is announced, patrons can help by returning their books to Olney while the book drop is still open. Library staff will prepare books for storage until the branch reopens. Olney staff will be placed at the nearby branches that

will be impacted due to its closing. Although other branches will have additional staff to help customers who would normally visit Olney, there will still be a strain on resources so remember to be patient when visiting these branches.

Future renovation projects are being planned for Potomac, Davis, Noyes and Wheaton and the Silver Spring and Clarksburg communities are slated for new library facilities.

While it's sad to have a library closed, even temporarily, these renovations are crucial to keeping our library system vital for years to come.

Montgomery County Government requires that all new and renovated buildings have a LEED or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating of Silver. This certification provides verification that the building was designed using green strategies that improve energy savings and increase environmental efficiencies.

23RD ANNUAL
LITERARY LUNCHEON SERIES
fact vs. fiction

2010 – 2011

*Celebrating 23 Years
of Literature, Readers and Writers*

Join FOLMC in October and November for the first two speakers in this year's Fact vs. Fiction luncheon series. On October 21, 2010, *New York Times* bestselling fiction writer Carolyn Parkhurst will kick off the 23rd Annual Literary Luncheon series. Her works include *The Dogs of Babel*, hailed by *People* as "miraculous," *Lost and Found*, and her newest release, *The Nobodies Album*. In November, news personality and author Juan Williams will share about his multi-faceted career and give a glimpse into American politics. Visit www.folmc.org/literary-luncheon for more information.

LITERARY LUNCHEON SERIES

Thursday, October 21

Carolyn Parkhurst

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Murray Horwitz

Thursday, November 18

Juan Williams

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Steve Roberts

11:30 a.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore,
10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda.

NON MEMBER RATES

	<i>Lecture & Lunch</i>	<i>Lecture Only</i>
Lectures	\$27.50	\$22.50
Entire Series (5% off)	\$104.50	\$85.50

MEMBER RATES

	<i>Lecture & Lunch</i>	<i>Lecture Only</i>
Lectures (10% off)	\$24.75	\$20.25
Entire Series (15% off)	\$93.50	\$76.50

Your FOLMC or Strathmore membership must be current to receive discount.

Please Note:

Tickets are non-refundable.

If an event is canceled, tickets will be credited as a tax-deductible donation to FOLMC.

Reservations will not be accepted without a valid email or phone number.

Any scheduling changes will be posted on www.folmc.org.

To charge by phone, call: 240-777-0020. Visit www.folmc.org to register online.

CHAPTER NEWS

■ CHEVY CHASE

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Family Fun Day is on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Call the library at 240-773-9590 for more information about the programs. To volunteer on the day of the event, email us at chevychase@folmc.org.

- Create Your Own Mask, All Day
- Balloon Sculpting with Tom Lilly, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Face Painting, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Barefoot Puppet Theater's "Trickster Tales," 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Magic, Juggling and Balloonacy with Tom Lilly, 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The library has two volunteer led book clubs each month: one discusses a work of fiction and the other a work of non-fiction. There is also a monthly Jefferson Café discussion group. All three are administered by FOL volunteers. Join us for the interesting and stimulating discussions! For more information, please email us at chevychase@folmc.org.

■ DAVIS

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Community Day

On June 5, FOL Davis Chapter held its annual Community Day at the library with special events including a large all-day book sale, free drinks and cookies, a pre-school music program, a caricaturist, a "balloon engineer," an NIH fire truck, classical musical entertainment from Ex Libris (the official ex-Davis librarian musical group), the Montgomery

County Humane Society, the Master Gardeners, a craft table, and a special visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog. A steady stream of patrons visited throughout the day, with the total door count reaching almost 3500 people—nearly triple the normal attendees. At the membership table, Linda Hubbard recruited some new chapter members, too! Special thanks to the library staff for their cooperation, Karen Braun for her leadership, Mary Lee Nelson for running children's crafts all day, Eagle Scout Arin Solaiman for filling out the hot Clifford costume and being a good sport about being "kid-handled," our corporate in-kind donors (especially the Cabin John Subway and Balduccis), and all the chapter members who made Davis's Community Day a success.

Other Activities

In May we held our annual meeting and elected seven active board members. Fall programming efforts are now taking shape, with programs aimed at seniors, pre-school, and adult populations. Due to staff constraints, the chapter will henceforth run all book discussion groups. The chapter is on sound financial footing because of its excellent book sales operation, but it is also looking forward to a library renovation in a few years. Primary new initiatives in the coming year will be to secure good, solid programming for all ages, including teenagers, and to expand community relationships.

■ LITTLE FALLS

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FOL Little Falls Chapter would like to thank all of our patrons who called or wrote the County Council regarding the Montgomery County Public Library budget crisis. As you know by now, our hours at Little Falls have been reduced and as a result, our staff has also been cut and

some staff shifted to other libraries. What does that mean for you and your family? Obviously, less time in our Library to research, study, consider and choose. It doesn't mean that you won't be helped or appreciated. We just ask for your patience during this time. Our long time Little Falls staff was very special to our community library and we will miss them. We have said good-bye and all the best in their new libraries to Barbara Davis, Jane Dorfman, Janet Bock, Diana Tong, Roxanne Doye, Paul (Rick) Hepner, Kalina Lozanov, Susan Sylvester, and Larisha Tracenrider. We ask that you say a "friendly" welcome to our new staff and take a moment to be grateful for all public libraries and their employees.

In these difficult economic times, it is necessary to take a moment to enjoy our achievements. The Little Falls Library is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year and we invite you to the party! Please join us on Saturday morning, **November 13, 2010**, with your neighbors, special guests and elected officials. Refreshments and entertainment for the whole family will be available. More information will be posted as the time gets nearer.



If you have attended our famous Literary Salon, you know what a treat it is to share books and opinions. Join us for the Fall Series led by Dr. Karen Arnold:

“The Art of it: Fiction and Visual”

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pat Barker, *Life Class*

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Michael Frayn *headlong*

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Louise Erdrich *Shadow Tag*

■ **MARILYN J. PRAISNER**

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September 25, 2010: Burtonsville Day

September 24, 2010 through October 3,

2010: Dine for Charity at Seibel's Restaurant.

<http://www.seibelsrestaurant.com/>

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NEWS:

In case you hadn't noticed, the Rockville Memorial Library has new hours of operation which began with the start of the new fiscal year (July 1) and our greatly reduced budget. The new hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

So from now on, there will not be a library in Montgomery County opening before 10:00 a.m. and none staying open later than 8:00 p.m. – sorry early birds and night owls! This is the best the system could do given the extreme budget cuts. If you don't like it, start writing your county council, attend the county council candidate forums and ask questions, and after the November elections, start writing the new council and let them know how important libraries are to you. You can email the entire council using county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sorting Volunteers Needed

Our donations are reaching record numbers after everyone this summer has moved and given their books to the library instead of moving them to their new house. We need more volunteers to come and help sort them after a training session. (It's not rocket science; we just have a particular way we do things. We're always open to better suggestions once you've done it a few times). Please let Aileen Klein know via email at rockville@folmc.org or phone, 301-762-4246, if you are interested in volunteering.

Membership Renewal

Thank you so much to those of you who have renewed and those of you who sent in extra donations, especially our wonderful lifetime members. Thank you for being library patrons and supporters!

Upcoming Events

Stop by the weekly Wednesday booksale at the Farmer's Market in front of Regal Cinemas through October.

October 9, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Music In The Library

Angela Easterling is an Americana singer-songwriter based in Greenville, SC. She presents a performance of her own original songs interspersed with selections of classic folk, roots, country and rock tunes that have influenced her. As part of her performance, she discusses the craft of

songwriting and tells the stories behind her songs and how they came to be.

■ **QUINCE ORCHARD**

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FOL Quince Orchard Chapter celebrated Community Day with a different format this year mainly geared to youngsters. We were lucky with the weather and everyone enjoyed the crafts, the very popular magician, and the Navy trumpet band. The FOL and LAC worked hard to put on the event which has become a staple after eleven years.

Like everywhere else, times are hard at the library with the budget cuts affecting every aspect of activities and cutting down of staff. Volunteers continue to put on the book sale every month even though it is difficult to accommodate book donations with the shortage of room at the library.

The library continues to be as busy as ever. We paid to refurbish the Discovery Room with new toys for this popular venue. The large case windows in the foyer offer interesting exhibits for patrons.

With the hours change, Quince Orchard is now open Wednesday mornings; it is the only branch that had hours added.

■ **TWINBROOK**

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Well, folks, on July 24th the FOL Twinbrook Chapter had a good book sale outside our branch front door in what ended up being 110 degrees in heat index on a Saturday afternoon! Volunteer David Scalzi did his usual excellent supervisory job as well as keeping our hearts up with his guitar-playing and singing. Thanks to

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members Sue Lambrix, Cheryl Peirce, Betty Martinelli and Carol Hannaford, plus newly-joined-on-the-spot Linda Bozzonetti for helping in the whole sales process. We appreciate our community neighbors who expertly went through our goodies, and donated a total of \$170.00 for our Library Book Sale Fund, which David says is about equal to a two-week regular haul from the inside Twinbrook Chapter shelves. Aren't we all eagerly awaiting the next scheduled book sale?



Our Blue Sky Puppet Theater had 72 energetic and involved young people enjoying the show “Bananas” which emphasized exercise, nutrition, health education, and was ably choreographed by Puppeteer Kate. Special thanks to

Carol Hannaford for being the gatekeeper and helping our puppeteer, and then joining us for our outside non-poolside effort!

Twinbrook Chapter is working on a number of activities between now and the end of the year—on September 14, 2010 we will be doing a “Welcome New Staff” luncheon, on October 30, 2010 we will do a localized version of FOLMC’s “Night & Day” Hispanic program, as well as another book sale around Halloween (date to be picked). We will be talking with the Meadow Hall and Twinbrook ES PTA’s about helping kids understand the wonders of using our libraries to enhance their learning experiences. Further in the future are possible programs for Asian Lunar New Year, African-American History Month and a Library Lover’s Night, all of which reflect the diverse background of our library users.

Stay tuned for more and we invite all members to come visit our meetings which are on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We love sharing thoughts, ideas, AND workable solutions to helping our libraries in these lean times.

SILVER SPRING’S NEWEST VENUE

Although groundbreaking occurred in August, the actual construction of the building will not start for several months. Most of the initial site construction work will be done underground and involve wiring and plumbing. Construction and planning occurs in three distinct phases, so the exterior and interior plans are still being finalized by architects and the County staff. The new building will focus on the arts, given that Silver Spring it is the County’s arts and entertainment district. There are exciting plans for a green space on the roof that can be used for education efforts. This will be the newest library building until plans for a library in Clarksburg begin in a couple years.

Join us for **LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY** on
October 5, 2010!

Check out www.folmc.org for the latest news.

■ WHITE OAK

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PHOTOS FROM A PROGRAM BY THE MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER



Lindsey and group of children lifting the boy with air balloons.



Lindsey Judy and Sam



Lindsey from MSC and Judy Ehrenstein (children’s librarian at WO) showing home made vacuum impact to Judy

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ACROSS

- "Gorillas in the ___" by Dian Fossey
- Barbara, to friends
- "Flashman and the ___" by George MacDonald Fraser
- Italian wine area
- Bullfight cheers
- Acid in proteins
- Mystery by Suzanne Arruda featuring a spotted predator
- Decor finish?
- She, in Italy
- Three on ___
- Common ID
- Rx watchdog
- "There is a ___ caged within my breast...", first line of poem by John Hall Wheelock
- Half a Kenyan rebel
- "Fantastic Mr. ___" by Roald Dahl
- Aware of
- Flags down, as a taxi
- Shoobox letters
- George Plimpton's tale of trying to play football for Detroit
- Health resort
- Sew loosely

- Words from Wordsworth
- ___ Follett, author of "Lie Down with Lions"
- R-V filler
- Recital performer
- "The Panda ___ the Spy", children's play by Mary Virginia Heinlein
- Neighbor of Leb.
- "Welcome to the ___ House" by Kurt Vonnegut
- Type of forest
- Place for horns
- Alistair Maclean thriller set in the Arctic Ocean
- CS ___, author of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- Josef Albers' artist wife
- Stumble
- Test format
- Sphagnum or peat
- "The Clan of the ___ Bear" by Jean M. Auel

DOWN

- Yoga class need
- Book end?
- Canonized mlle.

- Up to, informally
- Author/diplomat Clare ___ Luce
- Chow chow chow
- "Goldilocks and the Three ___"
- Ukr., once
- Soviet news agency
- Little devils
- "Tears of the ___" by Alexander McCall Smith
- U-turn from WSW
- Las Vegas entertainer bitten by his tiger
- Individually
- National Park home to moose, bear, wolf, lynx, Dall sheep, caribou, etc.
- G.I.'s address
- "The Elephant ___", play by Bernard Pomerance
- Aardvark's morsel
- Sporty car roof
- Beams
- Female antelope
- Lumbering tool
- Monkey used in research
- G.I. entertainers
- Museum collection
- Tummy muscles
- Bronze coating
- "The Last Camel Died at ___", mystery by Elizabeth Peters
- Jamaican pop
- Open-air zoo home
- Donna ___, author of "The Penguin who Knew Too Much"
- Half of a tiny African antelope
- Language suffix
- Pig home
- Certain sultan's subjects
- Poland's second-largest city
- "The White ___ Hotel" by Bartle Bull
- Home to yaks and pandas
- Teeny
- Years and years
- Martinique, e.g.
- French pronoun
- Skye cap
- And more
- Victoria's Secret item
- Mo. or Miss.
- "The Hairy ___", play by Eugene O'Neill

PUZZLE #11 SOLUTIONS

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