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LIBRARIES MATTER. NO MORE CUTS.

Over the years, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) has worked to inform you about budget cuts facing our libraries. This year, the situation is hitting a new low. Not only was Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) hit with drastic cuts in the last budget cycle, it took more in the second half of this fiscal year, and expect even deeper cuts in the FY12 budget. Despite serving over 655,000 library card carrying residents each year, libraries were told last year that they are “low hanging fruit” to cut in the budget. This year, join with FOLMC and other library supporters to stand behind our libraries and let our elected officials hear our cry:

Libraries Matter. No More Cuts.

Public libraries are essential to our County. Not only do they provide free resources for patrons of all ages, but they actually generate \$6.50 in economic benefits for every dollar spent on their budget. Libraries are more than just a cornerstone for a neighborhood community; they generate foot traffic that attract businesses, and the associated tax revenue that boosts the bottom line of the County budget. Thanks to the FOLMC-funded Linking Employers and Applicants Program (LEAP), unemployed individuals can learn valuable work skills, get resume assistance, and find free assistance and tools to get them back on their feet in this economy. With more than 9% of the U.S. population still unemployed, libraries can help support these people and the economy, as a whole, during this recession.

The library budget is down to only 0.6% of the total county's budget—that's not even the equivalent of a penny on the dollar for an institution that can yield a 600% return on the county's investment. The materials budget is only 10% of the total funding for libraries, which has caused FOLMC to temporarily shift our focus from funding library enhancements to the basics. Our new Library Life Savers program is designed to allow donors to fund book purchases for the library system during these times of great need (see page 5 for more information).

You can help our libraries today. First, join or renew with FOLMC or our chapters, and ask your friends to join. You can sign up for our “In The Know” online newsletter for library advocates by emailing intheknow@folmc.org to stay in the loop on the newest budget news and events. You can wear orange to show your support of libraries, especially if you attend budget forums or



meet with your councilmember. Send letters and emails to your representatives to make sure your voice is heard and counted—visit www.folmc.org for templates or ideas. Finally, sign up to attend our Library Potluck on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, immediately before the County Council's hearings on the FY12 budget at the Council Office Building. Email reservations@folmc.org to sign up or help out. This is a chance to show our representatives that the libraries are important to our community.

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President's Letter

ANN DOROUGH

LIBRARIES NEED A SUPERHERO

A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

We're living in a lousy movie sequel: *The Incredible Shrinking Library Budget: The Axe Returns*. Since FY2008's peak funding level (\$40M) to FY2011 (\$28M), libraries have been typecast in the role of Damsel in Distress, a hapless victim in the hands of the menacing budget deficit.

As of this writing, the County must cut another \$300 million to balance the budget. The County Executive pledges to protect education, public safety and health spending, as essential community services.

I believe libraries provide an essential service, too. Our population is rapidly changing. Information is changing even faster. Old ways of doing business, educating our kids, getting a job (and retraining for the next one) have been utterly transformed by technology and the economy. We need libraries to help us make sense of it.



Ann Dorough, FOLMC President, ready to fight for libraries as a library superhero.

We Friends and our 16 chapters have leapt into action to rescue our libraries. We're using fighting words: "Libraries Matter. No More Cuts." We're arming volunteers with budget information via our online newsletter (In The Know). We're wearing audacious orange—we will not be ignored. What's more, we've deployed library superheroes throughout the organization to gird a fearless volunteer for battle against the budget crisis, and have a little fun besides.

Are YOU ready to be a library superhero? Fighting for truth, justice and the Montgomery County Way? Tell us your tales of derring-do, and send photos of your heroic exploits, to staff@folmc.org.

FOLMC thanks Bonnie Ayers for her editorial contributions.

From the Executive Director

ARI Z. BROOKS, MSW

What inspires you to give to a charitable organization?

Is it the mission? The number of people impacted by its programs and service? The emotional draw? A personal connection? Then, after you've decided to write the check, how do you ensure the organization has been a good steward of your donated dollars? Do you check the list of Board of Trustees? Review the audit? Follow them through newsletters and online updates? Even with watchdog sites and staying current on events, how do you know what is happening with your gift?



When you join Friends of the Library or make a donation, your gift goes directly to supporting our mission to strengthen, promote, and advocate for our Montgomery County Public Library (MCPL) system. You're directly contributing to our ability to help MCPL respond to the changing needs of our diverse communities. Last year alone, your gift supported the 8.7 million visitors that visited MCPL's branches and the 105,000 children and adults that attended programs, many of which were funded by you.

Did you know that nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the county's population holds a library card? Our libraries are there for the new immigrant learning to speak English, the young parents who want to expose their children to early literacy skills and the casual reader who couldn't possibly afford to purchase all the books on her reading list. And more importantly, libraries are there for YOU. With every segment of the population being served and benefiting from library resources, you cannot go wrong with lending your financial support to Friends of the Library so that we can keep this incredible institution vibrant and relevant.

For the past nine years as the Executive Director of FOLMC, I have worked closely with the Board of Trustees to ensure our financial resources are being maximized to benefit our library users. Our most recent financial audit revealed that \$.81 of every dollar earned is used to support libraries. The Board is comprised of dedicated community members with backgrounds in law, library science, accounting, corrections, marketing and banking to name a few. They are well qualified and take their fiduciary responsibility very seriously.

I am so proud to be able to guide and support this organization as we keep our libraries strong through good times and the current budget upheaval. I thank you for your continued support and trust in our work to support libraries. Every gift makes a difference and you can be confident knowing you've made an excellent choice with your charitable dollars.

IN MEMORIAM BOB CHARTRAND

Sadly, on December 26, 2010, FOLMC Trustee Robert Lee "Bob" Chartrand passed away. Mr. Chartrand was a staple at FOLMC events, from Read, Eat & Give to the Literary Luncheons. A passionate library supporter, he had previously served on the Board for several years before moving to Naples, Florida and joining their Friends group. Upon his return to Montgomery County in 2008, Mr. Chartrand immediately rejoined FOLMC as a Trustee and became an invaluable part of the group. He worked with MCPL to plan and develop a Summit on the Future of Libraries and enlisted the help of the Futurist Society, to create a lasting legacy for librarians and dignitaries to look at the future of libraries.

Mr. Chartrand will be missed by all who knew him. Described by many as a "courtly" gentleman, his charm, insight, and sense of humor will be remembered for years to come. As fellow trustee Frank Joseph related at Mr. Chartrand's memorial service, "Bob had a way of making you feel as though you were important and interesting. He swept my wife off her feet. No one had ever done that before—not even me!"

Mr. Chartrand's family generously created a memorial fund through FOLMC to support the libraries he loved so much. To donate to Bob Chartrand's memorial fund and keep his legacy alive, you can visit his memorial page online at www.folmc.org or send check or money order made payable to FOLMC to:

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Attn: Bob Chartrand Memorial Fund

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Cokie Roberts, Bob Chartrand, and Bea Burns at the 2010 Spring Literary Luncheon.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT: JEAN LEE

Jean Lee, now an eleventh grader at Richard Montgomery High School, moved to Montgomery County from Chicago's suburbs in the sixth grade. She loves the prestigious and competitive education that allows her to challenge herself and take advantage of leadership opportunities. Ms. Lee also loves the libraries, where she can escape from the pressures of school and into a book.

While not studying, Jean enjoys playing the violin; promoting international diversity and creativity through her non profit organization, Crafts4Change; traveling and experiencing different cultures; and reading. Her favorite books include *Harry Potter*, *The Hunger Games series*, *Hush, Hush*, and *Some Girls Are*. Upon graduation in 2013, she would like to attend an Ivy League school or study abroad.

Addressing the tragedy of the significant budget cuts of the library, Jean will to work as a Student Board Member and consolidate student's opinions in opposition to more cuts. She hopes to work with her peers by asking them to sign the Library Lovers Month postcards supporting the libraries. She also encourages her follow FOLMC Trustees to attend club meetings to discuss the budget crisis and FOLMC's support. In addition, Jean is creating new library programs for teens, such as the Advanced Reader Copy program she is working with MCPL to begin in the county. Through the program, teens will be able to read books, provided by publishers and book bloggers, before their publications and write reviews in representing teen's tastes and preferences.

FOLMC is thankful to have an energetic and dedicated student representative like Ms. Lee, who has already brought several ideas and a new energy to the Board of Trustees.



Jean Lee on her travels.



A FRIENDLY CONGRATULATIONS

FOLMC congratulates former Friends of the Library, USA and FOLMC President Susan Schmidt for her election to the Citizens for Maryland Libraries as their Advocacy Chair. Ms. Schmidt has been a long-time Friend and currently serves as president for the Little Falls Chapter.



LIBRARY LIFE SAVERS

This winter, FOLMC has temporarily expanded our role in supporting the libraries to extend to purchasing books to supplement the decimated collections budget. This limited time program will help offset the losses our library has already faced and will be even more necessary in light of the upcoming budget, which threatens to hold even more cuts for the library system. FOLMC has already received donations to the Library Life Savers program that allows patrons like you to purchase books for our libraries. While these books benefit the entire library system, you can choose which branch you would like to see your funds targeted to, as well as the basic genre. You can choose from:

- Children's Books
- Young Adult Books
- Adult Fiction
- Adult Non-Fiction

For more information, visit www.folmc.org/buy-books today, or send a check made payable FOLMC to:

FOLMC

Attn: Library Life Savers
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Please specify the kind of books from the list above and if you would like to target your favorite branch or let the library purchase items of greatest need. You can also download a form from the website to mail in your donation of \$250 or more. If you have any questions, please email staff@folmc.org or call 240.777.0020.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Sue Shaw

Sue Shaw, President of FOL Potomac Chapter, has been a resident of the County for 39 years. As a child of the Great Depression, she was taught the value of books and libraries by her parents, who did not own a large quantity of books. When asked about her favorite part of life in Montgomery County, Ms. Shaw responded, "Before the budget cuts, I would have said the services provided by the County Government." She expressed her hope for the budget to return to have the libraries and other government-funded services be strong again.

Ms. Shaw, formerly the head of Children's Services at the Potomac Library, joined FOL Potomac Chapter in 2005. As a librarian, she had benefited from their assistance with programs, equipment, furniture, and support for the library's children and families, so she sought to work with them upon her retirement. As president, Ms. Shaw is working to continue fundraising through the booksale and to boost involvement through emails and committees to allow all members to get more involved. She and other Potomac Friends are wearing the "Libraries Matter. No More Cuts." shirts and encouraging letter writing and communications to share the importance of libraries. Ms. Shaw also wants to encourage everyone to use their libraries, as the statistics of use help show how important libraries are. Even though materials are less than they used to be, Ms. Shaw encourages everyone to find time to visit their branch and check out materials to show that libraries DO matter to people.

As a former Children's librarian, Ms. Shaw loves children's books. She noted that "it is difficult to write good juvenile fiction." She recently read—and recommends—the Newberry Medal Winner, *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool.

FOLMC and FOL Potomac are thankful to have Ms. Shaw as a volunteer leader in the community. To join FOL Potomac, simply return the enclosed envelope or visit www.folmc.org/become-a-member.

GAITHERSBURG BOOK FESTIVAL

The Gaithersburg Book Festival is returning for its second year on Saturday, May 21, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Stop by to pick up new-to-you titles at the FOLMC booth, where you can also sign up to join FOLMC or join our mailing lists. Books for all ages will be available, but especially children's titles; most books will be a dollar or less.

Admission and parking for the festival are free, and the festival is perfect for children, teens, and adults alike. In addition to the FOLMC table, you can see prominent authors and local celebrities, including Montgomery County native Johnny Mo, the singing chef; children's authors Mary Amato and Mary Quattlebaum; and bestselling adult novelists and authors like Elizabeth Berg and Daniel Rasmussen. For more information about the festival, visit www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

What: Friends of the Library at the Gaithersburg Book Festival

When: Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Gaithersburg City Hall Grounds

Who: *Everyone!* Good for children and adults alike

Cost: Free parking and free admission



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: LITTLE FALLS

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY

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The Little Falls Library celebrated 50 years of community service last November with its Friends, staff, patrons and special guests.

Ken Lewis, the Little Falls Library Agency Manager, welcomed everyone and introduced the MCPL Administrative staff who came to share in the festivities. Mr. Lewis also expressed his appreciation for the Library staff's continuing support and dedication to patrons.

The highlight of the day came when MCPL Director Parker Hamilton presented a Proclamation from the County in honor of Little Falls. The members of the Friends of the Library, Little Falls Chapter and the Library Advisory Council (LAC) were there to accept County Executive Ike Leggett's congratulations, including Sally Bosken, Patty Caldwell, Amy Forman, Chris Lawrence, Diane Mesirow, Robert and Hannah November, Elissa Oshinsky, Edie Pollner, Elizabeth Redisch, Sylvia Reis, Susan Schmidt, Jane Snyder and Myra Weinberg.

The Library hosted the very first "Little Falls Library Holiday Boutique" featuring a variety of vendors. A portion of the day's profits was donated to the Friends. The children's room was very busy with crafts and the helping hands of many Girl Scouts.



The FOL, LF Chapter and Library Advisory Committee members.



L to R: Ken Lewis, Little Falls Library Manager; Parker Hamilton, MCPL Director; and Susan Schmidt FOL, LF President.

Thanks to Amy Forman and the students of Concord St. Andrews Cooperative Nursery School for their "next 50 years of readers hand poster." Mrs. Forman and Elissa Oshinsky created a wonderful list of "What Happened 50 Years Ago" and we all enjoyed remembering!

The 50th Anniversary Celebration was well represented by Little Falls Library community donations:

- The Springfield Garden Club members President Barbara Turnbull, Vice President Jane Wentte and Treasurer Jessie McCardell brought beautiful decorations. The Garden Club also planted daffodils at the front door in memory of long-time resident Lucille Noel.
- American Plant, Inc. contributed a gift certificate for the occasion and the Friends bought fresh flowers for the tables.
- Whole Foods provided cookies for children of all ages.

Everyone at the Little Falls Library looks forward to the next 50 years! To be part of the fun, join FOL, Little Falls chapter using the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or online at www.folmc.org/become-a-member.

fact vs. fiction

Spring Literary Luncheon Series

Join FOLMC at the Mansion at Strathmore on March 17 at 11:30 a.m. for the Spring series of our 23rd Annual Literary Luncheon Series. Our **Fact vs. Fiction** series kicks off with Murray Horwitz, playwright of the Tony Award-winning musical *Ain't Misbehavin'*, who will entertain and educate guests with stories about his past and his upcoming musical. He has enjoyed a wide and varied career—from a circus clown to a role on the 1970s classic series *Kojak*. On April 14, journalist and co-author of *From This Day Forward* Steve Roberts will share his tales of Washington intrigue and news making. Stop by any Montgomery County Public Library branch to pick up a Literary Luncheon brochure or visit www.folmc.org/literary-luncheon to sign up today for our spring lectures.

Who: Murray Horwitz and Steve Roberts

When: March 17, 2011 and April 14, 2011, respectively

Where: Mansion at Strathmore
10701 Rockville Pike,
North Bethesda, MD

What: Lecture at 11:30 a.m. followed by a boxed lunch, book signing, and question-and-answer session

Cost: \$20.25 to \$27.50



Murray Horwitz (above) and Steve Roberts (left)

LIBRARY NEWS



B. Parker Hamilton
Director

Montgomery County Public Libraries, Where the County.....SAVES!

Did you know the average Montgomery County household saves about \$520 a year by using MCPL? What if I told you that you could achieve these savings for less than \$80 per household in taxes paid, and for that sum you could get virtually unlimited access to a collection of over 2 million books, DVDs, CDs, audio

books, electronic data sources, and fully stocked internet-capable computers?

According to a recent analysis for Montgomery County's "CountyStat" program measurement initiative (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/countystat), the Return on Investment (ROI) for just library materials was estimated at \$6.50 per every \$1 spent. Some people call it savings, some call it ROI. Either way, the results are good for the community.

There are approximately 360,000 households in the County, and if the library system's \$28 million budget was split among those households, each paid \$80 for library services this year. The average library customer in the County checks out approximately 10 items per year, and saves about \$195 per person. With an average of 2.7 persons per house-

hold, that's \$520 saved per family. If you went to the library just once and checked out five items, you would make your household's \$80 back in savings in that single trip. The more our residents use their public libraries, the more they can save. An individual could literally save thousands of dollars each year by using the library system.

We are able to continue providing many of our quality services with your support. I am very grateful for the funds contributed by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. and local Friends chapters toward the purchase of library materials and programming. Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in communicating the value of libraries and their transformational impact on communities.

FRIENDS FUNDS

As you know, FOLMC works year round to raise funds for the library. These funds go back to promote the visibility of MCPL, enhance our libraries through supplemental funding, advocate for libraries, and to promote a love of reading and life long learning. These programs occur at various times throughout the year and range from children's and adult's programs to behind-the-scenes efforts that benefit librarians and patrons alike.

To help reach the diverse Montgomery County populations, FOLMC hosts programs targeting specific, lesser known cultural groups, such as Black Music Month in June, Caribbean-American Heritage Month programming in May, and Chinese New Year programs throughout the county. These free programs are open to the public and are designed to appeal to adults and children alike. Other events include the Literary Luncheon series, designed to spotlight local and local-interest authors; the intimate Literary Feast series featuring prominent authors and journalists that are hosted by a Board member; and the Read, Eat & Give series that works to raise the profile of FOLMC and introduce new populations to MCPL each year.

In addition to FOLMC planned programs and events, FOLMC provides grants to MCPL that enhance existing library service (including minor building modifications), promote community outreach, and pilot new service or delivery methods. Specifically, FOLMC funded MCPL run children's and family programs throughout the county; Staff Development Day for MCPL employees; the Laptop Lounge in Wheaton to create a teen-friendly, safe space downstairs; a teen area in the Long Branch Library; receipt printers to boost productivity and enhance the customer's experience, as well as allow customers to go green; and portable circulation devices that allow libraries to assist patrons more readily and maximize the librarian's



Grammy-nominated children's rock group Milkshake kicked off Library Lovers Month for 2011 with music, dancing, and a "bottle of sunshine."

time in this period of budget shortfalls. Finally, using donor-released monies from the Library Board, FOLMC funded a new program called "LEAP"—Linking Employers and Applicants Program—designed to help county residents looking for job skills, resume assistance, and career guidance. Even non-job hunters are helped by this program, as some of the funds also went to boost WiFi in the libraries to help accommodate the increased number of job seekers using the internet in the libraries.

FOLMC also advocates for MCPL and encourages community involvement through Library Lovers Month, especially through our postcard campaign that patrons can send to their council members. Volunteer and chapter trainings throughout the year further encourage involvement and collaboration to create

a unified voice throughout the County to support our libraries.

Finally, FOLMC promotes reading through its three bookstores that help children and adults find low cost books to build their own personal libraries; the proceeds from sales go back to support MCPL. FOLMC and its chapters also encourage reading directly in the libraries through book discussion groups, author talks, and conversation clubs, as well as through children's programming.

While specific programs change annually, FOLMC funds programs to ensure that community's diverse needs are met, in the neighborhoods our libraries serve.

CHAPTER NEWS

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The Damascus Branch celebrated Library Lovers Month this February with best-selling author Susan King, who spoke about her new novel *Queen Hereafter* on February 23, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room. Prior to her talk, delectable cuisine was served by Chef Gene, a Damascus resident.

Queen Hereafter chronicles the life of little-known Margaret of Scotland, a contemporary of the infamous Lady Macbeth and a woman destined for sainthood.

Susan Fraser King is a multi-published, award-winning author and former art history lecturer. She holds a B.A. in art and a M.A. in art history with postgraduate work in medieval studies. Her books are widely praised for historical detail and lyrical writing style.

A review from *Publisher's Weekly* states: "King's blend of historical figures and fictional characters turn a medieval icon into a believable mother, wife and ruler. Quotes from original sources offer context and insight as to where the record ends and imagination begins."



Susan Fraser King, bestselling author.

FOL Damascus Chapter, in cooperation with our LAC, sponsors many author nights, gardening presentations, and informative talks throughout the year. Look for announcements on the MCPL and FOLMC websites and in this FOLMC newsletter

■ GAITHERSBURG

Irma Sheon, *President*

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The Gaithersburg Interim Library opened on December 19, 2010, on the second floor of Lakeforest Mall next to the mall entrance to Sears. Members of the Gaithersburg branch were present to help hold the ribbon for cutting and admire the inviting facility. Since then, FOL Gaithersburg Chapter has authorized funds for bookmarks with the library's hours, which are Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Monday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You may return books from any County branch to this facility during open hours.

The renovation of the Gaithersburg Library is at the end of the Construction Document phase. Currently, the applications for building permits for the library have been made, and the architect and the County are both preparing the bidding documents. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2011, and the renovation should be completed in December of 2012.

FOL Gaithersburg is still active during this time of construction and is working to support the interim facility. Contact gaithersburg@folmc.org for more information.

■ GERMANTOWN

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FOL Germantown Chapter is distressed at the drastic budget cuts and are doing all we can to help our library. Through the success of our book sales, we have donated monies to the library in 2010 and 2011 for the purchase of periodicals and books. We also donated monies for the same purpose to the four Montgomery County Libraries that do not have an FOL chapter. In addition to donating funds, we have sent representatives to meetings across the County to voice our concerns on the future of libraries. We invite our members to join us in lending our voices to support our libraries.

FOL Germantown applauds the renovation of current and building of new libraries, which we recognize comes from a different budget than the ever-shrinking library operating budget. The Germantown Library, and all MCPL branches, is indeed essential to the community. We believe that, as Friends, we must do all we can to sustain and maintain our important community centers, the libraries.

■ POTOMAC

Sue Shaw, *President*

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The Budget cutting to library service in Montgomery County is the priority concern of the FOL Potomac Chapter this year. We have ordered orange t-shirts with the campaign slogan, *Libraries Matter. No More Cuts*, which we will both wear and sell to be worn by any member of the community who supports public libraries. They will be worn at any meetings and hearings we attend, and by the sellers at our book sales.

Additionally, the chapter has designated the gaping hole in the collection materials budget as our top spending priority this year. We donated \$8,000 for the purchase of such materials in November, and we are raising funds through our successful monthly book sales for a second donation.

HELP NEEDED! A vacancy exists on our Executive Board. Additionally, someone to step up and co-ordinate an appreciation event honoring volunteers is needed. Please contact Sue Shaw at potomac@folmc.org for further information.

Book sales are scheduled the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. See you there!

■ QUINCE ORCHARD

Linda Raden, *President*

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Lisa Mathews and Mikel Gehl of Milkshake kept children's spirits high with their costumes and interactive performance.

The Quince Orchard Library Community Room was rocking to the sounds of the Grammy-nominated children's' rock band

Milkshake on Saturday, January 29. The children were bouncing to the music and the adults joined in with the singing at the FOLMC and FOL Quince Orchard Chapter hosted event. The program, which kicked off Library Lovers Month, was enjoyed by approximately 100 children and adults. Crafts and drinks were also provided. After learning of the dire library budget situation, many attendees signed cards requesting that library funding be restored.

Other Library Lovers Month activities included the Year of the Rabbit Chinese New Year celebration on February 12, as well as a journey through African American history, "Historically Black Schools and Churches," on February 19. The Penny Theater continued its monthly presentations on February 17 with "The Three Little Pigs" and "Titch." Thank you to everyone who attended our Library Lovers Month festivities.

■ ROCKVILLE

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On Saturday, March 12, FOL Rockville Chapter will hold a book sale in the Rockville Memorial Library's first floor meeting room from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 2, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the first floor meeting room, we will have local author Fred Bowen present the Winners Take All Family Read Program, which is usually done in schools. This program is appropriate for children between the ages of eight and 12 and is based on Mr. Bowen's baseball story, *Winners Take All*, about a good kid who gets tangled up in a cheating scandal. It raises interesting issues about keeping secrets, making excuses, and trying to do the right thing.

Pre-registration is required, and a quick link can be found on the FOL

website at: www.folmc.org/Rockville. Children and their parents are asked to read *Winners Take All* before April 2, when Mr. Bowen will come to the Rockville Memorial Library to discuss the story, which is perfect for boys and fathers to share (and of course girls and mothers!).

The Winners Take All Family Read program has been successful in the schools and generates lively and thoughtful discussions from the children. Mr. Bowen, who you may know from his sports column for the Washington Post, is an interesting, entertaining speaker and discussion leader. The Rockville FOL has purchased 50 *Winner Take All* books and they may be borrowed from the library.

Finally, on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m., join FOL Rockville for a book talk on *Jonestown Survivor: An Insider's Look* from former local resident Laura Johnston Kohl. Jonestown was the shocking mass suicide/homicide of over 900 friends and family in the Peoples Temple in Guyana. Ms. Kohl will speak of her connection to the People's Temple and the rebuilding of her life after the tragedy stole her friends and family from her. We hope you will be able to join us for this talk.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Book sale

April 2, 10:30 a.m. Winners Take

All program with Fred Bowen (Pre-registration online required.)

April 27, 7:00 p.m. Jonestown

Survivor: An Insider's Look, Laura Johnston Kohl

SILVER SPRING

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As these complex times require, the FOL, Silver Spring Chapter is working on many projects. Plans are in the

works for a staff appreciation luncheon at a local restaurant for the new staff that are performing gallantly under adverse conditions.

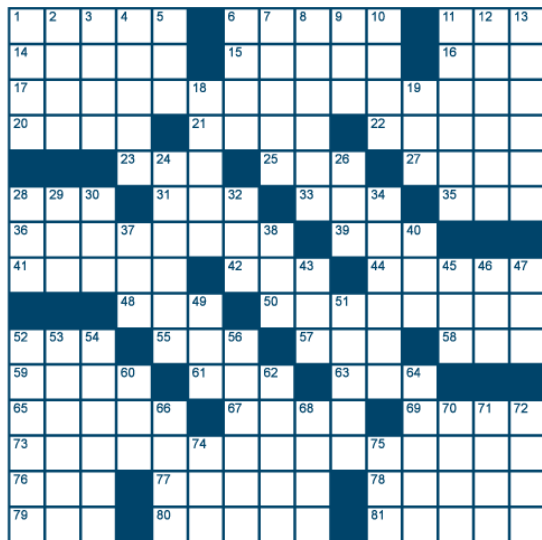
FOL Silver Spring feels the proposed cuts would be a disaster for our library system. We are working with the Library Advisory Committee to make our patrons and community aware of this proposal. To help offset all the cuts and losses facing our library, FOL Silver Spring has donated \$10,000 to the collection budget.

On February 12, 2011, our Love Your Library Day book and bake sale raised record-breaking funds to support the Silver Spring Library. Patrons were also treated to a comedy-magic show from Wonderbunny & His Bookmobile, which over 60 children enjoyed, and to a presentation on the Underground Railroad from the Human Rights Commission. Overall, the day was a smashing success.

The new Silver Spring Library is set to open in 2014, and several of the FOL Silver Spring members are working on the Build-A-Bridge Committee to encourage the County to approve a pedestrian bridge that would allow safe access for the handicapped, mothers with small children or strollers, and for seniors.

Highlights from FOL Silver Spring's activities include children's programs featuring Mary Amato and Nancy Nuttle, a movie for teenagers that featured 3-D technology, and a presentation from Dr. Elizabeth Wright, granddaughter of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, which drew a large and lively audience. The chapter also continues to provide enhancements for the library including display racks, table stop spinner for the graphic novels in the Young Adult area, and funding for other programs and library needs.

Crossword Puzzle #14 "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" by Verna Suit ©2010



Complete the crossword puzzle and send it back to the main office at 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 310, Rockville, MD 20850 with your new or renewal membership at the Short Story level or higher to win a free prize from Friends of the Library.

ACROSS

- 1. "Over the Rainbow" composer Harold
- 6. Jargon
- 11. Pouch
- 14. "Shoot the ___ Player", noir thriller by David Goodis
- 15. Itinerary
- 16. GP's gp.
- 17. Annie Proulx novel that

- follows a musical instrument's ownership
- 20. Virginia dance
- 21. Electrical unit
- 22. Singer Abdul
- 23. Gent on a cent
- 25. Parisian possessive
- 27. ___ Simon, author of play "Come Blow Your Horn"
- 28. Out of tune, say
- 31. Priest's robe

- 33. Brit. flyers
- 35. "___ Orchestra Saves the World", by Alexander McCall Smith
- 36. With 50A, Louis De Bernieres WWII novel about an Italian captain and his musical instrument
- 39. Followers of nus
- 41. Oddly amusing
- 42. "Ring ___ Wild Bells", poem by Tennyson
- 44. "Loves Music, Loves to ___", by Mary Higgins Clark
- 48. Tourist's aid
- 50. See 36A
- 52. Part of music school email address
- 55. Do soundtrack work
- 57. "___ Joey", musical based on John O'Hara stories
- 58. Actor Byrnes or announcer Hall
- 59. Nah!
- 61. Siesta
- 63. Narc's org.
- 65. "The Thinker" sculptor
- 67. Stage persona
- 69. Syncopated musical pieces
- 73. Paul Horgan novel set in aftermath of the Civil War
- 76. Ind. neighbor
- 77. Tempo
- 78. Nancy Drew creator Carolyn

- 79. "___ Lyre of Orpheus", by Robertson Davies
 - 80. Makes music on the street for money
 - 81. ___ Allan Poe, author of poem "The Bells"
- DOWN**
- 1. On ___ with (equal to)
 - 2. Anne __, author of "Violin"
 - 3. Cluny or Battenburg bit
 - 4. Name on a WWII bomber
 - 5. Fish-fowl filler
 - 6. Diva's solo
 - 7. Alex Haley book
 - 8. ___ Grass, author of "The Tin Drum"
 - 9. Not Rx
 - 10. U. of MD athlete
 - 11. ___ Taylor Coleridge, author of poem "The Aeolian Harp"
 - 12. Bloomer who first wore bloomers
 - 13. Spanish cellist Pablo ___
 - 18. Harp (on)
 - 19. Folk singers ___ & Sylvia
 - 24. "The ___ of the Harp-Weaver", poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay
 - 26. ___ Rohmer, author of Dr. Fu-Manchu mysteries
 - 28. Affliction of TV's Mr. Monk
 - 29. "A Bell ___ Adano", by John Hersey
 - 30. To's partner
 - 32. Book jacket blurb
 - 34. "Hey diddle diddle the cat and the ___"
 - 37. "Slippery" tree
 - 38. Bottom line
 - 40. Saint, in Portuguese
 - 43. Spigot

- 45. Nats' and Mets' div.
- 46. Spanish national hero
- 47. Stop
- 49. Wordplay groaner
- 51. 2000 also-ran
- 52. Mesmerized
- 53. "The Camptown ladies sing this song, ___"
- 54. John __, author of "The Music School"
- 56. Linda __, author of "Steel Guitar"
- 60. "___ for Evidence", by Sue Grafton
- 62. Chaim __, author of "Davita's Harp"
- 64. Carrying a gun
- 66. U.S. accident investigator
- 68. Former Fords
- 70. Take down ___
- 71. Actress Rowlands
- 72. Mob or team follower
- 74. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
- 75. Hawaiian stringed instrument, briefly

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