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Library Lovers Month OUR LOVE SPEAKS VOLUMES!

Friends of the Library is proud to sponsor Library Lovers Month 2009! Please join us for the kick-off celebration with Ellouise Schoettler, award winning storyteller extraordinaire, at



the Gaithersburg library on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at 11 a.m. You can get a taste of true southern-style storytelling, perfect fare for adults and young audiences (aged 5 and up) alike. A native of North Carolina, Ellouise blends all the traditional storytelling elements of personal stories, myths

and legends, and time-honored tales and folklore with her passion for the environment. We are excited she will be performing for us, and invite you to check her out online at <http://ellouisestory.blogspot.com/>.

If you can't make it to the Library Lovers Month kick-off, don't worry! Friends chapters will host events at their branches throughout February. The Little Falls chapter is holding their "I Love the

Library Family Celebration" on Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Afterwards, stop by the Rockville Library at 2 p.m. for a show by Kaydee Puppets featuring *The Little Red Hen's Wacky Week* and *The Princess and the Pea*. The show will last approximately 30 minutes, and seating is limited, so arrive early! It's the perfect way to start your Valentine's Day.

Throughout the entire month, there will be opportunities to create Valentines, receive giveaways including postcards and pencils, and attend other author events at each library. We hope you will join us in celebrating our amazing library system! To find more information and the most up-to-date events for Library Lovers Month, visit www.folmc.org.

You can show your support for your library year round! When you join or renew Friends of the Library (FOL) during Library Lovers Month at the \$25 level or above, you will receive a free tote bag (*you will need to send \$2.53 additional, the cost of shipping*). Just join or renew at your local library or Friends bookstore, visit us online, or call our office at 240-777-0020. Don't forget to spread the word to your friends!

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President's Letter



An Enlightening Beginning

In my first day as President, rising Food Network star and top chef Jeff Henderson treated the Friends of the Library to an inspiring presentation. Chef Jeff is the author of one of the most unusual autobiographies I've ever read, *Cooked*, and a new cookbook, the unpretentious and homey *Chef Jeff Cooks*.

As Chef Jeff spoke, it was stirring to realize how this man, who had hit bottom and was serving time in prison for dealing drugs, found the strength within to turn his life and his perspective around, to teach himself how to succeed in the world outside of his poverty-stricken neighborhood and then to reach out, to be of service to young people at risk.

As Friends, we are always aware of our role to aid in just this kind of self-education process. Everything we can do to enhance the libraries and help them be innovative is geared to reaching both those readers who seek entertainment and the many patrons who face big challenges and are looking for the tools to turn their lives around.

In what is shaping up to be a very challenging budget year, we will need to advocate for all of our patrons, especially for those who turn to Montgomery County libraries for help. FOL will have to do everything we can to keep Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) flourishing and vital at a time when the community needs it most.

As honored as I am to be elected as FOL's new president, I am even more humbled at the prospect of living up to the high standards of our past president, Steve Snapp, who has been the very heart and soul of this organization. We are beyond grateful to him for his six years of service to FOL. I am tremendously encouraged by the very strong slate of board members and fellow officers who are with us for the coming year. We look forward to the challenges and we will meet them together.

From the Executive Director

Ari Z. Brooks, MSW



Now more than ever, people are flocking to their neighborhood libraries. All across the country library usage and circulation are soaring. Things are no different in Montgomery County. We love our libraries and we use them.

Many attribute the recent surge in library use to the downturn in the economy. So what does this mean for an organization like Friends of the Library?

Since our charter clearly states we exist to enhance libraries, we definitely won't be filling in any budget holes. However, with Library Lovers Month approaching in February, now is the time to step up our role to advocate for and promote our libraries. Here are some ways you can help us increase our efforts to support libraries:

- Attend the Library Lovers Month kick-off event at the Gaithersburg library, January 31, 2009. Don't forget to wear red to show you are a library lover!
- Fill out an "I Love the Library" post card, found at MCPL branches, and mail it to the County Executive.
- Give a gift to FOL to help us reach special populations such as immigrants, older adults, teenagers and low-income families.
- Make a donation through your company's workplace-giving program (**United Way #8729**). Your employer may match your contribution, membership dues or volunteer time.
- Plan a gift for your future and the future of libraries. Receive a tax deduction, avoid capital gains tax, and increase your net income by designating FOL as the beneficiary of your life insurance or IRA, making a bequest in your will, or establishing a charitable trust.

Gifts that Give Back

The holidays are fast approaching—have you finished your shopping yet? If not, you can help FOL and find the perfect gift at one of the sites below. Each site will make a donation to us with any purchase you make from them.

★ Avon Make Up and Gifts: Go to www.beautyfundraising.com and enter code **690021** to help FOL. They have a range of gifts from make-up and body products to clothing and accessories for men, women and children. Until January 1st, 20% of your purchase will be donated back to the Friends, after which point the donation will drop back to 15%.

★ Justgive.org has charity gift certificates that benefit many non profits, including FOL! It's a wonderful alternative to traditional gift cards.

★ <http://www.iGive.com/folmc> links you to a wide variety of stores, which will donate a percentage of your total purchase back to FOL. Registration for the site is free and secure. If you make a purchase within 45 days of joining, [igive.com](http://www.iGive.com) will give an extra \$5 to Friends.



★ [we-care.com](http://www.we-care.com) also lets you shop for our cause. Visit <http://folmc.we-care.com/> to check out their market links and gift ideas.

★ FOL has worked out a special arrangement with *Bethesda Magazine* through which the magazine will donate \$10 to us for every subscription ordered using promotional code **WNFL08**. A one-year subscription is \$19.95. This offer applies to new subscriptions and gift subscriptions (as long as the recipients live in Montgomery County or Washington, D.C.). Published bi-monthly, *Bethesda Magazine* covers the lives and lifestyles of people in our community and the issues that concern parents.

To subscribe, go to: www.bethesdamagazine.com/subscribe. Please be sure to enter **WNFL08** in the "promotional code" box.

If you'd like to order the subscription as a gift, please go to: www.bethesdamagazine.com/giftsub. Don't forget to use code **WNFL08** to make sure that the \$10 goes back to the organization.

Also, don't forget our **bookstores**! For the bookworms in your life, or as a break from the holiday madness, stop by our Wheaton or Rockville stores and discover new titles daily. Visit www.folmc.org or call 240-777-0021 for directions and locations.

Board Spotlight on Sheri Leonardo



FOL is pleased to introduce new Board member Sheri Leonardo. Ms. Leonardo has vast experience in human resources and currently works with Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide. She has worked on all aspects of HR as a consultant and has previously been a career management coach.

Ms. Leonardo graduated with a bachelor's of Science in Behavioral Sciences and Criminal Justice from

Iona College. She is a member of the Society of Human Resources Management, Human Capital Institute, Potomac Employers' Roundtable, a Board Member for Critters for the Cure as well as a Board Vice President Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, MD. She is eager to bring her skills and talents to the Development and Marketing Committee. ■

New Faces for the FOL Office

Two new staff members joined the FOL team this fall.



Carolyn Gresh is the new part time Office Manager. A graduate of American University with a masters in business administration, she has experience in all aspects of marketing, as well as writing, computer skills, and event

planning. She is fluent in Spanish and is a vital resource to the organization. She has previously worked at organizations such as the Greater Atlanta Catholic Federal Credit Union. Carolyn lives in Potomac with her husband and two sons.



Cassandra Powell is the new full time Development Assistant. A graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College, she has worked for Mental Health America (formerly the National Mental

Health Association). She is excited to join FOL and support the unique and vibrant library system. She hopes to share her passion for reading through her time at FOL and expand the reach of the libraries throughout the county. ■

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Time Could be Running Out on your Subscription



This could be your last issue of Friends newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving this quarterly publication filled with information about the libraries and exciting Friends of the Library programs and events, renew today to ensure your subscription is uninterrupted. Call 240-777-0020 today to renew by phone or complete the membership reply envelope enclosed in this newsletter.

Collection News

All libraries have started receiving the newest released best sellers, which patrons can check out for three weeks with no renewals. These books are shipped directly to the library from the publisher, already processed for distribution on the shelves. The libraries are receiving new books so quickly that they have to wait to shelve the books to honor the publisher's embargo date! The availability of these books should make wait lists much shorter. ■

Don't forget to donate to Friends through your workplace giving campaigns! It's an effortless way to support Friends. Just use CFC #42387 or the United Way and Montgomery County Giving Campaign #8729.



Chapter Spotlight

Peggy Li, Student Volunteer

Germantown Celebrates Their New Library

The opening ceremony of the new Germantown Library in March 2008 was a day for celebration for the Germantown Friends chapter, whose efforts helped make the construction of the new library possible. Although the new Germantown Library may be one of the most notable achievements of the Germantown chapter, they have numerous other noteworthy accomplishments.

Germantown's monthly book sale brings in nearly \$1,000 for their chapter. Each event, staffed by volunteers who handle the book sorting and sales, is supplemented by racks in the library's lobby, which offer used books for sale throughout the month. The Germantown chapter also sells bricks on the library's walkway. Families, individuals, and organizations may purchase bricks to honor individuals or groups. For more information or to purchase a brick, please contact GermantownFOL@verizon.net.

Former Chapter President Stephanie Weishaar says that the group also hopes to continue their monthly meetings and newsletters. They would also like to purchase artwork, such as tapestries and textiles, for both display and sound-absorption purposes, and continue to expand the authors series which they co-sponsor with the Germantown Library, the Blackrock Center for the Arts, and Montgomery College Germantown.



Ms. Weishaar served as the President for approximately a year and a half. She says that working with other chapter members and the Germantown Library staff "has been an absolute pleasure" and that she has been honored to be part of the library's growth and development.

Ms. Weishaar's interest in working with libraries began when she worked as a library page at the age of 13; she also used the library for schoolwork, and talked to the reference librarians. She has also volunteered with the PTA at her children's schools, managed UMAC baseball teams her husband coached, and volunteered at her synagogue, where she is currently congregation president and a cantor soloist. Ms. Weishaar has just finished reading *Breaking Dawn*, the fourth and final book in Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series. ■

Food Network Star Chef Jeff Speaks

Thanks to the wonderful support of our sponsors and guests, the Read, Eat & Give event with Chef Jeff Henderson was very successful. Nearly 80 attendees, including several chefs-in-training enrolled in the culinary program at Thomas Edison High School, came together at the Rockville library on Friday, October 10, 2008 for a soiree featuring a VIP reception before a presentation by Chef Jeff.

Art Wallenstein, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, introduced Chef Jeff and did an amazing job of highlighting his accomplishments while bringing into perspective the chef's history of selling cocaine on the streets of Los Angeles. Chef Jeff's candidness about dealing drugs and his discovery of his passion for cooking in the federal prison system impressed the entire audience.

Chef Jeff's drive for helping people is palpable. When asked why he left his prestigious post at the Bellagio, where he was the first African-American executive chef in the hotel's history, Chef Jeff explained he could do more good by



Honorary Chair Art Wallenstein and Chef Jeff

helping youth to discover their own passions. On his current Food Network show, the Chef Jeff Project, he connects with and inspires disadvantaged young men and women and encourages all people to give back to their communities, as he does with his catering company.

FOL would like to thank everyone who attended Read, Eat, & Give. We especially thank Maureen Umeh from Fox 5 television who served as emcee and the Oracle Group for their staffing assistance. Sponsors included Sur La Table, MCPL, M&T Bank, the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Snapp Strategic Partners and the Gaithersburg Marriot. Food was provided by La Tasca and desserts by Sweet Release, the Montgomery County Correctional Facilities' bakery job training program.

If you would like to see more photos from the event or purchase a signed copy of Chef Jeff's Cookbook in time for the holidays, please contact Cassandra at cpowell@folmc.org. ■



Chef Jeff addresses the attendees.

AN APOLOGY TO OUR FRIENDS

We offer our apologies to everyone who did not receive their invitation to the Read, Eat & Give event with Chef Jeff Henderson until Saturday, October 11, 2008. Miscommunication at the post office resulted in the invitations being misdirected, so they were not sent until the day of the event.

Thank you to everyone who informed us of the error. We appreciate your understanding.



As a consequence of the economic downturn facing the nation, our libraries were impacted by the 2008 Retirement Incentive Program offered to County employees. As a result, 21 library employees, including four library managers, elected to retire. The combined

contribution of years worked by these library employees amounted to almost 500 years of dedication and commitment.

Now, I want to share with you changes that have been implemented in order to fill the vacancies left by the Retirement Incentive Program and the restructuring of the Collection Management and Technology Units into the newly created Division of Collection and Technology Management. This division consists now of three units — Collection Management, Technology Management and the Virtual Services Branch. The Chief of this new division, Linda Mielke, brings more than 30 years of experience in library management to the position. She has been the CEO of Indianapolis Marion County Library, an associate administrator in Anne Arundel County and director of public library systems in Carroll County, MD and Clearwater, FL.

Heading the Collection Management Unit is Kathie Meizner, who served as acting chief of the division during the transition period and was the former agency manager at the

Chevy Chase Library. The unit is responsible for acquiring, organizing and providing access to a wide variety of information, materials and services for our residents.

Suzanne Carbone is Manager of the newly created Virtual Services Branch that will develop, implement and distribute virtual interactive and innovative resources, services and technologies. Ms. Carbone was formerly head of the Ask-a-Librarian Unit.

MCPL has several new library managers, including two newcomers — Ed Trever and Sue Koronowski. Mr. Trever has been hired as the new Manager for the Aspen Hill Branch. He was previously the library director for the Gaston Lincoln Regional Library in Gastonia, NC. Ms. Koronowski is the new Manager of the Kensington Park Branch. She served as director of the Lynnfield Public Library in Lynnfield, Massachusetts since 1997.

The following MCPL staff members have been named library managers: Rita Tull, Davis Branch; Linda Gimourginas, Gaithersburg Branch; Cindy Guthrie, Marilyn J. Praisner Branch; Lindsey Hundt, Potomac Branch; and Margaret Goodbody, Correctional Facility Library.

We welcome new MCPL staff and congratulate those who have transitioned to new positions. We are confident that they will continue to make our libraries the best they can be in programs, services, collections and customer service. ■

FOL Scholarship Recipients

As part of our goal to promote librarianship as a career, FOL grants two scholarships annually. Each winner received a Moreland/Griffen graduate scholarship, which is given in honor of two former library directors. Please join us in congratulating Susan Cohen and Lennadene Bailey, winners of the 2008 scholarship awards.



Susan Cohen

Susan F. Cohen, a Brooklyn, NY native, has been a Maryland resident for 28 years. She earned a B.S. degree in Social Work from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Deaf Education from McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College).

She and her husband, Jeff, have two college-aged daughters. As an empty nester, she decided that it was time to do something for herself – to join her daughters in returning to college and get a second Master's degree in Library Science, a field that she has long loved.

October marked her 24th anniversary as a librarian for MCPL. For the first 21 years of her career, she served as the Head of Information Services for the Special Needs Library until it merged with the new Rockville Library. In her time at the Special Needs Library, she coordinated library and information services to the deaf and hard of hearing community,

homebound services and volunteer services and was the head of adult, reference and children's services. Now at the Rockville Library, she continues in her job capacity as a Librarian II, in three major areas of responsibilities: co-coordinator of the Disability Resource Center, coordinator of Library Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community and as the Head of the Children's Resource Collection.



Lennadene Bailey

Lennadene Bailey has been employed by MCPL for three years as the Finance and Budget Manager and worked for the Montgomery County Government for over 24 years. She oversees a variety of issues including budgeting and expenditure

control, grant and revenue management, and related fiscal and statistical issues. She earned her undergraduate degree with cum laude honors from Columbia Union College and has taken several management and leadership development courses. She is currently pursuing an MBA from the University of Maryland University College. She lives in Gaithersburg and has one daughter.

All eligible MCPL employees are invited to apply for the graduate or undergraduate FOL scholarships. Call 240-777-0020 or email staff@folmc.org for an application. The due date is June 30, 2009.

Friends of the Library Honorary Gifts

Making a donation in honor or memory of a loved one provides the opportunity to create a personal gift that honors the life of a friend, relative or colleague. These donations not only show how much you care about your special someone but how much you care about the

important work FOL does for libraries. It makes a wonderful birthday, holiday, or anytime gift to let someone know you're thinking about them. To make a donation in honor or memory of someone, contact Cassandra Powell at 240-777-0020 or visit www.folmc.org.

Teen Scene Premieres at 3 Branches

The *Washington Post* printed a feature story in the Home Section on Thursday, October 9, 2008, that zeroed in on the teen space renovations. The Bethesda, Chevy Chase, and Quince Orchard branches were chosen as the new sites of durable, sustainable teen sections. A reader had written in to ask for help, and design firm TuscanBlue offered their services in conjunction with Teensite Advisory Groups that were formed to help guide the designers.

Bethesda Opens New Teen Site

Bethesda debuted its new teen space with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, October 12, 2008, which was attended by Director Parker Hamilton, Manager Kay Bowman and Young Adult Librarian Kathie Weinberg (pictured). Bethesda chapter volunteers Sarah Fleischer and Herb Stone helped with the installation of fabric, bulletin boards and a new sign to delineate the space. The opening took place on the first day of National Teen Read Week, and attendees were invited to participate in a Rock Band video game contest.

Quince Orchard Wins Teen Space Grant!

A happenchance meeting between Michele Sellars, the Quince Orchard library manager, and a representative from Demco, a supplier of library furniture, alerted the staff that the company had a \$10,000 grant available. Although she completed the application with less than 24 hours left before the grant deadline, Ms. Sellars' entry took first place out of more than 260 entries. The grant allowed the library to furnish their teen space beyond the initial budget constrictions, and the FOL chapter contributed extra funds to cover any other necessities. The young adult collection has been conveniently moved to the newly designated teen space. The library should be fully repainted by December 2008 with a special focus on the teen area, which has been well received by the teenaged patrons.

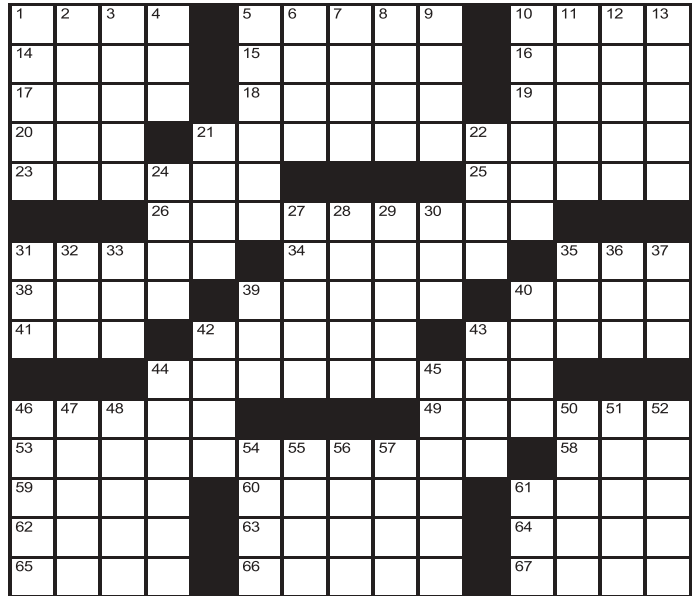
Chevy Chase will implement their teen space designs once the library renovations have been completed.



From L to R: Director Parker Hamilton, Manager Kay Bowman and Young Adult Librarian Kathie Weinberg

Crossword

FOL Puzzle #5 "Winter Reading" by Verna Suit © 2008



Across

1. "___ Falling on Cedars", David Guterson novel, 1994
5. Honey badger
10. Back talk
14. Site of influential Writers' Workshop
15. French floor
16. "Winter ___", John Sandford thriller, 1993
17. "___ Mountain", Charles Frazier novel, 1997
18. Tree trunks
19. Charged particles
20. U-turn from WNW
21. Well-loved American poet, 1874-1963
23. Shooting star
25. Gin and tonic garnishes
26. Poetic drama by Maxwell Anderson, 1935
31. Star in 60A
34. Lift
35. "The Spy ___ Came in from the Cold", John LeCarre novel, 1963
38. Burden
39. Canvas covers
40. Roll call calls
41. "A Cold ___ for Murder", Dana Stabenow mystery, 1992
42. Be a novelist
43. Screen symbols
44. Book of Eldridge Cleaver essays, 1968
46. '70s dance music
49. Wax role in batik
53. True crime account by Truman Capote, 1966
58. "Stopping by Woods ___ Snowy Evening", poem by 21A
59. Key often pressed with Alt and Del
60. Heavenly hunter
61. Yours, in Tours
62. Israel's Olmert or Barak
63. Hop ___ foot
64. Cry loudly

65. Cotillion attendees
66. Simple organism
67. Radiator sound

Down

1. Attack command to Fido
2. Rope loop
3. Young hooter
4. Roll of bills
5. Like some Christians
6. Important first step
7. "The Winter's ___", Shakespeare play
8. Bavarian river
9. For fear that
10. Apparition
11. Woolf's "___ of One's Own"
12. "Smilla's ___ of Snow", Peter Hoeg novel, 1995
13. Methods: Abbr.
21. Stir up
22. Make tracks
24. Rams' ma'ams
27. Appalachian, for one
28. Keep one's ___ the ground
29. Mature
30. Draft org.
31. Towel holder
32. "Love ___ Cold Climate", Nancy Mitford novel, 1949

33. "___ Mannerings", Sir Walter Scott novel, 1815
35. Neb. neighbor
36. Farm layer
37. WWII spy org.
39. Play about author of 53A
40. Top guns
42. Winter wear
43. Chilled
44. Dresses down
45. De-wrinkled
46. Cut up
47. "___ Bleak Midwinter", Julia Spencer-Fleming mystery, 2002
48. Prepare for surgery
50. Scintillas
51. "The ___ of Kilimanjaro", Ernest Hemingway short story, 1936
52. Flip side?
54. Dire fate
55. Czech Republic's 2nd largest city
56. "The ___ in Winter", James Goldman play, 1966
57. Last Mrs. Chaplin
61. Workout target

Puzzle #4 Solutions

E	L	K	S		M	O	P		J	A	Y		C	S	I
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Chapter News

Bethesda Chapter

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Tel. 240-777-0970

Bethesda's Fall Author series ended on Monday, December 1, 2008, with author Ron Suskind speaking on his new book, *The Way of the World*.

Davis Chapter

Ellen C. Collier, President
6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817
Tel. 240-777-0922

English Conversation Club

The English Conversation Club meets Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library's meeting room. The Conversation Club is not a class, but it is an opportunity for people who wish to practice speaking English to meet in a friendly setting. Discussions are led by volunteers. For more information, please call the library at 240-777-0922.

Goodbye to Coco

Coco the Gorilla, who greeted children at the Davis Library for many years, had become too worn and threadbare from all the hugs and kisses she received. This notice was posted in the Children's Room along with photos of Coco enjoying her new life: "After 25 years of devoted service to the Davis Library, Coco the Gorilla has decided to retire. She plans to spend time with her family at a Wildlife Habitat and enjoy her hobbies of reading and making banana splits. Best wishes Coco, we will miss you!"



Book Discussion

The Davis chapter has resumed its monthly book discussion group. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The group will discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Optimist's Daughter* by Eudora Welty.

Little Falls Chapter

Susan J. Schmidt, President
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Tel. 240-773-9520

New Staff

Happy Holidays to all our Friends. We would like to welcome Ken Lewis, our new Library Manager for Little Falls. He is bringing fresh ideas and new energy to our community. Please stop by and say "hello" soon!

Sing Along

Little Falls Friends' *Annual Holiday Sing Along* will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 10 a.m. Join us as we celebrate the holiday season at Little Falls library. Lyrics and refreshments will be provided.

Membership Drive

This holiday season is also our annual membership drive during which we ask you to renew your commitment to your community library. It should not be a surprise to anyone that the MCPL budget will be reduced on every level. If you enjoy the latest best seller, a video for the weekend, children's books for bedtime or research on where to invest your savings, then please consider a generous donation to the Little Falls FOL chapter. Your renewal letter will be in the mail soon.

Quince Orchard Chapter

Judith Mostyn White, President
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Tel. 240-777-0200

Birthday Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 2008 is Quince Orchard library's birthday. Patrons who stop by

will enjoy cake, punch and live harp music from members of the "Harp Happy" ensemble. Hope to see you there!

Poolesville Library

Book Signing with Local Author

Mary Ann Powell will be presenting on her new book, *Prince Alley Em of Loafing Hills Farm*, the sequel to her debut novel, *Emerson*, this



December. A native of Washington, D.C., Ms. Powell now lives in Poolesville and will share her love of horses at the Poolesville library. She'll be at Poolesville for book

signings on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 from 3 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, December 20, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Poolesville does not have a Friends chapter. If you are interested in forming one, please call 240-777-0020.

Rockville Chapter

*Ellen Sachs, President
21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850
Tel. 240-777-0140*

Upcoming Events

All members are invited to our next chapter business meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in the 1st Floor meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Fall News Recap

The Rockville chapter has had a busy fall schedule, starting with our "Welcome Back Sundays" celebration for library customers and staff when Sunday service resumed on Sunday, September 7, 2008 and continuing with the Wednesday "Out to Lunch" book sales at the Rockville Farmers' Market in front of Regal Cinema through October. Many customers regularly browse through our books each week. Some avid readers buy books and then re-donate them after reading. We look forward to seeing our regulars along with many new customers starting again next May.

We held a Congressional District 8 Candidates' Forum, presented in conjunction with Montgomery County's League of Women Voters, on Thursday, October 2, 2008. Over 100 people attended this event, the only public forum for all the candidates. Access Montgomery Cable TV taped the forum for later broadcast on cable channel 21.

The Rockville chapter also participated in Rockville's Non-Profit Day at the Saturday morning Farmer's Market on October 4, 2008. We took the opportunity to recruit new members using our newly designed brochure, sold tote bags and gave away candy to all who stopped by. On Wednesday, October 29, 2008, we had Gary Lloyd entertain children aged four to eight with a story telling program entitled "Pumpkin Tales." At the end of November, we featured a program by David Gelin, author of *BBQ Joints*.

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Blanche Williams, local author, dynamic speaker and national broadcast journalist, spoke on the topic of "Greatness by Design – Journalism, Writing, Achievement" at the White Oak Library on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The program was sponsored by the White Oak chapter from our local book sales funds.





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Randolph Hills Shopping Center**
4886 Boiling Brook Parkway | **301-984-3300**

- ★ Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- ★ Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- ★ Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m.

Friends' Bookstore at Wheaton Library
11701 Georgia Avenue | **240-777-0688**

- ★ Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- ★ Friday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- ★ Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- ★ Sunday: Noon - 4:30 p.m.