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## Out at the Library ▶ Explore. Question. Celebrate.

In celebration of Pride Month in June, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County will sponsor *Out at the Library*. This debut series is funded by the Farinholt-Edlow Endowment which was established in 1998 to promote gay and lesbian literature and library resources.

Photo: Tom Ackerman



### June 4, 2008

Long Branch Library

**Kevin Sessums**, contributing editor at *Allure* magazine and author of *Mississippi Sissy* will share personal accounts growing up gay in the South.



### June 18, 2008

Kensington Park Library

**Brian Sloan**, the Kensington-born filmmaker and author of *A Really Nice Prom Mess* is the master of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) teenager misadventures.



### June 11, 2008

Twinbrook Library

**Lisa C. Moore**, founder and editor of the DC-based publishing company, RedBone Press will discuss the world of African-American gay and lesbian writers.

Photo: Leigh Masley



### June 25, 2008

AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center, Silver Theatre III  
8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring

**Joan E. Biren**, filmmaker and producer from Silver Spring brings the screening of *No Secret Anymore*, a documentary about the founders of the lesbian civil rights movement.

*All programs start at 7:00 p.m. Book signing and book sale available after each program.*

**From your cell phone, text the keyword FOLMC to 63218 to receive *Out at the Library* text alerts.**

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## President's Letter



### *A Time to Celebrate*

In April, Friends of the Library marks two important occasions: National Library (April 13-19) and National Volunteer (April 27-May 3) Weeks.

First sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association, National Library Week celebrates all libraries including public, school and academic. It is a special time to recognize libraries and librarians for their contributions to the community.

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 and offers opportunities to thank volunteers, recognize those who give back and inspire volunteerism.

To me, the two occasions go hand in hand. Friends of the Library was established 25 years ago to enhance libraries and promote support of our libraries through philanthropic and volunteer efforts.

You can join our efforts by becoming a member of Friends of the Library. Your membership dues will help enhance all libraries including your local branch. You can also volunteer for FOL or for Montgomery County Public Libraries. There are many ways to help from serving on the Board of Trustees to shelving books. Visit [www.folmc.org/getinvolved](http://www.folmc.org/getinvolved) to find out how to donate or volunteer. Or use the enclosed envelope to send in your donation. Whatever you do, in support of our libraries, know that it all adds up and we all benefit. Now, that's something to celebrate!

Sincerely,

Steven Snapp

## From the Executive Director

*Ari Z. Brooks, MSW*



### *Shop for a Cause*

This May, Friends of the Library is teaming up with Barnes & Noble to make your next book-buying-binge more enjoyable than ever before. During the weekend of May 2-4, when you shop at Barnes & Noble Bethesda, Rockville or Gaithersburg, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to FOL. So whether you want to

stock up early on your beach reading or do some last minute Mother's Day (May 11) shopping, go ahead and fill up the cart and feel good doing it. Every purchase counts: books, CD's, greeting cards, games, bookmarks; even that venti skim latte and apple bran muffin at Starbucks. Simply detach the enclosed voucher (see page 11) and present it to the book-seller or cashier every time you make a purchase. Proceeds will fund *Library Lovers Month* programs in February 2009.

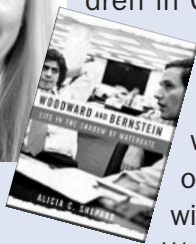
To get the weekend started off, FOL will sponsor three author talks at the Bethesda, Rockville and Gaithersburg branches (see page 3 for more details). Hear local writers discuss their works and meet Community Relations Managers from all three bookstores to find out how the program works. ■

# DON'T MISS OUR SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON SERIES

**D**elores Phillips, author of *The Darkest Child*, will kick off our spring lecture series on March 20, 2008.



Phillips' debut book is being compared by literary critiques to the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. She is a graduate of Cleveland State University and works as a psychiatric nurse in a facility for abused women and children in Cleveland.



Award-winning journalist, Alicia C. Shepard will wrap up the series on April 17, 2008. She will discuss her book *Woodward and Bernstein:*

*Life in the Shadow of Watergate*. Ms. Shepard teaches journalism at American University and has written for numerous magazines and newspapers across the country.

The programs will be held at Strathmore Hall Arts Center Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The lectures begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a book signing and luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Books will be available to purchase. Ticket prices vary according to membership status. All proceeds benefit FOLMC.

The Literary Luncheon Series has been presented in partnership with Strathmore Hall Arts Center for the past 20 years and is funded in part by a grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and a generous donation from HarVest Bank of Maryland.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Local Authors



David O. Stewart

Join us **Wednesday, April 23** at the Bethesda Library with David O. Stewart, author of *The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented The Constitution*. In addition to his writing career, Stewart was a trial lawyer for twenty-five years, defending accused criminals, challenging government action as unconstitutional and arguing many appeals, including two to the U.S. Supreme Court. He is currently working on a new book about the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson in 1868.

On **Thursday, April 24** at the Rockville Library, author Susan Coll will discuss her novels, *Acceptance*, *Rockville Pike* and *Karlmarx.Com*. Coll has worked as a freelance writer and book reviewer and her articles have appeared in



Susan Coll

publications including the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, and the *Washington Post*.

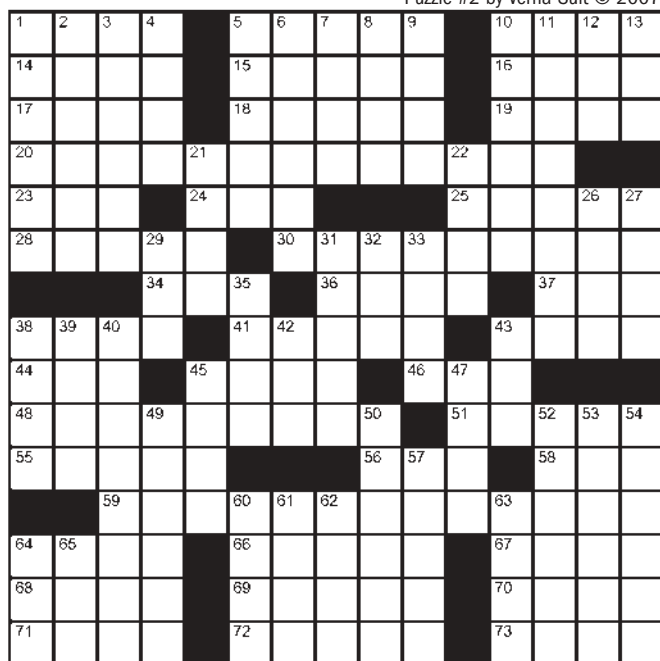


Kenneth Ackerman

Writer and attorney Kenneth Ackerman, author of *Young J. Edgar: Hoover, The Red Scare*, and the *Assault on Civil Liberties* will wrap up the series on **Wednesday, April 30** at the Gaithersburg Library. Mr. Ackerman is a 25-year veteran of senior positions in Congress, the executive branch and financial regulation. In addition to his law career, Ackerman is the author of four published books.

# Crossword

Puzzle #2 by Verna Suit © 2007



## Across

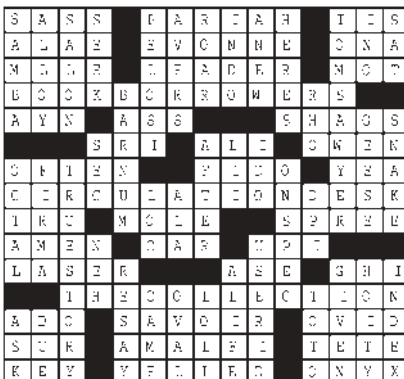
1. Pack away
5. Nest material
10. "Bearing gifts, we traverse \_\_\_"
14. Eugene O'Neill's daughter
15. James or Fielding
16. Ephron or Roberts
17. "\_\_\_ Well That Ends Well"
18. Dashes
19. Written reminder
20. Beginning of quote by essayist Logan Pearsall Smith
23. Author LeShan
24. Wide shoe width
25. Journalist Joseph
28. Mystery writer Andrews
30. Part 2 of quote
34. Samovar
36. Roll up, as a flag
37. German one
38. Professors' degs.
41. Actresses Redgrave and Fontanne
43. "Once \_\_\_ a midnight dreary..."
44. Corn unit
45. Buck ending
46. "Shame on you!"
48. Part 3 of quote
51. Fable writer
55. "The Raven" author, briefly
56. Lith. or Ukr., once
58. "Exodus" hero
59. End of quote
64. Svelte
66. Like a Mongol
67. October birthstone
68. Hebrides island
69. "Death of a \_\_\_ man": Arthur Miller

## Down

1. Lathered
2. City in Spain and Ohio
3. Like a borrowed book
4. Fig pollinator
5. "The \_\_\_ Musketeers": Dumas
6. Toad Hall vandal
7. Machu Picchu builder
8. Western writer Zane
9. Part of PBS
10. Historical records
11. March sound
12. "Zen and the \_\_\_ of Motorcycle Maintenance": Pirsig
13. Charlotte or Norma
21. Nonsense poet Edward \_\_\_
22. Icy pellets
26. "Winesburg, \_\_\_": Anderson
27. Author Robert \_\_\_ Warren
29. Greek letters
31. Otherwise
32. "Lost in the \_\_\_ house": John Barth story
33. Formerly, formerly
35. Workers' rights org.
38. Journalist Hamill
39. Laugh sound

40. Degree of wetness
42. "\_\_\_ Can't Go Home Again": Thomas Wolfe
43. Island strings
45. Pulitzer-winning writer James
47. Mystery writer Paretsky
49. Author Mailer
50. Jordan neighbor
52. One of the Marianas
53. Rococo
54. Pooh pal
57. "Common \_\_\_": Paine
60. "Spartacus" author Howard \_\_\_
61. Biblical birthright seller
62. Streamlet
63. Wife in "David Copperfield"
64. Frank McCourt memoir
65. King of France

## Puzzle #1 Solutions



## From the Stacks

Jim Ludlum, Business Manager



### A Bit of Bookstore History

For the past 13 years, FOL has successfully operated two bookstores originally in Wheaton Plaza (1995 - 2003) and currently in Randolph Hills Shopping Center. In 1999, FOL took over the Wheaton Book Sale and has grown both operations successfully to earn more than half a million dollars annually.

Today, the FOL bookstores depend on nearly 50 active volunteers and 15 part-time employees who each work between 8-20 hours per week. Although I (like many people) started as a volunteer after retiring from teaching, I've been employed full-time with FOL since 1998. The first part-time employee at the Wheaton Book Sale was Jim Trosper.

Jim began as a volunteer in 1995 and in 1999 was hired as a permanent part-time employee. He has the awesome task of opening, sorting and shelving the books and other materials that come from the 21 branch libraries. In a week, he handles nearly 300 boxes of books on average.

Without his work, things would soon come to a halt at Wheaton. I remember one summer about 15 years ago when boxes of ex-library books filled every storage area including several aisles, so we were forced to close until Jim could process the materials. This is one of the main reasons the Wheaton Book Sale became a full time operation.

Today, both stores receive more than 1,500 donations each month in addition to the materials from the libraries. This creates a tremendous amount of inventory that needs to be sorted, priced and shelved on a daily basis. Since new materials are added to the shelves every single day, you never know when you'll find that treasure you've been hunting for. As a result, my advice to customers is to shop often and buy it today, because it could be gone tomorrow! ■

### And the Winner is...

Congratulations Florence Hein of Kensington and Jonina Duker of Rockville for correctly answering Crossword Puzzle #1. Each winner received a free Library Lovers Month tote bag. Want to put your skills to the test? Correctly answer crossword puzzle #2 and return it with a new membership or renewal of at least \$25.00 and win a prize. Mail to Development Assistant, FOL 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 310, Rockville, MD 20850. While supplies last. One winner per household.

# Friends of the Library Celebrates 25 Years of Service to our Public Libraries

Peggy Li, Student Volunteer

This year, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Over the years, FOL has evolved from a small organization with no paid staff or designated office area to a professional organization that enjoys increasing levels of public support and media coverage. However, while many people may be familiar with FOL and its commendable successes today, fewer people are aware of its background.

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County was founded by a small but dedicated group of library enthusiasts. Among the founders was Cady Eason, who became involved through his work on a Library Board exploratory committee. He was asked by the Library Director for legal advice, which led to long-term involvement with the organization.

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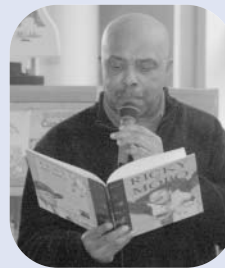
Mr. Eason recalled an instance several years after the founding of FOL when he received a telephone call from the Register of Wills and learned that a donor had left money to the organization. He was gratified to hear that there were

people willing to provide financial support to libraries. Mr. Eason has been delighted to have the opportunity to help establish an organization that partners with the government to provide "extra" services beyond those provided by tax money, and has gained a sense of pride from his involvement over the years.

Early Friends (dues-paying members of the organization) also had positive reflections on the beginning stages and evolution of the organization. Don Fork, one early member, attributes the "motivation and dedication" of the members to

"a sincere appreciation of books and libraries" and "the potential they have for benefiting the educational and cultural life of the community." According to Dr. Fork, one significant accomplishment of the Friends was being recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization, because tax benefits encouraged and consequently increased membership donations; other successes include the growth of book sales and the establishments of local chapters at 15 branches.

Now that FOL has come this far in just a quarter of a century, what is next? What might the Friends' goals and plans for the future be? Of course, the organization will continue to work to broaden the membership base in order to position itself to better advocate for libraries, as Mr. Eason proposes. However, what else may the future hold in store for FOL, for the libraries, and for your community? What can we expect to see in another twenty-five years? Only time will tell as new library technologies and the changing demographics of Montgomery County offer exciting challenges and opportunities. ■



Pictured: Roscoe "Gordon" Orman reading from his children's book, *Ricky & Mobo*

## "Gordon" from Sesame Street Kicks Off Library Lovers Month

More than 300 adoring fans dropped by the Rockville and Damascus Libraries on Saturday, February 2 to get the once in a lifetime opportunity to meet Roscoe "Gordon" Orman of Sesame Street.

## Local Actor, Drama Teacher and Director Joins the FOL Board



Photo: Dean Everette

Carol W. Leahy is a longtime supporter and advocate of the arts and humanities. Mrs. Leahy is highly regarded in the cultural arts community for having served in several volunteer leadership roles with Adventure Theatre and Silver Spring

Stage. In 2001, Giant Food presented her the Award for Excellence in Volunteerism.

Mrs. Leahy is most passionate about arts education in the schools. With over 20 years of experi-

ence, she serves as an appointed member of the Superintendent's Committee for Performances in the Schools. Mrs. Leahy also was a Great Books leader for eighth grade students and managed the cultural arts programs for several area elementary and junior high schools, directing after school plays and teaching drama classes.

Mrs. Leahy is on the Board of Governor's at Montgomery College where she has taken numerous classes over the years. She is a graduate of Lasell College in Massachusetts and resides with her husband, Mike in Potomac. ■

## Professional Puzzle Maker Uses Talent to Give Back

Verna Suit loves puzzles and the library, so when asked to create a crossword puzzle for the *Friends* newsletter, the professional puzzle maker had no hesitation at all. Since 1994, Suit has been an active member of the Friends of the Library and its Aspen Hill Chapter. After she took an early retirement from her federal government career, she started exploring more of the world outside of work. Soon after, she began a freelance writing career mainly for fiber arts magazines and co-authored the book *Art Quilts: Playing with a Full Deck*.

When it comes to crossword puzzles, Suit says that she likes the challenge of making them. After several years of playing around with grids, she produced one that looked decent. The *LA*

*Times* bought it in 1999 and she has been making and selling puzzles ever since. A few of her puzzles have appeared in the *New York Times* and *GAMES* magazine, but the bulk of them appear in the *USA Today* and the *TMS* syndicate.

Suit says she is happy to make puzzles for FOL because, "it is a way of giving back to the public libraries that have given so much to me over the years."

If you have a special skill or talent, contact Lauren Williams at 240-777-0020 to discuss how to show your support of libraries in your own unique way.

[See page 4 for puzzle.](#) ■



## Local Children's Author Visits Kensington Park Library

Join us on **Saturday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m.** to hear local children's book author, Michelle Meadows, at Kensington Park Library. Come hear Meadows read from her new book, *Pilot Pups* and other fan favorites. A book signing will wrap up the event.

## Library News



### **From the Director's Desk** *B. Parker Hamilton*

This time of the year our community supporters and volunteers get energized to advocate for our library system. As you may have already learned, our County is under a hiring freeze and County agencies were asked to propose savings plans of \$23.6 million for FY08. MCPL was able to develop savings of almost \$1 million to support this effort without any disruption to public services or general operations.

I am proud of our accomplishments during FY07 when we were able to open two new branches for the Rockville and Germantown communities; received National and County recognition for several of our programs and staff; achieved the first overall increase in circulation in several years, and 85% of our county residents rated our services as excellent or good. This survey, commissioned by the County, was conducted by the independent, Boulder, Colorado based, National Research Center in September 2007.

During a recent public forum on the budget, I was heartened by the participation of several supporters of library services in the audience. At that time, the County Executive expressed his satisfaction with enhancing resources for library services in FY08, despite a demanding budget year. This kind of support is a compliment to our customers, our volunteer supporters and our staff. I thank you all for your continued support to provide world-class library services to our Montgomery County residents.

Thank you for doing your part to make Montgomery County Public Libraries *Where the County Reads...Where the County Meets...Where the County Learns*

## Chapter News

### **Aspen Hill Chapter**

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#### **Annual Meeting Minutes**

The February 2, 2008 Aspen Hill Chapter annual meeting was a smashing success. The business meeting featured a State of the Aspen Hill Chapter message, election of officers for 2008, and reports from the Aspen Hill Garden Club and our Book Discussion Club. After an excellent lunch, local author and internationally honored military historian Bill Hammond spoke about the media and the military. Not able to attend this year? Just wait. We will have a luncheon meeting and speaker again next year in conjunction with the annual meeting that you won't want to miss.

#### **Take Me Out to the Ball Game**

Interested in the new baseball stadium in DC?

Planning a baseball vacation? Come to Aspen Hill



Library, on Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m.

to hear former County Councilmember and Bethesda Community Baseball Club President

Bruce Adams as he talks about the world of baseball. He will discuss ballparks, baseball and all things dear to baseball fans. Adams is co-author of *Fodor's Baseball Vacations*.

#### **Local Authors Wanted**

*Are you a local author or do you know any?* Our local author series is open for speakers for next fall and spring. Please send your ideas and suggestions to the Aspen Hill Chapter.

#### **Spring Book Sale**

The Aspen Hill Chapter spring Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Donations are gladly accepted after Saturday, March 15, 2008. Interested in helping out at the book sale? Contact Bobbi Shaw at the Aspen Hill Library. Shop, enjoy, make friends and contribute to the library.

### **Damascus Chapter**

*Earl Patrick, President*  
9701 Main Street, Damascus, MD 20872  
Tel. 240-773-9444

#### **All Aboard!**

On Saturday, November 10, 2007, more than 1,800 children and adults celebrated the 20th Annual Train

Day at the Damascus Library. Children's Librarian, Anita Fry and her husband Bob were honored by County Councilmember Mike Knapp for their 20 years of work organizing this special event. The celebration



Onlookers view train display at the 20th Annual Train Day at Damascus Library.

of trains, filmed by Montgomery County Cable, was full of memorabilia. Photographs, historical items and safety tips were provided by The B & O Historical Society and Operation Lifesaver.

Traditional railroad music was provided by the First Fruits band while individuals enjoyed an authentic "hobo" lunch. For the little one's, the children's librarians held story time featuring, of course, train stories and songs. Commemorative giveaways, funded by the Damascus Chapter, were a hit with the children and adults alike.

### Local Historian Brings Lady Macbeth's Story to Life in New Novel

Historical novelist and Damascus resident, Susan King will read and discuss the research from her new novel *Lady Macbeth* at the Damascus Library on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. King states, "I thought it would be interesting to present my version of Lady Macbeth and why she's so different from Shakespeare's character." The novel, listed as a "Buzz Pick" in *Glamour* magazine, is in stores now. *Publishers Weekly* lauds the novel as a "captivating take on Lady Macbeth." Pick up your copy today from the Damascus Library and join us to hear a piece of Shakespearean history.

### Davis Chapter

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Rachel Permut-Levine (3rd from left, kneeling) and NHLBI employees with boxes of books collected for Davis.

### Good Karma Pays Off

During the month of November, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) collected new and gently-used books for Davis Library's on-going book sale. Rachel

Permut-Levine, the acting director of the Office of Strategic and Innovative Programs at NHLBI says she chose Davis Library to be one of the recipients of NHLBI's charitable drive because, "I walk to Davis Library at least once per week during my lunch hour and have gained so much enjoyment from the books that I have borrowed. I wanted to give something back, as did my colleagues - particularly because we feel like we have such abundance in this area."

Representatives from Davis Library were invited to make a presentation at NHLBI's Good Karma Month kick-off lecture. NIH personnel who came to the well-attended session spread the word throughout their departments, resulting in several boxes of books and audio visual items arriving at Davis just in time to restock the book sale before the winter holidays.

Karen Braun, co-chair of the Davis book sale, says she hopes NHLBI's unusual Institute-wide donation will serve as a model for other local businesses and organizations to support Davis Library with book drives. Anyone wanting more information regarding individual donations or organizing a company-wide drive can call Ms. Braun at 301-299-0601.

### Gaithersburg Chapter

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### Opera Club

Our Opera Club meets twice a month on the 2nd Wednesday and the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Participants range from people who have little knowledge to others who have seen many operas in the U.S. and abroad.

### Germantown Chapter

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### Out with the Old, in with the New

The Germantown Chapter started off 2008 with a flurry of activity. We distributed our first quarterly newsletter with much help from the library staff and Friends members. The newsletter included articles and book reviews by staff members, a list of projects and items funded by our Friends Chapter in the previous year, and other juicy information for our library patrons and Friends. You can read a copy at [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org). Just click on the Germantown Chapter link.

### **The Year of the Rat**

Chinese New Year grew into two days of events at the Germantown Library. On Saturday, February 9, the Li-Ming Chinese Academy performed dances, puppet shows, musical acts, and craft demonstrations. Then on Saturday, February 16, our library received the blessing of a traditional lion dance from the Chinese Youth Club. We also were treated to Tai Chi demonstrations and Chinese origami as part of this program. While the Germantown Chapter was happy to support these programs, we are grateful to librarian Rueyfen Harmon for coordinating these activities and decorating the entire library as we welcomed the Year of the Rat.

### **First Annual Author Series**

Don't miss our first annual spring author series that we are co-sponsoring with BlackRock Center for the Arts (our next-door-neighbors) and Montgomery College-Germantown. On Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. on the Germantown campus of Montgomery College we welcome mystery writer Marcia Talley as we celebrate National Library Week with a "Sisters in Crime" event.

The final event in this four-part series will be Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Library. Local author and research scientist, Jonathan Balcombe will make an audiovisual presentation and discuss his new book *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good*.

### **Library Lovers Cyber Discussion**

In addition to our great events, you can also spend time with other Germantown Friends in the blogosphere. Check out the Germantown Chapter's blog at <http://germantownFOL.blogspot.com> and see what other library lovers are discussing. And you can always find out the latest details about our meetings and activities at [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org).

## **Little Falls Chapter**

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### **Thanks to all our Friends**

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships and provided additional financial support to the Little Falls Library. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

The Little Falls Chapter has been celebrating their 15th anniversary and we will continue as long as we can. This is a good time to thank our wonderful Board of Directors over the years, many of whom have served for the entire tenure. We are forever grateful to: Sally Bosken (Chair, LAC), Patty Caldwell, Anthea Conlon, Rhoda Hyde, Chris Lawrence, Diane Mesirov, Robert

November, Hannah November, Edie Pollner, Emily Purcell, Sylvia Reis (Treasurer) and Myra Weinberg (Vice President).

### **Spring Literary Salon Series**

We are also indebted to our Literary Salon organizers Lorrie Barse, Dr. Karen Arnold and Lucy Freeman. They have been the heart of our book discussions and are proud to announce the spring series: "Split Narratives" and the "Mystery of Time." Join us to explore how writers weave the past into the art of the present, creating voices to combine stories that skip centuries in the telling. All discussions are free and held on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

April 9      Ian Pears | *The Dream of Scipio*  
May 14      Marianne Wiggins | *The Shadow Catcher: A Novel*

### **Good Discussion, Great Decisions**

We are proud to sponsor the Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions" discussion group led by our own librarian, Nell Marshall. This is your opportunity to listen, learn and participate in foreign policy conversations. Anyone interested in expanding his or her knowledge of international relations is welcome to attend. Please sign up at the reference desk to receive your copy of the materials at the Little Falls Library prior to the first meeting. All discussions are on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Falls Library: March 18, April 22 and May 20.

### **Calling All Aspiring Actors**

Please help us celebrate National Library Week with a program for aspiring teen actors. On Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., actors from Adventure Theatre will be working with teens ages 12-16 who are interested in acting. Activities will include warm-up exercises, acting lessons and improvisational skills. Only 16 teens can register for this free program at the Children's Room reference desk. Sign up today!

## **Olney Chapter**

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### **Grantsmanship 101**

Could your non-profit use extra funds to meet its goals? Register to attend the grants writing workshop, Grantsmanship 101, Wednesday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Olney Library meeting room.

Andrea Snyder, grants librarian at Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, will lead the workshop designed for staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations. Learn how to research grant opportunities, identify potential funding sources and tips on proposal writing.

## Quince Orchard Chapter

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### Quince Orchard Celebrates 8th Birthday

On Thursday, December 13, 2007, the Quince Orchard Chapter celebrated the 8th annual birthday of the



Musicians playing at the 8th annual birthday celebration.

Quince Orchard Library. Volunteers from the Quince Orchard Chapter and the Library Advisory Committee served refreshments to library patrons while musicians performed a variety of selections. Shi, a seventh grader in the Magnet

Program at Takoma Park Middle School, Heidi Shiau, a seventh grader at Cabin John Middle School, Handson Wu, a freshman at Wootton High School, and Kelly Hsu, a violin teacher in Rockville serenaded the crowd with a mix of classical and ragtime music, plus a rendition of "Happy Birthday."

### Chinese New Year Celebration

We welcomed in the Chinese New Year with a celebration entitled "4706: The Year of the Rat" on Saturday, January 26. Students and staff of the Gaithersburg Chinese School entertained us with dance performances, stories, skits, songs and crafts.

### Author Jane Austen Book Discussion Group

In conjunction with the PBS television production, *Masterpiece Theater*, we will celebrate the works of author, Jane Austen. Librarian, Micheline Fleurant along with the help of a few of our chapter members, will lead the discussions. All discussions are free and held on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

April 3     *Emma*  
April 17    *Sense and Sensibility*

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

- 18 Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions" discussion group 7:00 p.m. at Little Falls Library
- 20 Literary Luncheon with Delores Phillips author of *The Darkest Child* 11:30 a.m. at Strathmore Mansion

### APRIL

- 3 Jane Austen book discussion featuring *Emma* 2:00 p.m. at Quince Orchard Library
- 9 Spring Literary Salon Series with Ian Pears author of *The Dream of Scipio* 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Little Falls Library
- 12 Adventure Theatre acting workshop 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Little Falls Library, ages 12-16 (registration required)

### 13-19

National Library Week

- 16 Spring author series with mystery writer Marcia Talley 7:00 p.m. at Montgomery College, Germantown
- 17 Literary Luncheon with Alicia C. Shepard author of *Woodward and Bernstein: Life in the Shadow of Watergate* 11:30 a.m. at Strathmore Mansion
- 17 Jane Austen book discussion featuring *Sense and Sensibility* 2:00 p.m. at Quince Orchard Library
- 19 Former County Councilmember and Bethesda Community Baseball Club President Bruce Adams 10:00 a.m. at Aspen Hill Library
- 22 Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions" discussion group 7:00 p.m. at Little Falls Library

- 23 Local author book discussion with David O. Stewart author of *The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented the Constitution* 7:00 p.m. at Bethesda Library
- 24 Local author book discussion with Susan Coll author of *Acceptance* 7:00 p.m. at Rockville Library
- 25 Grantsmanship 101 Workshop 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Olney Library
- 27- May 3 National Volunteer Week
- 30 Local author book discussion with Kenneth Ackerman author of *Young J. Edgar: Hoover, The Red Scare, and the Assault on Civil Liberties* 7:00 p.m. at Gaithersburg Library

## MAY

- 2-4** Barnes and Noble Book Fair to benefit Friends of the Library, Montgomery County 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. at the Bethesda, Gaithersburg and Rockville Pike locations
- 10** Children's author, Michelle Meadows 2:00 p.m. at Kensington Park Library
- 14** Spring Literary Salon Series with Marianne Wiggins author of *The Shadow Catcher: A Novel* 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Little Falls Library
- 15** Damascus resident Susan King, author of *Lady Macbeth* 7:00 p.m. at Damascus Library
- 20** Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions" discussion group 7:00 p.m. at Little Falls Library
- 21** Spring author series with local author and research scientist Jonathan Balcombe 7:00 p.m. at Germantown Library

## JUNE

- 4** *Out at the Library* series with Kevin Sessums, author of *Mississippi Sissy* 7:00 p.m. at Long Branch Library
- 11** *Out at the Library* series with Lisa C. Moore, founder and editor of RedBone Press 7:00 p.m. at Twinbrook Library
- 18** *Out at the Library* series with Brian Sloan, author of *A Really Nice Prom Mess* 7:00 p.m. at Kensington Park Library
- 25** *Out at the Library* series with Joan E. Biren filmmaker and producer of *No Secret Anymore* 7:00 p.m. at AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center

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