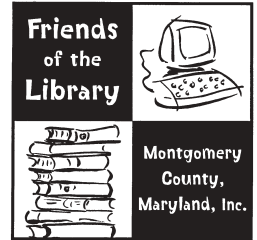


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Literary Luncheon Series Kicks off 20th Season



Susan Shreve & Tim Seldes

October 18, 2007

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Children's book author **Susan Shreve** and literary agent, publisher and former editor **Tim Seldes** will discuss reading, writing and working together.



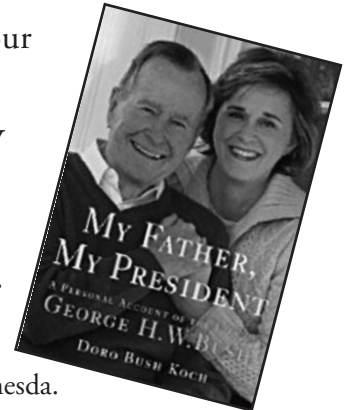
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Doro Bush Koch

November 15, 2007

The youngest child of our forty-first President will present **My Father, My President: A Personal Account of the Life of George H. W. Bush.**



Lectures start at 11:30 am and are followed by lunch and book signing at 12:30 pm. All programs are held at Strathmore Hall Mansion located at 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Books sold at each event. Call 240.777.0020 to reserve space. The Series is funded, in part, by a generous donation from HarVest Bank of Maryland. *Continued on page 7*



Bookseller Joins the Board

Ann Dorough just can't get enough of books and the people who read them. After spending all day handling corporate and institutional accounts and community relations at Barnes & Noble, she volunteers to help libraries. Ann joined the Board of Trustees a year ago, and already serves on the Strategic Planning and Executive Committees. She was previously a Legislative Assistant on Capitol Hill and a news reporter, which came in handy when visiting with elected officials to advocate for the library budget.

Ann lives in Bethesda with her husband, architect Gregory Uekman, and is Vice President of the Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association. She was last seen chipping away at a tall stack of political, history and business books on her nightstand.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Discover Your Library

Although I have served on the Board of Trustees for five years, I am still amazed at the large number and range of programs offered at the libraries.

The fascinating thing about libraries is that they are for everyone, from the business owner who needs help writing a business plan to the bus boy who wants to beef up his internet skills.

There are dozens of programs held each day, from conversation clubs to book discussion groups to knitting clubs to health screenings and of course the ever-popular children's story times. Not to mention...child care-giver workshops, poetry slams, resume writing workshops, Internet classes, plant clinics... and the list goes on and on. Can you believe that's all at one branch in one day! Also, did you know you could download an audio eBook, get 24/7 homework help (hello, parents, are you listening?) or reserve a discovery room for children at Quince Orchard, Gaithersburg and Germantown branches?

Join me in re-discovering the library this summer. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at all they can offer you and your family.

Sincerely,

Steve Snapp

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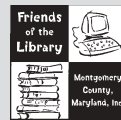
Ari Z. Brooks, MSW

FOL Gears Up for Anniversary

Next year will be an important one for FOL as we mark twenty-five years of enhancing libraries. If you are interested in volunteering to plan celebratory activities, call 240.777.0020 and ask for Ari. You can also email me at ari.brooks@montgomerycountymd.gov.

This is the perfect time to pitch in and lend your talent to an organization that has helped libraries and our community for so many years.

Whether you helped establish FOL twenty-five years ago or simply like to shop at the bookstores, we need your ideas and most importantly your people-power. So put on your thinking caps and roll up your sleeves. Together, we can make this a year none of us will forget.



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Internationally Renowned Scientist Leaves Bequest

Dr. Sigmund J. Jacobs, internationally recognized authority on explosives with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, died on February 25, leaving in his will a bequest to FOL in the amount of \$31,000. The funds will allow FOL to help the Library to offer excellent services to future generations of library users.

To designate FOL as benefactor in your will, contact the office at 240.777.0020. You may wish to leave a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate. A general bequest such as Dr. Jacobs' allows the funds to be allocated to the greatest need. A specific bequest lets you support a particular program or service area.



FOL Celebrates National Children's Book Week

Peggy Li, Student Volunteer

Are you an elementary-school teacher or librarian, a child who loves reading, a parent, or prospective author? Then you'll want to

be on hand on November 15, 2007, when award-winning children's author Johanna Hurwitz will be giving an author appearance at the new Germantown Library at 7:30 pm.

Ms. Hurwitz has written many excellent books for children of all ages, from toddlers to preteens. Her books include the *Riverside Kids* series and the *Russell and Elisa* series, as well as other great titles such as **Baseball Fever**, recipient of the *1984 Golden Sower Award Intermediate*

Honor, and *Faraway Summer*, a 2001–2002 *Young Hoosier Book Award Masterlist (Grades 4–6)* novel.

Join us in November for this exciting event, which will include a presentation, question-and-answer period, book sales to benefit Friends of the Library, an autograph session, and much more.



Johanna Hurwitz



FROM THE STACKS

*Jim Ludlum,
Business Manager*

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Now that I have your attention, I hope you will join us for the 2nd Back-to-School Sale where you will find more than 1000 boxes of ex-library and donated books that would fit perfectly into a teacher's classroom or supplement a home-schooler's library.

We'll also have some items for adults such as review copies of mysteries, CDs and DVDs, history and science hard covers in the atrium of the library.

Current FOL members enjoy a 10% discount at the sale. Simply show your membership card or sign in at the register so that your membership can be verified. You may also join by completing a membership application online or at the sale. Visit www.folmc.org for more information.

2nd Annual Back-to-School Sale

Wheaton Regional Library, Lower Level in Meeting Room 2:

- Thursday, August 23—10 am to 9 pm
- Friday, August 24—10 am to 5 pm
- Saturday, August 25—9 am to 5 pm

**Attention Chapters: next newsletter
deadline is August 1, 2007.**

LIBRARY & CHAPTER NEWS



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

*Parker Hamilton, Library Director
21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 310*

Summer of 2007 @ MCPL

MCPL is prepared for another unforgettable Summer Reading program for the entire family. This year's

theme relates to reading on the road or traveling. The theme for Children and Teens is "Reading Road Trip" which runs from June 14 to August 25, and the adult reading program is "Travel by Book" which runs from June 14 to August 31.



From Left: Dr. Michael Doran, Laurence DuBois, Parker Hamilton

To go along with this year's travel-related theme, the children's "gameboard" includes a map of the USA with interesting facts about the states featuring a variety of cultures and landmarks, Wacky Facts, Rules of the Road, and fun travel games.

The Teen Reading program kicked off with the much awaited and successful Teen Poster Contest. Laurence DuBois, a Wooton High School junior, won this year's contest. Laurence and her school principal Dr. Michael Doran visited MCPL for a photo-op. The poster will be used as the cover on the 2007–2008 Teen2Teen booklet and will also appear on flyers and on the MCPL website.

The adult program is ready to welcome readers through the "Travel by Book" exhibits at all MCPL branches. Ten reading lists—called Reading Passports—will suggest titles in categories such as *Around the World*, *To Imaginary Worlds*, *To Thrilling Adventures*, *Into Family Secrets* and others, or readers can read any book of their choice. Patrons can enter by visiting their local branches and filling out the entry form, or online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

Our Friends of the Library funding allows MCPL to make these programs for the entire family a reality. We

thank FOL for your continued support and generosity throughout the years.

Bethesda Chapter

Judy Gilbert Levey, President

Women's Club Gives the Gift of Reading

After reading about the Chapter's outreach efforts to the Paddington Square low-income housing complex, Lucile May of the Women's Club of Bethesda became inspired to help. As a result, the Women's Club and its members donated more than \$600 to purchase reference books and other reading material for the Paddington Square library. To date, the library has been stocked solely from community donations and the proceeds from the Chapter's book sale.

The library will be used during the Paddington Square summer camp and will benefit children who join Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Reading Club 2007. The Bethesda Chapter has partnered with Paddington Square on this project because the children who live in the complex attend Bethesda Elementary School, which is one block from the Bethesda Library.

Davis Chapter

Ellen C. Collier, Acting President

Davis Welcomes New Manager

Thompson Cummins is the new acting Library Manager. Thom had been working most recently at Aspen Hill Library and for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Earlier he had worked for a variety of different types of libraries in 19 states and served in Vietnam. He has a PhD in Library and Information Science with a Business Administration Minor from Florida State University.



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Literacy Tutor Needed

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Please call 301.942.9292 to register for an upcoming orientation session or email info@literacycouncilmcmd.org.

Appreciation of Book Sale Volunteer

The Davis LAC and Chapter expressed their appreciation of Judy Miller for her long and dedicated volunteer work. With her assistance, the Davis book sale grew into a major source of funds for library activities. The book sale is now housed in a new location in the main reading room. Book donations are welcome.

Summer Programs for Children

Davis presents the following programs for the summer. Call 240.777.0922, or TTY 301.897.2203, to inquire. Each program lasts one hour.

- **Saturday, June 16, 2007, at noon**
Bethesda Community Baseball Club
Meet Homer and Big Train Players
- **Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 7 pm**
Gary Lloyd "Tall Tales from American Trails"
- **Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 7 pm**
Flute Sweet and Tickle Toons—Classical Music and Acting
- **Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 7 pm**
Mike Rose "Magic Show"
- **Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 7 pm**
Maryland Science Center presents "Science to Amaze & Intrigue"
This program is for First Graders and up
- **Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 7 pm**
Montgomery County Fair presents Live Animals
- **Monday, August 6, at 7 pm**
Uncle Pete "Up with Kids" Music and Interaction

Book Discussion Group and Summer Program for Adults

Davis will participate in the adult reading program for the second year. For more information, visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries.

The Davis book discussion group under the leadership of Senior Library Rita Tull will meet for the last time until September.

Wednesday, June 20, at 7pm

The Lost Painting by Jonathan Harr



View of Germantown Library's children's floor from teen area

Germantown Chapter

Stephanie Weishaar, President

New Library Opens

The beautiful new Germantown library opened on March 8, 2007, and continues to break MCPL circulation records. If you have not taken time to visit yet, we encourage you to stop by soon.

Germantown residents and friends celebrated the opening of the Germantown library at a Gala evening in March as well as a Family day in April. Library lovers were entertained by celebrity readings, a Chinese lion dance, local musicians, Japanese manga lessons, and more.



From left: Council member Nancy Floreen, Director Parker Hamilton, Manager Maria Pedak-Kari, Executive Isaiah Leggett and Council member Mike Knapp.

Our monthly book sales continue on the second Saturday of each month and we welcome donations of books and volunteer time. Want to get involved or have questions? Contact us at GermantownFOL@verizon.net.

Little Falls Chapter

Susan J. Schmidt, President

Harry Potter is Coming!

Join your fellow Muggles and celebrate the publication of the last *Harry Potter* book in the series. The Little Falls Library will host a Harry Potter Party on Saturday, July 21 from 10 am to 12 pm. Enjoy puzzles, projects and potions. Don't forget to arrive in costume.

Little Falls will have exciting programs to announce this fall, including a "Patron Appreciation and Friends 15th Anniversary Party," new literary events and programs for adults, and the continuation of our popular Literary Salon. Look for details in the fall issue of this newsletter.

Olney Chapter

Nena Ickes, President

Teens-Only Program a Smash

Olney Chapter sponsored a wildly successful teens-only program in April. About two dozen creative high school students shared poetry, songs, and other creative work. In addition to an open mike, local musicians performed.

The Friends co-sponsor the adult book discussion group at the Olney Library. Books are available at the Library one month prior to the discussions. The book discussion group will meet on the following Tuesdays at 7 pm:

- **June 12**
Three Junes by Julia Glass
- **July 10**
Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee by Carolyn Shields

Quince Orchard Chapter

Judith Mostyn White, President

New Library Manager Named

Quince Orchard is happy to welcome our new library manager, Michele Sellars. She has over 25 years of experience as a library professional, with a broad range of experience in providing programs and services to all age groups in the school and public library settings. She was previously a branch manager for DC Public Libraries. She holds a Bachelor's degree in secondary education and a Master's degree in Library Science, both from the University of Maryland in College Park.



On April 28, we celebrated our 6th annual *UTSAV: A Celebration of India for Children and Families*. Patrons were treated to Indian music, dancing, skits, henna painting, tastes of India, and the Penny Theater showing of "Little

Babaji." It was a delight for our senses to enjoy the colorful costumes, the exotic music, singing and dancing, the mango juice and delectable Indian tidbits.

June 16 will be our 8th annual Community Day and everyone is invited. We have music planned, representatives from many community activities on hand, and lots of activities for the whole family.

Rockville Chapter

Julie Zignego and Audrey Beck

Chapter Hosts Van Hollen; Speaker Series Set; New Library Wins Award

The Rockville Chapter was thrilled to host Congressman Chris Van Hollen as the May speaker in its Speaker Series. Congressman Van Hollen was elected to Congress in 2002

An advertisement for the Friends of the Library. At the top, the text reads "Don't leave without considering your Legacy to the Libraries." Below this is a stylized logo of a person reading a book. To the right of the logo, it says "For more information, call (240) 777-0019". Below the logo and phone number, it says "Friends of the Library Montgomery County Maryland, Inc." At the bottom of the advertisement is a black and white photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting and reading books together.

and is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He spoke about the achievements of the House of Representatives during the current session. A few of the important measurements passed by the House include the increase of the minimum wage and a rollback of tax breaks for oil and gas companies to finance alternative-energy resources.

Our 2007 Speaker Series is offering a wide variety of speakers. Coming up on Saturday, June 16 at 10:00, Fran Durako will speak about collecting rare books. An expert in the field, she is the owner of an antique book store, The Kelmscott Bookshop, in Baltimore. A must for all those interested in antique or rare books!

In addition, the Rockville Chapter is providing significant funding for three months of children's events each Tuesday during the 101 Days of Celebration between Memorial Day and Labor Day honoring the opening of the new Rockville Town Center. Be sure to check the calendar on the library website for details.

Through the successful nomination by the Rockville Chapter and the Rockville Library Advisory Committee, the new Rockville Library has been selected to receive a 2007 Peerless Rockville Preservation Award. The Awards Committee recognized the library as a primary component of the new Town Center construction and an anchor of Town Center redevelopment.

Nominees include Library System Director Parker Hamilton, Barbara Norland, Daniel Beavin, and the Rockville Library Staff; Mayor Larry Giammo, the City Council, former Mayor Rose Krasnow, the County Council, the Library Advisory Committee, FOL-Rockville Chapter, Participants in the Imagine Rockville Process,

and Peerless Rockville; Grimm + Parker Architects and lead architect Melanie Hennigan; and Forrester Construction Company. The awards, presented on May 14 during a televised meeting of the Mayor and City Council, recognize excellence in quality new design as well as in restoration and use of historic structures and achievement in historic preservation.

Also, don't miss the Literary Luncheon Spring Authors...



Delores Phillips

March 20, 2008

Author of **The Darkest Child**

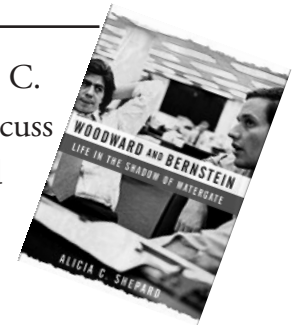


Alicia C. Shepard

April 17, 2008

Journalist Alicia C. Shepard will discuss **Woodward and Bernstein: Life**

in the Shadow of Watergate



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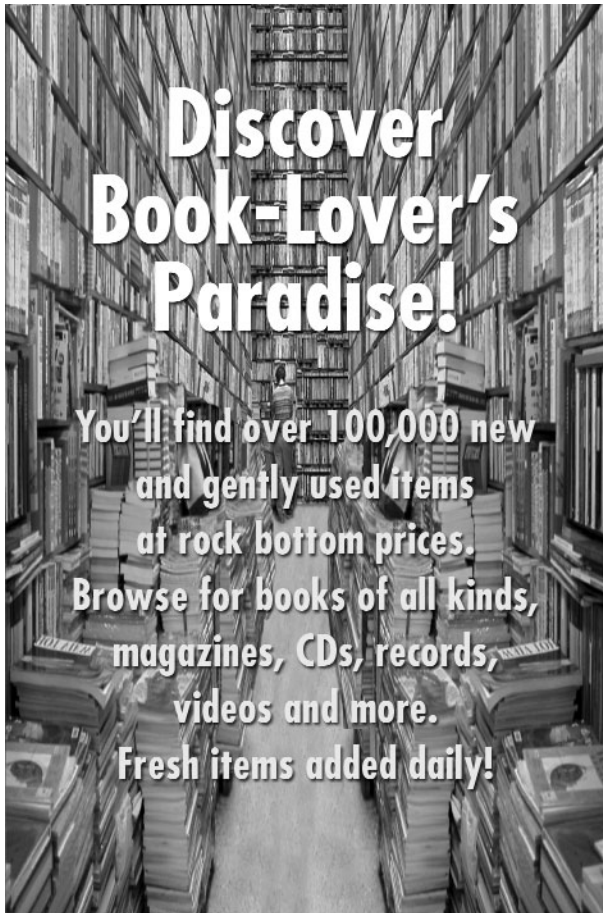
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