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## FOL Grants Griffen-Moreland Scholarship

No one loves libraries and *librarians* more than Friends of the Library. To help promote librarianship as a career, the Board granted a \$500 academic scholarship to library associate Jo



Stallworth. Ms. Stallworth is a Master of Library Science candidate in the School of Information and Library Science at the Catholic University of America. She hopes to expand programming for library customers and has been instrumental in establishing African American book groups and a film series at five branches. She currently works part-time in the cataloging department and at the Wheaton branch.

## Former Association Executive Joins Board of Trustees



When Matthew P. Fink retired last year as President of the mutual fund industry's trade association, he planned to coast a bit. Little did he know his life would get so busy. He certainly didn't suspect his interest in collecting rare books would lead him to Friends of the Library, as a Board Member on the marketing and development committee.

Mr. Fink was employed by the Investment Company Institute, the national association of the mutual fund industry, from 1971 to 2004, and served as the Institute's President from 1991 to 2004. Since retiring, he has also become a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development, a director of the Oppenheimer Mutual Funds, and a member of the NASD Investment Companies Committee.

Mr. Fink is an honors graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School. He resides in Chevy Chase with his wife Ellanor.



Help raise money for libraries this holiday season by participating in *Shop to Care* at Westfield Wheaton and Montgomery. Register at either mall at the Shop to Care kiosk

from November 24, 2006 to January 14, 2007. Select **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County** to receive points for every dollar you spend. Help FOL raise up to \$5,000 to benefit libraries. Visit [www.westfield.com](http://www.westfield.com) or call the FOL office at 240.777.0020 for more details.

## From the President



*Steven Snapp*

### Celebrate Library Lovers Month

I love *Library Lovers Month*. February is when everything we believe in really gets expressed. I hope you'll be sure to join in this year—especially if you haven't been part of the festivities in years past.

Let's face it: *this* is why you and I support FOL. There will be children's entertainers and musical performances and author talks at branches everywhere. Some libraries will invite children to make Valentine cards describing their favorite library experience. Others will have volunteers stationed at the doors asking you to sign postcards addressed to our County Executive and Council President. Take the time to participate. We've been told time and again that they look at these messages...absorb them...and remember them when it's time to vote on the county's budget.

Of course, we also ask elected officials to the libraries in this period. It's their chance to see just how important and impressive every branch is. If you see one of them in your branch – in February or any time – don't be shy. Step right up and say how fierce you are in your support...and how much you expect them to stand by Montgomery County Public Libraries.

Your membership counts too. Please be sure you are a member...and that your membership is up to date. We need you to show that you're a library lover all year long, not just for one month!

To join or renew, visit [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org) or send a check in the enclosed envelope.

# LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

## From the Executive Director



*Ari Z. Brooks, MSW*

### Give the Perfect Gift and Give Back

This year, I'm simplifying things. Instead of running around the mall or several different stores looking for gifts for people who already have everything they need, I'm making contributions to my favorite charities in the name of my loved ones.

Join me in making this a stress-free holiday. Send a contribution to FOL to honor your wife, sibling or parents. We'll make sure your special someone gets an acknowledgment.

If you still have the urge to shop...visit our bookstores in Rockville or Wheaton for great selections of books, CDs and records (see coupon page 7). Better yet, buy a gift certificate and let your friend or loved one do their own shopping.

If you can't avoid the mall this holiday season, sign up for *Shop to Care* at the specially-marked kiosk of Westfield Montgomery or Wheaton and select FOL to benefit from your purchases.

Whether you chose to shop or not, finding a way to give back will make your holiday season much more enjoyable and rewarding.

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**From the Stacks**

*Jim Ludlum, Business Manager*



**What's so special about a "special sale?"**

FOL holds **special sales** several times during the year in the lobby and meeting rooms at the Wheaton Regional Library. As you know, all of our materials are donated. Over the course of a few months,

employees collect books and other items that might appeal to a certain customer, such as comic book collectors, foreign language speakers or romance novel enthusiasts.

We store these CDs, comics, movies, and higher priced books until we have an interesting variety of material, and then have a special sale. For example, in August we had our first back-to-school special sale featuring thousands of children's books

and educational materials for the classroom. The special sale attracted teachers and home-school parents from all over the county. Special sales are very appealing to frequent shoppers because they can see new and interesting things all at once instead of having to hunt for them in the stacks.

On occasion, we have special sales at our Rockville location. Look for details on our website [www.folmc.org/bookstores/index.htm](http://www.folmc.org/bookstores/index.htm), in *The Gazette* or *The Washington Post Book World*.

The special sales are a special opportunity for sure. But don't wait for a sale to shop at our stores, because the prices are always special.

**State Department Federal Credit Union conducts successful book drive**

*The State Department Federal Credit Union donated hundreds of books to FOL during National Credit Union Youth Week.*

Community Outreach Coordinator Susan King said employees wanted the books to benefit a worthy cause such as helping to enhance libraries.



Ronald Schneeberger, Business Development Manager, delivers to manager Kathy Blair at FOL bookstore.

SDFCU is a non-profit full service financial institution with headquarters in Alexandria Virginia and five branches in the DC Metro area.

You, your company, organization or group can conduct a book drive at your workplace, school or place of worship. Make sure books are gently used and can be resold. Bring them to either store in boxes or bags. Be sure to take a photo when you deliver them and email to [staff@folmc.org](mailto:staff@folmc.org) with a photo caption.



## Joint Meeting to be held at *new* Rockville library

*The joint meeting of the Library Board and Friends of the Library will take place on December 13.*

All Library Advisory Committees and Friends of the Library Chapters are invited to attend. The evening will start with library tours and a technology fair, followed by the business meeting. Learn how to advocate for public libraries all year long. RSVP by calling 240.777.0033.

## Library & Chapter News



*Parker Hamilton, Library Director*

### Staff Development Day Deemed Success

During October, MCPL had the opportunity to offer a full day dedicated to staff development thanks to the generous funding from Friends of the Library,

Montgomery County. The staff heard from reputable speakers in technology and got acquainted with the latest technological advances. The training received high ratings for the choice of speakers, topics and facilities at the University of Maryland at Shady Grove. During lunch, MCPL recognized and congratulated staff who have



Materials Management employees Kusum Ashar, Kathy Le, Renee Moss and Linda Burroughs at MCPL Staff Development Day.

achieved 5, 10 and 15 years of service, as well as presenting this year's Staff Awards. The majority of participants reported positively on having an entire day dedicated to staff day, and recommended including more technology and customer service-oriented training in future sessions.

## Bethesda Chapter

*Judy Gilbert Levey, President*

### Concert at Bethesda Library

Bethesda Library patrons celebrated the World Series in late October with an all-about-baseball program sponsored by the Bethesda Chapter.

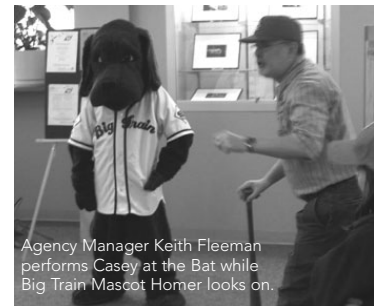


Claudia Levey, Mascots Homer & Bunt and Agency Manager Keith Fleeman celebrate baseball.

Mascots Homer and Bunt from the Bethesda Big Train greeted library patrons, Agency Manager Keith Fleeman performed Casey at the Bat, author Larry Moffi signed his new book, **The Conscience of the**

**Game: Baseball's Commissioners from Landis to Selig** and Big Train managers led a discussion about how to move up from Little League through recreational play, school teams and on to college.

In September the Chapter sponsored an outreach project with children from the Paddington Square complex to set up a



Agency Manager Keith Fleeman performs Casey at the Bat while Big Train Mascot Homer looks on.

library in their recreation room. Bethesda community donors to the library's book sale supported the collection of books for children and adults to get the library underway.



FOL Volunteer Barbara Marblestone (background) and children at Paddington Square setting up the new library at their apartment complex.

Upcoming programs in Bethesda will include an open rehearsal of the NIH Philharmonia ([www.nihphil.org](http://www.nihphil.org)) on February 13 at the Bethesda Library. The public is invited to sit in from 7:30 until closing as the group rehearses. The repertoire for that evening is:

**Concert no. 3, "A Lovers Tryst"**

Clara Schumann—Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann, op. 2

Johannes Brahms—Serenade no. 2, op. 16

Robert Schumann—Symphony no. 4, op. 120

## Chevy Chase Chapter

*Anne S. Core, President*

### Recycle Your Red Hot Romances

Now you can double the pleasure of a good romance novel—by donating it when you're done! The Chevy Chase Chapter is collecting barely used romance novels for a special sale in February during Library Lovers Month. Just bring your gently used hardbacks or paperbacks to the Connecticut Avenue entrance and place them in the designated space. You may pick up a donation receipt at the Circulation Desk.

Even if you're not a romance reader, the ongoing book sale is a great way to support the library. Donate your used books on the Connecticut Avenue side, and browse the books for sale on the parking lot side. All money from the book sale goes to enhancing the Chevy Chase library.

In addition, the Chapter has created a Library Lovers Month Planning Committee. Library Lovers Month, celebrated each year in February, is a month-long recognition of the value of libraries. The group will plan events to promote and raise funds for the library while providing opportunities for families and individuals to celebrate our library. If you like planning events or programs, or have ideas for an event you'd like to see, please contact Anne Core at [annecore@aol.com](mailto:annecore@aol.com).

## Davis Chapter

*Evelyn McDonald, Past President*

### Programs for tots, teens and big people, too

The Davis Chapter held its annual meeting on October 16 to review the year's activities and financial state, welcome new board members and elect new officers. The Board expressed appreciation for the leadership of Evelyn McDonald, who served as President of the Chapter for the previous year and has moved to Florida. The Acting President Ellen Collier and the Board welcomed new members Dorothy Broadman, Linda Hubbard, and Xinomara Velazquez.

New signage, paid for by the Chapter, has been installed in the Children's Room. The signage looks great and is in

upper case and lower case to promote early literacy and reading readiness.

Upcoming Children's Story times series includes:

- **Teeny Tiny Tots** (0–12 months) on November 16, December 14 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Bright Stars** (12–23 months) on November 3 and December 1 at 10:30
- **Time for Two's** (24–36 months) on November 14 and December 5 at 10:30
- **Preschool Story time** (3–5 year olds) on November 8 and December 6 at 10:30 or 2:00

The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The book selection for November 14 is *The Mystery of Mr. Nice* by Bruce Hale.

The Davis Teen Book Club will meet on Saturday, November 25, to discuss *Zoo*, a novel by Graham Marks.

The Davis Library Adult Book Group began its new season with discussions of Zadie Smith's *On Beauty*. The group was pleased to note that Turkish dissident Orhan Pamuk was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Last spring the group read Pamuk's *Snow*. The classic for this season was *The Good Soldier* by Ford Madox Ford. In December, the selection is *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick. January brings another award

**Don't leave without considering your Legacy to the Libraries.**

For more information, call (240) 777-0019

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The advertisement features a stylized logo of a person reading a book, with the letter 'f' integrated into the design. Below the logo is a black and white photograph of two children sitting on the floor, each reading a book.

winner, Geraldine Brooks' **March**. Book Club discussions are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Information for all programs is available at the Library desks or by calling 240.777.0922.

The Davis Library offers Internet & Computer Classes for Beginners every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. It's free but registration is required. Please call 240.777.0922 to register.

## Little Falls Chapter

*Susan J. Schmidt, President*

### Chapter Celebrates 15 Years

The Little Falls Chapter had another used book sale in November. This time, all proceeds were donated to the "Hurricane Katrina-devastated" Mississippi libraries. Thanks to our neighborhood Boy Scouts who helped move boxes and sort books. We couldn't have done it without them.



We would like to thank everyone who has joined as a result of our membership drive. These individuals and families understand the importance of our library to our community. If you haven't sent in your membership or donation yet, please consider this holiday season a gift to the Little Falls Library.

In 2007, the Chapter will be celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its financial and volunteer support of the Little Falls Library. Look for special events and programs during the year.

## Olney Chapter

*Nena Ickes, President*

### Olney has successful Fall Festival

There was something for everyone at Olney Library on a beautiful mid-October Saturday featuring the day-long Special Book Sale, diverse performances and talks.

Early Childhood Specialist Caron Dale brought Music on the Move to little ones. In a nod to National Crime Prevention month, Montgomery County's Police Officer Luis F. Hurtado gave numerous hints for personal safety. Storyteller Elizabeth Thornton wove her tales with guitar accompaniment. The One-Step Magic Company delighted kids and grownups alike with their high jinks. Mother Goose shared her nursery rhymes and songs. Back by popular demand, and rounding out the day, the Olney Jazz Troupe's big band sound was a hit for patrons throughout the library.

Thanks to volunteers and staff who made the day a success!



## Rockville Chapter

### New Rockville Library Opens

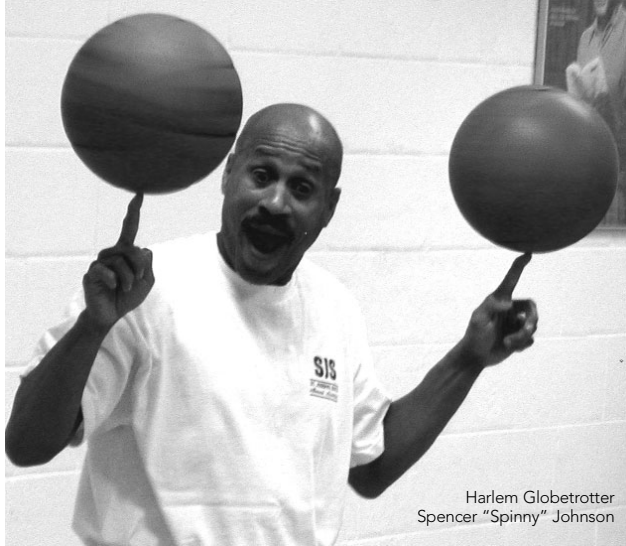
By the time you receive this issue, the new Rockville Library will be open to the public. The new facility is spacious and gorgeous. The two-story structure with high ceilings, lighting features and soaring staircase makes a great architectural statement and creates a new focus for the renewed Rockville downtown area. Come visit the spectacular new library and experience the state of the art in community libraries.



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designated number is **8729**.



Harlem Globetrotter  
Spencer "Spinny" Johnson

## White Oak Chapter

*Frank Altrichter, President*

Motivational speaker and former Harlem Globetrotter Spencer "Spinny" Johnson appeared at the White Oak Library in October.

"Spinny" Johnson presented an interactive, upbeat and dynamic program featuring fun and amazing basketball skills that focused on goal setting, determination and perseverance.

## NINETEENTH ANNUAL Literary Luncheon Series Spring 2007 Luncheons



March 15  
**E. Ethelbert Miller**



April 19  
**Marie Arana**

Strathmore Hall Arts Center Mansion  
Lecture starts at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and  
book signing start at 12:30 p.m.  
Ticket prices from \$17 to \$24. Call  
240.777.0020 to reserve your space.

# Get a jump on Holiday Shopping



## FOL Bookstore Coupon

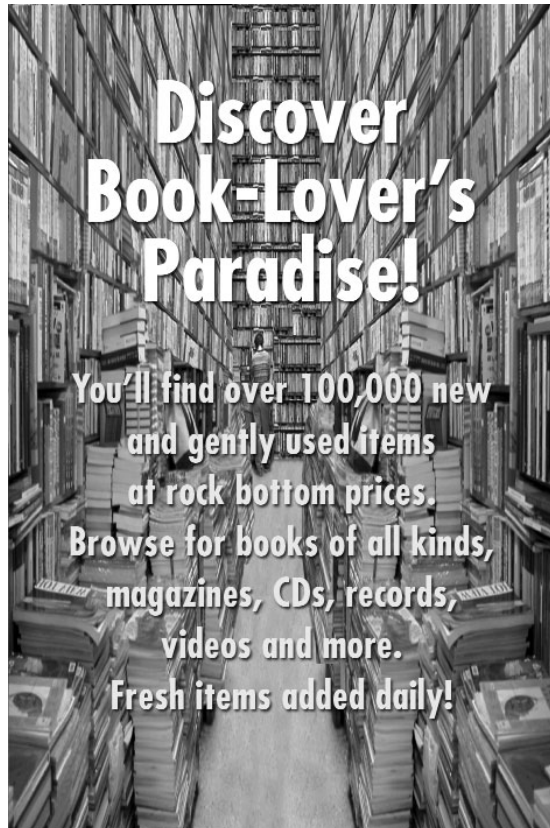
Take \$2 off your entire purchase of \$10 or more at Rockville or Wheaton location.

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- Friday: 10am–4:30pm
- Saturday: 9am–4:30pm
- Sunday: 1pm–4:30pm during the school year only when the Wheaton Regional Library is scheduled to be open to the public.

### ***Friends' Bookstore at Randolph Hills Shopping Center***

4886 Boiling Brook Parkway

**301.984.3300**

- Monday–Thursday: 10am–8pm
- Friday–Saturday: 10am–6pm
- Sunday: Noon–6pm