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## Read, Eat & Give 2009

Thought only wine could be paired with food for that sophisticated flair?

On October 2, 2009, Friends of the Library on Friday, along with over 150 beer novices and aficionados enjoyed an evening of surprising flavor combinations and education about the booming microbrew and craft beer industry. Dogfish Head Alehouse of Gaithersburg; Flying Dog Brewery of Frederick; Hook & Ladder Brewing Company of Silver Spring; and Gordon Biersch of Rockville showcased their local flavors at a unique event to benefit public libraries.

Attendees learned about the industry, their marketing, and the Brews Brothers and representatives from each brewery were on hand to answer questions.

Additionally, a raffle was held with items ranging from beer packs, apparel, and gift baskets to original artwork and jewelry. Many attendees walked away with an unexpected treat or gift for a loved one while helping raise even more funds for our libraries.

FOLMC wishes to thank our sponsors and donors who helped make this a fun-filled and interesting experience for everyone who attended:

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*The breweries provided samples to patrons in FOLMC's commemorative mini-pilsner glasses.*

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*The Brews Brothers have tasted over 13,000 different beers, and are bringing their knowledge to Read, Eat & Give.*

Acclaimed journalists Arnold Meltzer and Steven Frank, better known as "Brews Brothers" were the event's honorary chairs and impressed everyone with their beer knowledge and adventures.

It was an amazing opportunity to try new food and beer pairings, discover a favorite local brew, and hear directly from the breweries how they create such distinct flavors in their beers.

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Special thanks also to our volunteers from Burgundy Crescent and everyone who attended! Thank you for making our fundraiser a success.



## READ

Want to learn more about this year's *Read, Eat & Give* theme? Check out these books on the reading list, many of which are available at your local branch or the Friends bookstores. For a complete list, visit us online at [www.folmc.org/read-eat-give](http://www.folmc.org/read-eat-give).

*He said beer, she said wine*, Sam Caglione and Marnie Old

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*Red, white, and brew: an American beer odyssey*, Brian Yaeger

## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

For more than a year, good economic news has been hard to come by. Today, let the Friends help shake off some of that gloom. Would you believe that the newest Friends bookstore in Gaithersburg, which opened on April 15th, has more than **tripled** its projected sales in its first quarter of operations?

At this pace, the fledgling Gaithersburg store will start turning an operating profit **a year ahead** of schedule, making more funds available toward MCPL long before anyone thought possible.

Our deepest thanks go to new Gaithersburg Bookstore Manager Kathy Blair and her bookstore team—and to David Stewart and his Third Bookstore Committee of FOLMC—who made this dream a reality.

And of course, we are so encouraged that you, the Friends, have tirelessly supported the Wheaton, Rockville and Gaithersburg stores. It comes down to your volunteer hours, your book donations, your purchases, and—so important—your word-of-mouth, to make all three stores successful. Many thanks, and do let us know how the bookstores can serve you and your neighbors better.

All the best,

Ann Dorough



## From the Executive Director

Ari Z. Brooks, MSW

Members are without a doubt the backbone of our Friends of the Library, Montgomery County. These are the people who diligently run the chapters found at 16 branches, volunteer at the local book sales, provide ongoing financial support to the organization, shop at and donate to the bookstores, and passionately advocate for libraries before elected officials. Through the combined efforts of our members, FOLMC has made Montgomery County Public Libraries a special place full of educational activities for children, enlightening programs for adults and engaging events for the whole family. FOLMC touches almost every aspect of the library experience by providing funds that allow libraries to more efficiently and creatively serve library patrons. Most recently, we granted money to pilot Receipt Printers and Pocket Circulation Devices to increase staff efficiencies and improve customer service. Very soon, a librarian may be able to check you out from anywhere in the branch, which could practically eliminate the time you spend in line at the circulation desk.

I invite you to be a part of this dedicated group of community members by joining today or renewing your membership annually. Simply call our offices at 240-777-0020, visit us online at <http://www.folmc.org/get-involved/become-a-member/> or mail the enclosed envelope with your tax-deductible membership fee to 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 310, Rockville, MD 20850. If a certain branch holds a special place in your heart, designate that chapter to benefit from your support. Young adults and seniors may want to take advantage of our new Page Turner membership rate, starting at \$15.00. Libraries need our support year round, so please don't delay in sending in your dues today.



## A Warm Thank You

Friends of the Library would like to give a special thank you to G-Street Fabrics for their donation of the amazing hand-made cabinets that now line the walls of the new Gaithersburg bookstore. The cabinets were made 30 years ago but still look like new. G-Street Fabric's donation has more than doubled the previous shelving capabilities of the Gaithersburg store, allowing us to better serve all upper Montgomery County residents.

**G Street Fabrics**  
& Home Decorating Center

# Libraries are for Lovers: Literary Luncheons 2009

FOLMC is proud to present the 22nd Annual Literary Luncheon Series. This year's speakers promise to be the best yet, and for an added bonus, each one is local. Since our theme is "Libraries are for Lovers," we are bringing together authors who know something about love—one of them just completed a book on love in the Black community, and all the speakers have been married for a combined total of well over 100 years. The focus on love is a new approach to an old topic, one that's spanned the ages and is fresh for every incoming generation.

## The Speakers

### October 22, 2009

"This love, this marriage has been a journey. Some roads we made. Others we were forced to tread." — Marita Golden



**Marita Golden**, author and compiler of *It's all love: Black writers on soul mates, family, and friends*, met her husband Joe at a party when she was a 40-year-old single divorcee with a 12-year-old son. She shares her story in *It's all love*, along with poetry and stories from other black writers. Ms. Golden will bring two contributing authors to the event as they discuss their works and lives as authors, as well as how the book came to be.

### November 19, 2009

"It probably helps that we fell in love long before she became a politician and I started writing books." — David O. Stewart



FOLMC Board Member **David O. Stewart**, an accomplished attorney, author and historian, will speak with his wife **Nancy Floreen** about their marriage, living with a writer, and raising three children in Montgomery County. Councilmember Floreen (D-At Large) has served in the state, local, and federal government for over 20 years. Both husband and wife are avid supporters of the libraries and literacy, and will bring insight about their lives as authors, politicians, and a couple.



### March 18, 2010

"Marriage—or any long-term relationship—is a never-ending process of exploration and growth." — Diane and John Rehm



**Diane and John Rehm** co-authored *Toward commitment: a dialogue about marriage* in 2002, but their story and insights remain true now more than ever. Diane Rehm is a nationally syndicated talk show host, and her husband John, a lawyer in both the government and private sectors, worked through "expectations and assumptions" and shared their learning process through their writings. They have been married for 50 years this year, and continue to work through challenges together.

### April 15, 2010

"You learned quickly that if you were going to have a relationship with me, you were going to have a relationship with all these other people."



— Cokie Roberts

**Cokie and Steve Roberts** met through their families in 1962, and have been happily married for over 40 years. Each a successful journalist in their own right and very active in Washington society, the Roberts wrote *From this day forward* to share their stories on how they met, grew together, and have kept their marriage strong in spite of their differences.

#### A BRIEF SUMMARY:

11:30 AM lecture at the Mansion at Strathmore in North Bethesda, MD  
Catered lunch, book signing, and question and answer follow lecture

- October 22, 2009—Marita Golden
- November 19, 2009—David O. Stewart and Nancy Floreen
- March 18, 2010—Diane and John Rehm
- April 15, 2010—Cokie and Steve Roberts

#### Tickets:

Non Member Rates	Lecture and Lunch	Lecture Only
Individual Lectures	\$27.50	\$22.50
Entire Series 5% off	\$104.50	\$85.50
Member Rates		
Individual lectures 10% off	\$24.75	\$20.25
Entire Series 15% off	\$93.50	\$76.50

**WHITE OAK HIGH-PROFILE AUTHOR PROGRAMS**

Literary events featuring guest authors are often popular, but few are so well-attended as to have standing room only. Recent programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library, White Oak Chapter in conjunction with the White Oak Library have been fortunate to attract large audiences, reaching and even exceeding seating capacity.

How does the branch get high-profile authors for their events? It seems simple, but it's true: they ask. Much of the early planning for these programs is done by MCPL staff member Andy Gordon, who contacts prominent local authors based on their availability. The White Oak Friends helps sponsor these events, purchases the books sold for signing and assists with publicity efforts. Although the library system is active in spreading the word and sends information to newspapers for inclusion in upcoming events calendars, the White Oak Friends provide posters and handouts and ensures that the online events calendars are updated.



The primary goal of the programs is to reach out to local authors and provide them with opportunities to speak to library members, according to Frank Altrichter, President of the FOL, White Oak chapter, who added that these guest speakers have been major successes in White Oak's attempts to reach out to its adult community. Their speakers draw people from their area and beyond the immediate neighborhood.

White Oak has hosted several prestigious authors this year alone, including Laura Lippman, an award-winning Baltimore author who read from her new novel *Life Sentences*, on April 15th. George Pelecanos, Silver Spring crime writer and producer and writer for HBO's "The Wire", discussed his new novel *The Way Home* on June 10th. Michael Dirda from the *Washington Post* will speak this coming winter about Classics for Pleasure and Best-Sellers at Work; Reading and Reviewing for the *Washington Post* Book World. Events held at the White Oak Library are open to the public and free of charge.

**ALL ABOARD FOR DAMASCUS**

*Karen Miller, Branch Manager, Damascus Library*

Sponsored and funded by Friends of the Library, Damascus Chapter, the annual Train Day was instituted 22 years ago, and for the past 20 years has been planned and coordinated by Children's Librarian Anita Fry. Mrs. Fry's husband's fascination with trains and passion for model railroading has fueled this remarkable event, which features over a dozen intricate model train layouts in various scales, from the oversized G-gauge to the tiny N-gauge, and a Lego train layout that fills the entire Small Meeting Room. Other train-related displays on this day include the B&O Historical Society and Operation Lifesaver, which is dedicated to promoting train safety. The train set-ups have grown to fill three meeting rooms full of motion and sound. The First Fruits band members generously provide railroading and bluegrass music. The delicious catered Hobo Lunch, while not free, is a very affordable, enjoyable meal for the whole family. The Friends of the Library chapter sells engineer hats and Train Day t-shirts for a modest fee; the wooden train whistles and blue bandanas were special give-aways for the 20th anniversary of Train



Day. Children receive free paper engineer hats each year, and write their names on paper train cars, engines and cabooses. These are made on a die-cut machine purchased by Friends of the Library, Damascus Chapter.

The annual SleepOver, now in its 15th year, is open to 50 children ages 8-10 and has at least one adult chaperone for every 5 children. The children receive, courtesy of funding from the Friends of the Library, Damascus Chapter, pizza from a local restaurant, and a commemorative item such as a t-shirt or insulated lunch bag with the Chapter's logo. The Friends of the Library, Damascus Chapter also sponsors a guest author/illustrator for the event.

The Chapter also sponsors annual meet-the-author events for adults and popular gardening programs.

The staff of the Damascus Library and the people of the Damascus community are very grateful to our active and generous Friends of the Library Chapter, which sponsors so many wonderful, entertaining, and informative programs for the children and adults in our Upcounty community.

Thank you to all Chapter members who do so much to keep the Damascus Library the vital center of the Damascus community.

## GRACE RIVERA-OVEN

Grace Rivera-Oven, host of local Spanish public television show *Revista Semanal*, believes in libraries as safe havens. They are one of her favorite places, filled with magic for readers, and her three kids are growing up with the same love of libraries she has. Her daughter, who was featured in the *Washington Post* a couple years ago for her fight against a long-undiagnosed case of Lyme disease, was able to find a wide variety of health resources from the local library and use them to arm herself with knowledge.

In addition to producing and hosting her television show, Ms. Rivera-Oven serves on a multitude of committees, including the Latina Health Initiative; the Latin American Advisory Group to County Executive Isiah Leggett and to the Chief of Police; the Interfaith Coalition Board, with a focus



on domestic violence; and on the Board of Directors for the Pan American Medical Society.

When she has spare time, Ms. Rivera-Oven enjoys reading, especially biographies. She highly recommends reading the biography of Piers Toussaint, the first African American Saint, and Madeline Albright's autobiography. Ms. Rivera-Oven knows Ms. Albright's daughter, a local attorney, which made an already interesting read that much more personal for her.

When asked to describe herself, Ms. Rivera-Oven responded that she's a loyal friend, a good listener, and always seeks to find the best in people. Ms. Rivera-Oven's energy and passion are tangible in everything she commits to. Friends of the Library is excited to have Ms. Rivera-Oven on its Board of Trustees serving on the Friend-raising committee.

## From the Stacks

Jim Ludlum, Business Manager

One of the busiest sections at each of our three bookstores is the children's area, and with children redeeming their Summer Reading Club coupons, they have been even busier. At the Wheaton store, we have an employee whose primary duty is to maintain children's books that are either donated or withdrawn from the county libraries.

Linda McDermitt is our children's book specialist and has worked at the store for more than five years. Like most employees, she began as a volunteer. Linda has organized the children's area by topic and has children's fiction in alphabetical order by author, which is a big help to both customers and staff trying to find a particular title. There is even a separate section in which individuals can find just the classics, such as the Little House series and Chronicles of Narnia.

Linda is always eager to assist and even takes customers' names to search titles they are looking for. Many adults



want special titles from their childhood and Linda often has good luck finding their requests.

The children's books are popular with day care center coordinators, elementary school teachers, home schooling parents, internet dealers, and, most importantly, children. All three stores have a wide variety of children's books sectioned in an area accessible to young children as well as their caretakers.

Once a year, usually at the end of August, we have a special children's sale at the Wheaton store where thousands of used children's titles are on sale for \$.25 each. During the rest of the year the prices of children's books range from just 25 cents for many paperbacks to a few dollars for nice donated titles. FOLMC members receive an additional 10% off these prices.

Please stop in to one of our three stores in Wheaton, Rockville, or Gaithersburg and check out the children's section for books for your children, grandchildren or even yourself. You can also find us on the web at [www.folmc.org/bookstores](http://www.folmc.org/bookstores) for hours and directions.

## From the Director's Desk

B. Parker Hamilton



September is the start of an exciting schedule of programs and events for children, teens and adults at Montgomery County Public Libraries. MCPL is featuring puppet theater folktales for the entire family, magic shows in celebration of Teen Read Week in October and National Hispanic Heritage Month musical celebrations in September through October.

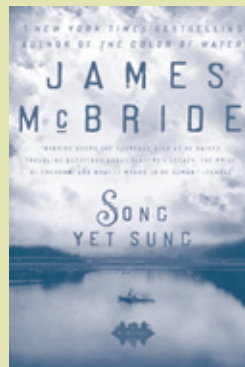
September also marks National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Your library card is one of the smartest cards you can carry in your wallet—it provides access to thousands of books, DVDs, online databases and other information resources. Let's spread the word about the value of having a library card!

A number of special author events are also happening at Montgomery County public libraries throughout the County. Stuart Weisberg, author of *Barney Frank: The Story of America's Only Left-Handed, Gay, Jewish Congressman*, will be at the Rockville Library for an author talk and book signing on October 1st at 7:00 PM.

For the second year, MCPL will participate in the Annual One Maryland One Book statewide reading initiative. This year's book selection is *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride. We kicked off our One Maryland One Book program series at the White Oak Library on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM with our featured speaker, award winning author Marita Golden, who will also be participating in FOLMC's Literary Luncheon kick-off in October. The One Maryland One Book program series also includes book discussions and community civic discussions at local branches. The series will conclude with an author talk, book signing and jazz reception co-sponsored by FOLMC on October 26th with acclaimed author, song writer and jazz musician, James McBride at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College.

Montgomery County Public Libraries is also excited about the Second Annual *Read, Eat, and Give* event on October 2nd at VisArts to benefit MCPL, sponsored by FOLMC. We are very pleased to be a part of this innovative program that promises to be both entertaining and educational. I want to thank the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County and local chapters, for their continued support in planning and funding library programs for the community.

There are great programs happening at your library. Don't miss out on the excitement! Call or visit your local branch or visit our website, [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library) for more information on library programs and services.



## One Maryland, One Book

Montgomery County Public Libraries and FOLMC are sponsoring a visit from One Maryland, One Book author James McBride this fall. Mr. McBride will be in Rockville at the Montgomery Community College Campus on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 7:00 PM to share with attendees the stories behind *Song Yet Sung*, a tale interweaving escaped slaves, free blacks, and slave catchers on Maryland's Eastern Shore in the 1950's. James McBride is a well known jazz musician as well as author, and his first novel, *Miracle at Saint Anna*, was a critically acclaimed film adapted by Spike Lee last year. The program is free and open to the public, and seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

October 26, 2009, 7:00 PM  
Montgomery College Rockville Campus  
Theatre Arts Arena  
51 Mannakee Street  
Rockville, Maryland

## Dates to Remember

- **September 15–October 15:** National Hispanic Heritage Month
- **October 1, 7 PM:** Barney Frank Talk at Rockville Library
- **October 2, 6:30 PM:** *Read, Eat & Give 2009* at VisArts
- **October 18–24, 2009:** Teen Read Week
- **October 26:** One Maryland, One Book at Montgomery College

# Support the Disability Resource Center

Rockville Library

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People with disabilities have a wealth of resources available to them through MCPL. Library collections and services are supplemented by Talking Books, Homebound Service, adaptive technology, materials in the Disability Resource Collection and the Children's Resource Collection, and programs targeted to the needs and interests of people with disabilities. These services are under the umbrella of the Disability Resource Center (DRC), the focal point and catalyst for MCPL services for people with disabilities; formerly the Special Needs Library, the DRC is now housed at the Rockville Library.

At its July meeting, the Rockville Friends heard from Rockville Library staff Susan Cohen and Francie Gilman, who shared how DRC services are used by people with disabilities. Jeanie Dunnington, Library Advisory Committee (LAC) Chair for the DRC, and Barbara King, LAC secretary, were also present. "We don't have our own FOL chapter yet," said Dunnington, "so the funds donated to DRC programs go to an account managed by the FOLMC. Donations are welcome reminders that DRC services are appreciated."

Donations have funded bus trips to programs at the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, duplication of the Talking Book newsletter, and honoraria for speakers. The North Bethesda Rotary Club has donated funds to cover the purchase of 400 cartridges for the new digital Talking Book system. Most recently, funding from the DRC account was matched by the Rockville Friends to buy additional Talking Books shelving.

For more information call 240-777-0001, TTY 240-777-0902, email [drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov), or visit the DRC webpages on the MCPL website.

Visit [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org) to make a donation to the DRC.



Jeanie Dunnington (left) and Barbara King with the old tape and the new digital Talking Book equipment.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Damascus Chapter

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After a summer full of activities for children with the "Be Creative" programs and our special sleepover, autumn will get adults more involved again with a book discussion group. All patrons are welcome to join us on the third Tuesday of each month for the Chapter sponsored discussions. In September, the group will discuss

*Mistress of the art of death* by Ariana Franklin; in October, *Water for elephants* by Sara Gruen; finally, in November, we'll discuss Irene Nemirovsky's *Suite française*. There will



be no meeting in December, but the discussions will recommence in January with the presentation of Charles Dickens's *A tale of two cities*.

The Damascus Agricultural Fair is a popular event every year. It's a great time for families with displays of vegetables, fruits, flowers, and farm animals. Everyone enjoys rides and local food. The Damascus Friends chapter will sponsor the library's booth on the fairgrounds, which will provide information to the community about the many services that MCPL offers.

Join us in Damascus for these fun and informative activities, and don't forget our Train Day on November 7.

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#### Dates to Remember:

- October 20: *Water for elephants* Book Discussion
- November 7: Damascus Train Day
- November 17: *Suite française* book discussion
- January 19: *A tale of two cities* book discussion

## Little Falls Chapter

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The Little Falls Friends is proud to announce our Literary Salon for Fall 2009, which meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. The theme for our book discussions will be: "New England Echoes"

- Wednesday, October 7: *The world below* by Sue Miller
- Wednesday, November 4: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

The chapter is sponsoring a Sleight of Hand Workshop at the Little Falls branch on Saturday, October 24, at 1:00 PM in celebration of Teen Read Week. Professional magician Mike Rose will teach young adults—ages 13 and older—tricks of the trade, including introductory sleight of hand, performance tips, magic history tidbits, and reference sources for further study. Magic supplies, pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

November is the traditional month for our members to renew their membership. Please contribute to our community library. In these tough economic times when library usage has increased, the County budget has been decreased and will likely suffer further cuts in the upcoming year. Every donation helps us to sponsor the summer reading program, family events and enhancements for Little Falls.

Look for your renewal in the mail or visit <http://www.folmc.org/get-involved/become-a-member/> to renew online.

### Dates to Remember:

- October 7: Literary Salon, *The world below*
- October 24: Mike Rose's Sleight of Hand Workshop
- November 4: Literary Salon, *Olive Kitteridge*

## Marilyn J. Praisner Chapter

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On August 8, 2009 at 11:00 AM, tribute was paid to the name sake of our library. A portrait of Marilyn J. Praisner by artist Hava Saltzor was presented to Betsy Matthews, chair of the Praisner Chapter by Chris Swan of the Aspen Hill Chapter. The portrait was given to the Montgomery County Department

of Libraries and accepted by B. Parker Hamilton, Director and in turn given to the Marilyn J. Praisner Branch Library to enhance Ms. Praisner's legacy. James E. Stewart, Branch Manager, accepted it on behalf of the library.

We were honored to have members of the Praisner family, our County Executive Isiah Leggett, President of the County Council Phil Andrews, Senator Rona Kramer and many friends of our libraries present. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

### Dates to Remember:

- September 17 through October 15: Dine for Charity at Seibel's
- September 26: Burtonsville Day



*Elliot Chabit, Betsy Matthews, Parker Hamilton, James Stewart, Isiah Leggett, Chris Swan, and Phil Andrews pose with the portrait of Marilyn J. Praisner.*

## Rockville Chapter

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The Rockville Chapter has been very busy. Every week during the summer, we hold our used book sale at Rockville's *Out to Lunch Wednesdays* in front of the Regal Cinema from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. These Wednesday book sales will continue through October, weather permitting. We've even developed a following of regular customers who look forward to shopping at our book sale each week.

In July we hosted an author talk by Paul Stankus, a Rockville resident whose first book, *Hapless Papa*, tells about his adventures as a new dad—or as he puts it, a "father in need of training wheels." We also sponsored a show by Stormin' Bob Swanson, the Singing Weatherman. He taught children (and their parents) all about weather and the types of instruments used to measure weather conditions, did some interesting science experiments, and sang witty and educational songs.

A good time was had by all while learning about weather!

Do you have hip or knee pain and think it's just part of getting older? Think again!

The Rockville Chapter has formed a partnership with Montgomery General Hospital and Ann Serafenas, the Education Specialist at Montgomery General Hospital, was here on Thursday, September 17th at 1:00 PM in the 2nd floor conference room to give you the information you need to get your hip and knee pain under control. You learned about the latest treatments ranging from medication and physical therapy to minimally-invasive joint replacement surgery. Future sessions will cover other health needs and updates—check our website for more information.

On Tuesday, September 22, Michael Richman will discuss his book, *The Redskins' Encyclopedia*, at 7:00 PM in the first floor meeting room.

On Thursday, October 1, Stuart Weisberg author of *Barney Frank: The Story of America's Only Left-Handed, Gay, Jewish Congressman* will kick off his book tour at the Rockville Library at 7:00 PM in the first floor meeting room. Better get there early for a good a seat!

Check our website, [www.folmc.org/rockville](http://www.folmc.org/rockville) for the date and time of our huge winter book sale to be held before the holidays—great source of inexpensive and sometimes unusual gifts.

#### Dates to Remember:

- Wednesdays through October: Book sales in front of Regal Cinema
- October 1: Stuart Weisberg book tour kick-off

## Silver Spring Chapter

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## News from the Literacy Council

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The Literacy Council of Montgomery County will hold information sessions for volunteers interested in helping adults learn to read, write, or speak English. Sessions will take place at the Rockville Library at 7:30 PM on October 7 and October 27; at the Germantown Library at 7:30 PM on October 5; at the Wheaton Library at 7:30 PM on October 29. Once volunteers have completed the orientation, they can select a two-part training session that fits their schedules. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutors work one-on-one or with small groups, and typically meet with students in libraries or community centers at mutually convenient times. For complete details, call 301-610-0030, email [info@literacycouncilmcmd.org](mailto:info@literacycouncilmcmd.org), or visit [www.literacycouncilmcmd.org](http://www.literacycouncilmcmd.org).

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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

FOL Puzzle #8 "The Clue in the Crossword Cipher": #44 © 2009 Verna Suit

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## Down

- "The Password to Larkspur \_\_\_": #10
- All right
- "The Phantom of \_\_\_ Hill": #42
- Et al
- "The Wedding \_\_\_ Mystery": #136
- Criminal commodity
- Gorillaesque
- Ordinance
- Get
- Author Orwell
- Cowboy rope
- "Ash Wednesday" author
- Laura and Bruce
- Actress Tyne
- Good buddies on the road
- Organized crime group
- Applaud
- "The Postman Always Rings Twice" author
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Regretted
- Big time
- An assassination, colloquially
- Amount of medicine or poison
- Forest animals
- Pulverize
- Discern
- Colleagues of Dems and Reps
- They set people up to take falls
- Verb ending?
- Mildred Wirt \_\_\_, author of most early 17A books
- Minimums
- Speaks eloquently
- Staffer
- Bk. part
- Like some barrel-aged wine
- Cat-tales connector
- Mystery author \_\_\_ Scottoline
- Car rental agency
- Harry's wife, Margaret's mom
- How some victims reach the ER
- Corn unit
- Black goo

## Across

- Ran easily
- Actor Holbrook
- Leered at
- Japanese dog
- Air quality org.
- W.C. Handy's "\_\_\_ Street Blues"
- Sleuth who is the subject of this puzzle
- "\_\_\_, With Love": Poitier film
- "Mystery of the Glowing \_\_\_": #51 in series featuring 17A
- Popular ISP
- 17A's father
- 1152 in old Rome
- Intolerant types
- 17A's alleged penner
- Curacao neighbor
- Misread clues
- Include
- Suffix meaning "follower of"

- Mac alternatives
- "\_\_\_ Lay Dying": Faulkner
- Farmer's murder weapon?
- \_\_\_ Nickerson, 17A's boyfriend
- Ump cousin
- Gun shot or police siren
- 17A's wheels
- Australian cries
- Greet the day
- Author Arendt
- Like a wet hen
- "The Crime \_\_\_ Case": #165
- "\_\_\_ Before Dying": Ira Levin
- 17A's role
- Kind of noir
- Mine product
- Desert spring
- 17A and friends
- Donkey cousin
- "The Mystery of the \_\_\_ Bound Trunk": #17

## Puzzle #7 Solutions

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