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**Friends of the Library, Montgomery County
Celebrates Spring Literary Luncheon Series**

Delores Phillips, author of “The Darkest Child,” will kick off the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County’s (FOLMC) spring lecture series on March 20.

Literary critiques have compared Phillips’ debut book to the Pulitzer Prize winning novel “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker. Phillips is a graduate of Cleveland State University and works as a psychiatric nurse in a facility for abused women and children in Cleveland.

The series will conclude with award-winning journalist Alicia C. Shepard on April 17, with a discussion of her book “Woodward and Bernstein: Life in the Shadow of Watergate.” Shepard teaches journalism at Georgetown University and has written for numerous magazines and newspapers across the country. In 2007, Shepard joined National Public Radio (NPR), where she was appointed a two-year term as Ombudsman.

This is the 20th year that the series has been presented by FOLMC in partnership with Strathmore Hall Arts Center. Proceeds benefit FOLMC whose mission is to support Montgomery County Public Libraries.

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. The Literary Luncheon Series 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.

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County is a 25-year old non profit membership organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the public library system. In addition to encouraging donations in the form of bequests and membership

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For more information on this series or other Friends' programs, call 240-777-0020 or visit www.folmc.org.

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