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LEFT: The Gaithersburg Library is closed for much needed renovations.

Libraries, Friends, Budgets, and You

The economy is tough right now. Even in Montgomery County, which is one of the wealthiest counties in the area, we're feeling the effects of the economic ennui facing the entire nation. Our libraries, unfortunately, are feeling the pinch worse than any other group or County department, and in fact are facing the worst cuts of any system in the entire state of Maryland.

What's Going On

As the largest department behind public safety groups like the police and firefighters, the libraries have been asked to take a huge and disproportionate cut, over 22% this year alone.¹ The Library budget was \$40 million just a few years ago, and it has been slashed to less than \$29 million this year. That's over a quarter of the budget lost during a time when people are flocking to the libraries more than ever.

¹ Information accurate as of time of printing.

The County has asked a difficult task of MCPL, and to meet it, Library Director Parker Hamilton and the library staff created a revised budget, starting from zero. Collections have been cut again, and this time the library could not get away with just eliminating unfilled staff positions—library staff had to be downsized. Library hours are being changed, and cleaning services have been cut to a minimal acceptable level. The remaining staff members will not be receiving any cost of living adjustments, and even practical items like paper and ink, are being reduced. Essentially, anywhere that money could be taken from, it has been.

What This Means to You

In real world terms, these budget cuts are going to affect every part of library service. Programming has already started to decrease, such as the cancellation of the

Summer Reading Club. Friends groups have been asked to limit the programs they do—with reduced staff, extra customers are more of a strain on the librarians that are there. Evening programs will be cut down, and more uniform hours are being implemented throughout the County. The one bright spot is that Sunday hours may now occur at the major branches year round.

Another major area where you'll be feeling the loss concerns the collections. The budget has been slashed to the point that customers will have to wait much longer for books. Libraries will not be able to stock as many new titles as they would like. There will be longer wait times for items on hold, and the holds process is changing to save more money and time for the library staff.

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President's Letter

ANN DOROUGH

With the fading of the cherry blossoms, budget time came to Montgomery County. And what is starting to resemble a natural cycle, our 21 libraries were asked to do their annual spring shedding of resources.

The libraries took disproportionate hits in the proposed FY11 budget. Since FY2008, our \$40 million library system has shrunk to a \$29 million system for FY2011. Libraries will have lost at least 15% of their funding since FY2006, while the rest of County Government (including the schools) will have grown 21%. And as of this writing, there are calls for still more cuts, as the recession shrinks tax revenues still further and state support scales back.



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The County Council asked the Friends and other library representatives what the cuts would do to customers. Good thing they want our views, because they sure got them this year.

An outpouring of messages from chapter members and Friends made their way to council offices. FOLMC responded in tandem with the Library Board to budget questions from the Health and Human Services Committee. Friends Chapter leaders from all across the County—from Damascus to Praisner, from Quince Orchard to Bethesda—told Council in testimony, emails and letters to the editor what the cuts would do to their communities. I watched in awe as Jean Dunnington, of the Disability Resource Center LAC and the Rockville Chapter, testified eloquently from memory.

It's been an impressive community response that gives me energy as we re-engineer how we work with MCPL to adjust to all these changes. Let me thank every single one of you, who used your time and your efforts to prove that being a “library lover” really means something.

FOLMC thanks Bonnie Ayers for her editorial contributions.

From the Executive Director

ARI Z. BROOKS, MSW

I am member of the Friends of the National Zoo, better known as FONZ. Next to visiting the library, one of family's favorite pastimes is to stroll through the zoo grounds on a nice, sunny day. As a membership benefit, I receive a subscription to Zoo-goer, a magazine about wildlife conservation. Each issue features endangered animals and a call to action for members to help preserve and protect these species.



In a lot of ways, FOLMC is just like FONZ. They support the zoo and we support the libraries with financial and volunteer support. Like their goal to preserve and protect, our role histori-

cally has been to enhance and innovate to keep the libraries alive and strong.

Despite working hand-in-hand with the Library Board to educate County administrators and elected officials about the severe impact facing Montgomery County residents as a result of the disproportionate cuts slated for libraries, our impact was minimal.

With the latest round of budget cuts, FOLMC faces new a new challenge, because our mission to support our libraries has been severely threatened. In fact, it is in danger of becoming obsolete. Now, instead of channeling our efforts to help MCPL reach new populations and pilot new library technologies to provide relevant services to all age groups, we're fighting to protect library hours and preserve collections and staffing.

What the future has in store for us is yet to be seen; however, I fear that the day the libraries join tigers and pandas on the endangered species list may not be too far off.

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What the Friends Can and Can't Do

Friends of the Library's stated purpose is to *enhance* libraries. While we're doing everything in our power to help out in this current situation, FOLMC is unable to fill in all the gaps this budget situation has created. FOLMC is trying to stretch the limits of what it can cover, but it doesn't have the right or the ability to take the place of the County in funding staff, basic materials, and basic services. The libraries are part of the County Government, and, as such, the County is responsible for funding them.

Enhancements for the libraries cover everything from purchasing new and comfortable furniture for certain areas to funding changes to the teen area to programs and innovations for branches and the system as a whole. It also allows FOLMC and its chapters to fund appreciation efforts for the staff. Especially in this economy, librarians work harder than ever as records for patrons and service are shattered.

The other thing Friends organizations do is create, organize, and run programs. While the Friends are limited in scope due to the decreased staff, FOLMC and its chapters are working to ensure that quality programs are still available for children, families, and adults in the libraries..

What You Can Do

An easy way to help our library system is to join Friends of the Library, either at the county level or at a branch. Each membership means FOLMC can put even more money towards helping out our libraries in this time of financial crisis. Services we've all taken for granted from the libraries, such as early literacy, are on the way out, but FOLs are working to keep programs alive for residents and keep the libraries in the best possible condition.

If you're already a member, you can help fund libraries by donating to and shopping at any of our three bookstores in Rockville, Wheaton, and Gaithersburg.



The Noyes Library is being kept open with the assistance of the Noyes Foundation, who is funding operating costs.

The funds raised go back to the libraries to keep them strong even in these dire financial times.

COKIE ROBERTS WOWED AT THE STRATHMORE

The 22nd Annual Literary Luncheon series closed with one of DC's brightest stars, Cokie Roberts. The sold-out luncheon had over 60 attendees from all age groups. Ms. Roberts, voted earlier this year in *Bethesda Magazine* as the "Local Celebrity You Most Want to Meet," held the audience in the palm of her hand from start to finish.

Ms. Roberts, a library lover herself, spoke eloquently on the need to have a library and the benefits it gives to all members of a community, as both a resource and a community center. She has used libraries in her research for all her books and finds them an invaluable source of primary materials, including private letters from the wives who "ran their husbands for President" in the early days. Her amusing historical anecdotes kept everyone's rapt attention and uncovered a side of Washington DC's history rarely brought to life.

Friends of the Library was pleased to have such an amazing speaker to finish out our "Libraries are for Lovers" series, and is looking forward to next year's "Fact vs. Fiction" themed luncheons. We hope to see you all then for more fun and enlightenment.



Cokie Roberts with Trustee Carol Leahy at the Mansion at Strathmore Tea Room.

Apology Concerning the Diane and John Rehm Luncheon

Friends of the Library expresses sincerest apologies to everyone who purchased a ticket to the Diane and John Rehm luncheon. Despite the best efforts of the staff, the lecture will not be rescheduled at this time. Friends of the Library staff will call all individuals who registered for the luncheon.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



REINA PROTIC
Junior Book Volunteer *Extraordinaire*

If you've stopped by the Rockville Bookstore on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon, you may know 11-year-old Reina Protic as the girl with all the hats. Reina has come in with her father, FOLMC employee Mark Protic, over the past six months. The first time she came in wearing her tiger ears, everyone gave her so many compliments that she decided to take advantage of her impressive array of hats—which features everything from a Viking helmet to Robin Hood's feathered cap to a princess hat with trailing tulle—and to come to volunteer with a different hat each day.

Reina can be seen especially in the children's section, where she helps with the children looking for books, but she loves taking in donations and helping customers with their receipts. Reina is home schooled, so she and her friends

take advantage of the store to get homework done as well as using it as a place to pick up new books and movies. Reina especially likes mysteries—she's a fan of both the *Boxcar Children* series and Elizabeth Peters.

While disappointed that Summer Reading isn't taking place at the libraries this year, Reina looks forward to summer and stocking up on mysteries and movies. The whole family takes advantage of everything you can find at the stores, and Reina is especially good at finding her way around—she saved the day by finding a Helen Keller biography that stumped her adult co-workers and fellow volunteers.

Stop by the Rockville store today to catch a glimpse of Reina in one of her many hats.

FRIENDS OF THE YEAR

Thank you to everyone who was a member during last year, from July 2009 to June 2010 and on!

We're so glad to have you as our Friends. Be sure to renew today to make sure you continue to support your favorite libraries and help our branches reach new heights.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your work to support the mission of Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) this spring. So many of you participated actively throughout the budget process with your letters, attendance at hearings and worksessions, testimonies, and one-on-one meetings with the Executive and

Councilmembers. Your help and assistance encourages and inspires us through these very difficult times.

I would particularly like to thank the FOLMC and the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for making a mutual commitment to fundraise to both keep Noyes open in FY11 (Noyes Foundation) and make some needed facility improvements (FOLMC and Noyes Foundation).

The budget that was announced on May 20 by the Council, to be formally approved on May 27, ended up being \$28.8 million for MCPL. The Council essentially approved the County Executive's recommendation for MCPL, with a reduced employee furlough.

These are the major features of the FY11 MCPL budget:

- Consolidation and reduction of library service hours (see MCPL web-site for full details), with some added positive benefits like Sunday service all year round beginning in the Fall, and opening all branches until 6 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Overall weekly library hours will go down by 13.5% for FY11 and FY12, increasing in FY13 when Gaithersburg, Olney, and Mobile Services return to service.
- Temporary closures of Gaithersburg and Olney branches for renovation, and Mobile Services for re-planning.
- Substantial reduction in overall library staffing levels, including substitute staff and shelving assistants, which will increase wait times and reduce general staff availability, and staff-led programs.
- Staff-led programs will be focused on early literacy. All other programming will be done by Central Administration (using FOLMC grant funds) and volunteer-led efforts, with a substantial amount of volunteer-led programming being supported by the Friends of the Library chapters as supported by local book sale efforts.
- A 50% reduction in the library materials budget.
- Significant reductions in administrative and support staff and general operating expenses, and support for the Literacy Council of Montgomery County.

As the County Executive has stated in several forums, we find ourselves in an unprecedented crisis. Hard choices had to be made and acted upon. MCPL was given a target to meet, and we proposed the best library system we would build from the ground up, given our new and substantially reduced target. As a result of this budget, we are losing close to 60 very dedicated employees with decades of knowledge and experience in providing top notch library services. We are consoled that the majority of our affected employees were able to take early/special retirement packages, and find other jobs in and out of County Government. But there, are at this time, valued employees who will be laid off on July 2 as a consequence of this fiscal crisis.

I would like to close by thanking the Friends of the Library Montgomery County and its Chapters for the many projects and program series that you funded this year which have enhanced library services even through this fiscal crisis.

FOLMC funded a wonderful "System-wide Programming" series for 2009–2010 that builds upon the unique performances done by professional storytellers, magicians, and artists in the summertime, and extends that concept year round. We've had dozens of performances to-date this year, including Grammy-nominated acoustic hip-hop artist Christylez Bacon, the Dick-Morgan Jazz group, and many other educational, entertaining, and engaging performers. That series continues into this summer and fall. Several chapters supported mini renovations for Teen areas this year in partnership with the Washington Post (who sprang for design help), in addition to funding and implementing successful major events such as Bethesda's "Chicago Day." MCPL staff are putting the finishing touches on a FOLMC funded "laptop lane" computer use area at Wheaton and a new Teen area at Long Branch library. MCPL successfully implemented FOLMC funded installations of checkout desk receipt printers (which save space, time, and money at library circulation desks) and seven Children's Early Literacy Workstations. These projects, and many more, add to the richness and general effectiveness of our library system, and I look forward to discussing many more such projects with you in the coming year.

These are difficult times for the County and the library system in particular. It is our continuing mission, despite the challenges we face, to connect our residents with knowledge, ideas, and information, and to be Where the County Reads, Meets, and Learns. I thank you for your support and continued commitment to that vital mission.

Sincerely,

B. Parker Hamilton, Director.

CHAPTER NEWS

■ CHEVY CHASE

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FOL Chevy Chase hosted a variety of events over the spring, including the first ever National Issues Forum held in a Montgomery County library. MCPL Board Member Otto Lewis brought the idea of a forum to our Chapter. The topic, *Restoring Faith in the Media*, was chosen by the members of our Chapter Board and our library manager, Mildred Nance. The lively discussion was led by a trained facilitator from the University of Maryland's Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI). We are looking into hosting future discussions on other relevant topics.

The Chapter also hosted the FOLMC Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony, where chapter representatives were recognized for their efforts and contributions. Executive Director Ari Brooks distributed certificates of appreciation with Library Director Parker Hamilton. Attendees from eight chapters participated in a presentation and discussion of how to find, inspire and retain volunteers. A delicious breakfast was served, food being one surefire way to attract volunteers!

FOL Chevy Chase also sponsored an author event with Jennifer Gilmore, who read from her latest novel, *Something Red*, set in Washington, DC in 1979. The book explores the effects of communism and the waning of the cold war on one family.

Programs for the summer remain up in the air. Check www.folmc.org/chevy-chase for more information as the summer progresses on programs.

■ LITTLE FALLS

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FOL Little Falls programs attract customers of all ages, such as our Library Lovers Month program with Nicolo Whimsey.

As you now know, the beloved MCPL Summer Reading program has been cancelled due to budget constraints. Please continue to contact your local elected official or the County Council to oppose any more cuts to the library budget for staff, hours and collection development. It's *never* too late to let them know how much you value our community libraries.

Your FOL Little Falls Chapter is helping in as many ways as we can. Friends cannot hire or pay for employees, but we do show our appreciation to our library staff often. Friends organizations do not pay for the basic facility that the County should provide. Any purchases we make for furniture or supplies are made for "enhancements" to the basic building. In fact, FOL Little Falls just purchased two benches for the children's area in honor of Little Fall's 50th Anniversary celebration. Also, the dogwood tree planted last Earth Day by the Friends and Boy Scouts made it through the winter and is in full bloom!

FOL Little Falls is proud to sponsor programs for children, families, and adults to supplement MCPL events. Our "Bilingual Storytime" is a six-week series of stories, songs, and rhymes in Spanish and English. Summer Reading programs may be cancelled, but the Friends at

Little Falls and FOLMC are sponsoring programs for our children. Please check with the children's desk for information about these family programs.

We hope you will join us throughout the year to celebrate the Little Falls 50th Anniversary. We are grateful for your support and continuing advocacy for MCPL.

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In February, FOL Praisner celebrated Library Lovers Month with the rest of the County libraries. We asked our patrons to drop their individual comments on our lavender Library Lovers form in our special box. Special thanks to Cassandra McFarland for preparing the personalized Library Lovers Month boxes for the branches. At our monthly book sale, we encouraged our patrons to participate in a survey and join us. In return we distributed pencils, bookmarks, and pads funded by FOLMC. The responses to the survey were included in the testimony Chairperson Betsy Matthews gave to the County Council regarding the FY11 operating budget.

The daffodils were the first welcome of spring in the Praisner gardens. They weathered the long snowy winter quite well. The landscape committee was in full gear in May ridding the gardens of the spring onions, dandelions, and assorted weeds and dividing the perennials. Thanks to all the volunteers who tend our gardens. To round out their May activities, FOL Praisner sponsored an appreciation luncheon for our wonderful librarians.

■ QUINCE ORCHARD

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The 9th UTSAV, a celebration of India, on May 15 included music, dance, arts and crafts, and a Penny Theater performance of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by UTSAV volunteers. The Friends chapter helped provide funds and volunteer support for this annual event. This year's theme was Dharini - the celebration of the blessed Earth. On the same day, the Chapter found itself stretched thin as we further lent a hand at the first Gaithersburg Book Festival.

Plans are underway for the 11th Community Day scheduled for June 19. Music, crafts, magic, and more will be provided by Friends members as well as many community volunteers. This event is heavily attended by children and adults. On tap this year is Mike Lilly, magician extraordinaire, the Navy trumpet band, and crafts for the kids. We are hoping to avoid the rain!

Other news of interest is that the monthly book sales, as well as the ongoing in-library book sale, brick sales for inclusion in the Friends' Garden and the upkeep of Friends' Garden are all going strong thanks to the FOL Quince Orchard volunteers. To purchase a brick, contact quinceorchard@folmc.org.



FOLMC would like to thank the Quince Orchard Chapter for volunteering their time at the Gaithersburg Book Festival on May 15, 2010. Many people came out and discovered FOLMC and learned about the new Gaithersburg Bookstore.

OTHER CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

ASPEN HILL won the "Keep Montgomery County Beautiful" award in October and was honored this spring. The award is part of the Award of Excellence in the Public Institutional category sponsored by Montgomery County. The Gardening club is a sub-committee of the Aspen Hill LAC and is funded in part by the Friends of the Library, Aspen Hill Chapter.

THE ROCKVILLE LIBRARY is being re-named on May 28, and FOL Rockville Chapter is hosting the reception, catered by La Tasca restaurant, for the ceremony featuring several local VIPs, including service men and women. The library will now honor all the men and women, past and present, who have served in the military from Montgomery County. The chapter has purchased a plaque for the new **ROCKVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**.

ALICE POPKIN MEMORIAL

Alice Popkin, a Montgomery County resident who passed away on May 2, 2010, was an avid reader and library lover. She volunteered for years at the Aspen Hill Library, working at their Volunteer Book Sale and starting a book club that still runs today. In addition to her own pursuits, she was involved with children's reading programs in the summer.

Per the family's wishes, donations to Ms. Popkin's fund will benefit the Aspen Hill Branch. You can donate to the Alice Popkin Memorial Fund online at www.folmc.org or by sending your donations to:

FOLMC, 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 310, Rockville, MD 20850

Ms. Popkin's memorial has already raised over \$1,000 for the Aspen Hill Branch, which will be used to help enhance the library she loved for future generations.

“She got every book she ever read from the library.”

Noreen Honeycutt
Alice Popkin's Daughter



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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Farewell to Peggy Li, Student Representative

The FOLMC Board of Trustees has been lucky to have a student representative like Peggy Li for the past two years. Ms. Li has been an invaluable asset in writing articles for the newsletter, helping out with events, and volunteering in the office over her vacations, as well as taking care of special projects to outreach with students and groups like Bethesda Green.

Next year, Ms. Li is moving up in the world as she attends prestigious Duke University. While everyone in the organization is excited for her, Ms. Li's insight and calming presence will be sorely missed. She is a voice of reason and shows wisdom beyond her years, as well as an ability to cut to the heart of any matter while being willing to step in whenever needed.

In her own words: "Although there are so many positive aspects to volunteering with the Friends, I think what I like most is how much of an eye-opening experience it is. I admit I previously had undermined the complexity of the library system, but it is truly amazing to get a better idea and understanding of all the mechanisms (in terms of people, finance, materials, and so much more) that are necessary to sustain MCPL. In a way, I think the Friends are like the "behind-the-scenes" support that is crucial to making the library system run more smoothly, and becoming involved in this is a great opportunity to learn to further appreciate all the small efforts that build into something larger that really benefits the [whole] community."

Ms. Li's move to college leaves an opening on the Board of Trustees for a student representative. Any rising junior is invited to apply for the two-year position by emailing board@folmc.org.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: GAITHERSBURG

The Gaithersburg Chapter is taking a brief hiatus from operating their Book Nook while the county renovates the Gaithersburg Library for the next 18-24 months. The chapter is proud of its book sale, which is staffed by dedicated volunteers who donate nearly 1,300 hours each year to help raise funds for the branch. While the booksale is on hold, you can still join the Gaithersburg Chapter through FOLMC using the enclosed envelope or by donating online. While the library is closed, you can donate your books to another branch, such as the nearby Germantown and Quince Orchard chapters, or one of our three bookstores in Gaithersburg, Rockville, or Wheaton. If you are interested in supporting the new library, please contact the chapter at gaithersburg@folmc.org.



Jane Stanton Hitchcock (left) and her husband Jim Hoagland, with hostess Carla Satinsky at the May Literary Feast in Potomac.

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Literary Feast Featuring Jane Stanton Hitchcock and Jim Hoagland

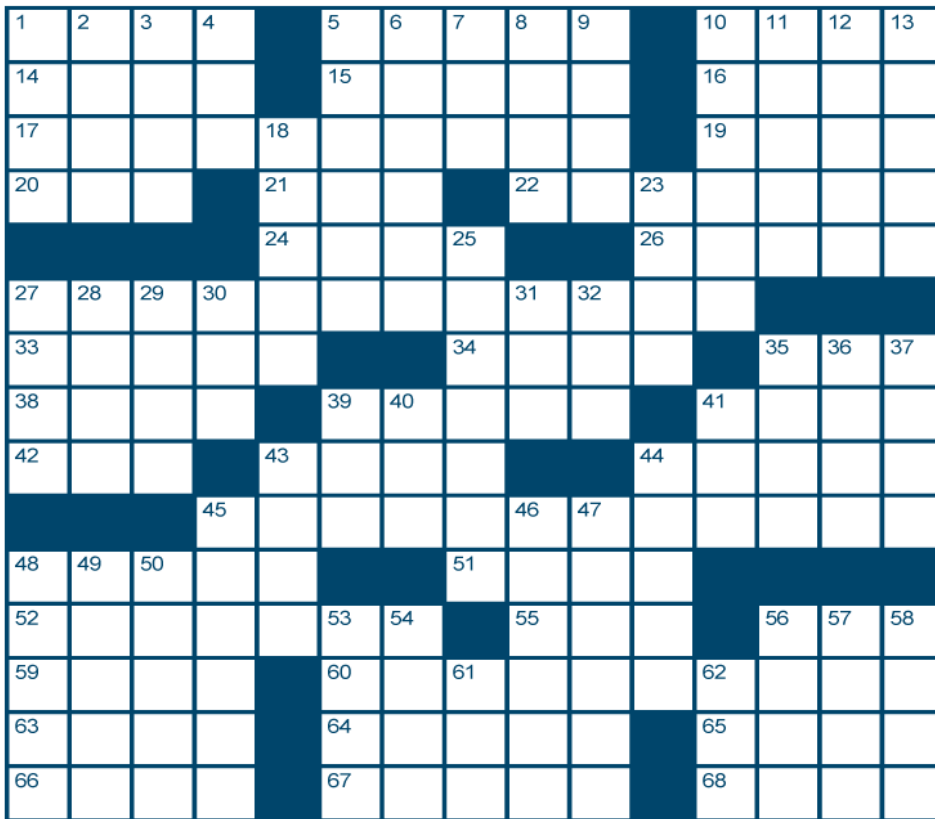
On May 12, FOLMC hosted literary couple *New York Times* bestselling author Jane Stanton Hitchcock and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Jim Hoagland of the *Washington Post*. Nearly 30 guests filled Trustee Carla Satinsky's Potomac home, where they were treated with an eclectic style ranging from European porcelain and tapestries to Native American arts and crafts to explosions of color and animals. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and desserts, along with a variety of wines, coffee, and tea.

Mr. Hoagland and Ms. Hitchcock were entertaining and informative speakers, sharing their very different styles of writing and views of the world. Their love for each other was almost palpable, as was their respect for each other's crafts. Both speakers made audience members laugh and think with their insight and passion for writing, storytelling, and world events. Mr. Hoagland and Ms. Hitchcock answered questions following their presentations, during which the entire audience was enthralled. FOLMC thanks everyone who attended, and looks forward to our next Literary Feast featuring Susan and Steve Coll in September of this year. For more information, visit us online or email staff@folmc.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 #11 "Alice" by Verna Suit ©2010



ACROSS

1. Actor Gyllenhaal
5. Photo finish
10. March ___
14. Have ___ (be connected)
15. Thoreau's "Faith in ___"
16. Bullring cheers
17. Where Alice had adventures
19. Blind part
20. Droop
21. Orinoco or Amazon
22. Half a heartbeat
24. Half of Mork's goodbye
26. Words on a little cake
27. Something Alice went through
33. Small-budget film, often
34. Misplace
35. Jones partner
38. Drop
39. "___ Me": Words on a bottle
41. Israeli dance

42. Born in France
43. Broccoli ___ (leafy vegetable)
44. Organ or bike part
45. Author of the Alice stories
48. Enjoyed immensely
51. Literature Nobelism Morrison
52. Charles Lutwidge ___: real name of 45A
55. Work wk. start
56. ___ Hatter
59. Take down ___
60. Something Alice fell through
63. "And the ___ raths outgrabe."
64. Sing like Bing
65. Self-confidant assertion
66. "When I was ___...": Gilbert & Sullivan lyric
67. "What ___ thou?"
68. Playlet

DOWN

1. "The ___ that bite, the claws that catch!"
2. Crossword puzzler's buffalo
3. ___ of Hearts, who presided over court

4. Final finish
5. Opera singer Anderson
6. Of the same length
7. Kind of party Alice attended
8. Change for a twenty
9. Whirling water
10. Leafy landscaping plants
11. Dole out
12. Domain
13. First name in cosmetics
18. Pulitzer winner Pyle
23. Zaire's Mobutu ___ Seko
25. Least lovely
27. "The ___ and the Unicorn were fighting for the crown..."
28. "My treat"
29. Garfield's pal
30. Word with mess or press
31. First name in horror films
32. Query
35. Bird who ordered Alice to award prizes
36. Kind of history
37. Where Humpty Dumpty sat
39. Nursery rhyme Margery
40. Baseball stat
41. "Off with ___ head!"
43. Workout count
44. Computer command
45. Schlep
46. Jazz groups
47. Sprinkle with holy oil
48. "Battlestar Galactica" commander
49. Teyve portrayer
50. Fluid buildup
53. Tolkien villains
54. Japan's first capital
56. ___ Turtle, who sang about soup
57. Jai ___
58. Fender damage
61. "Come to my arms, my beamish ___!"
62. "Off with ___ head!"II

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