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FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH



Who wants a Milkshake in February? You will! Milkshake's Lisa Matthews and Mikel Gehl will kick off FOLMC's Library Lovers Month on January 29, 2011, at Quince Orchard Library.

This February, get ready to “moo-ve” with Grammy-nominated children’s rock group Milkshake. Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) is kicking off this year’s 9th Annual Library Lovers Month celebration with the Baltimore-based band, whose members are self-professed library lovers. Formed from a rock group that changed its focus when the members had their children, Milkshake has been featured on PBS, Noggin, Discovery Kids, and Nickelodeon. Their music (which you can preview at <http://www.milkshakemusic.com/>) is fun for kids of all ages. Join us on Saturday, January 29, 2011, to see the band and help us show our libraries just how much we

love them. The free festivities start at 1 p.m. After the show, Milkshake merchandise will be sold, and there will be coloring activities for the children.

Library Lovers Month is designed to show everyone—from your neighbors to our librarians to our elected officials—how amazing our libraries are. You already love your library, be it for the amazing programs for children and adults alike, the free job resources, the computer access, or the free books and movies you can check out anytime—even online. You can stop in and say hello, fill out a postcard to send to your County Council representative, or email librarylovers@folmc.org to have your story posted on our website to share how much you love your library.



LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH KICKOFF

WHEN	January 29, 2011, 1 p.m.
WHERE	Quince Orchard Library 15831 Quince Orchard Road Gaithersburg
WHO	<i>Everyone!</i> Good for children and adults alike
WHY	Kick off a month of celebrating libraries with children’s rock group Milkshake

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President's Letter

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TIME TO GIVE BACK TO LIBRARIES

No, this isn't about overdue books, I swear. You love your library branch, right? Maybe more than one, even.

The truth is, your library needs you, more than ever. Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) funding has been slashed to a puny \$28 million. That's down from \$40 million in 2008. And we're looking at more cuts to come.

Here's what you can do about this grim situation:

You have a story to tell. How do you use your library, and how it has changed your life? Did you use the computers or a workshop to job hunt? Did your kids or grandkids develop a joy for reading at story time? Did your kids get homework help? Keep up their skills with the Summer Reading Program? Did you use the on-line catalog? Did you use the meeting rooms for your community group? Did you get a great book recommendation from the library staff? And did you ever feel the effects of the budget cuts, when you couldn't get the materials, the access or the in-person help that you needed?

Choose what matters most to you. Know what you are asking for (more funding to buy more materials, hire back staff, restore lost library hours, etc.).

Next, tell your story.

- Write, email or call the County Council and the County Executive.
- Be brave. Go to town hall meetings, or go to Rockville to meet with individual officials. Speak to them in person.
- Be civil. No one wants to be yelled at.
- Get reinforcements. Ask your friends and family to do the same.

Finally, strengthen our cause.

Be sure to ask those you care about to join you as a member of the Friends.



FOLMC thanks Bonnie Ayers for her editorial contributions.

From the Executive Director

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LABORS OF LIBRARY LOVERS

For the fifth year, National Friends of Libraries Week was celebrated October 17–23, 2010. This year, County Executive Ike Leggett showed his appreciation of our support to Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) by issuing a County proclamation. MCPL Central Administration staff presented the proclamation and an over-sized “thank you” card to me that surprisingly brought tears to my eyes. Library branch staff also presented to local Friends chapters cards of appreciation that were well-received.



Receiving acknowledgement and recognition for something that we love doing is an awesome feeling. We want so much for our libraries to succeed and for patrons to have the optimal experience that libraries can provide. The backbreaking hours we pour into setting up book sales, mailing membership renewal letters, and coordinating programs are truly a labor of love. I am humbled by the gratitude that has been shown to us and even more inspired to continue working for a library system that we can all be proud of.

MAMMA LUCIA THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came out on September 22, to Dine for Libraries at the Mamma Lucia’s in Fallsgrove. Together, we raised more than \$500 to support the libraries. Good food, good friends, and a great cause added up to a wonderful night for FOLMC. A special thank you goes out to Mamma Lucia’s for agreeing to host the fundraiser.

♥ LOVE YOUR LIBRARIES

Want to do more? Let your librarians know how much they and the libraries mean to our community. Here are some simple ideas on how to help your local library:

1. Join Friends of the Library, of course! Many branches have their own chapters that raise funds which go directly back to that branch. Funds are used for programming, furniture, and anything else needed to meet the needs of your community.
2. Donate your used books, CDs, DVDs, and even records to the Friends bookstores or chapter book sales. Make a New Year’s resolution to clean out your unwanted books, and then come to the stores and sales to find new-to-you titles to fill your shelves.
3. A simple “please” or “thank you” goes a long way to making someone’s day, especially for our hardworking librarians. A smile always brightens one’s outlook—both yours and theirs.
4. Volunteer with your local Friends chapter—help with membership drives, book sales or gardening, or offer your special skills for another project if there’s something you’d like to do to give back to your library community.
5. Fill out and send a postcard to your elected officials, or tell us your story online.
6. Spread the word about how important our libraries are to the community. Attend local government meetings, write a letter to the editor, or let your civic or social groups know about the Friends and the great resources libraries provide.

Want more ideas? Have some that you’d like to share? Visit us online at www.folmc.org and click on the “Library Lovers Month” link, or email your ideas/thoughts to Cassandra at cmcfarland@folmc.org. We always want to know what libraries mean to you.





read
eat &
GIVE

2010



Jennifer 8. Lee signed books for guests, even including their "lucky numbers."

JENNIFER 8. LEE, author of the bestselling *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles* and the featured speaker for this year's third annual Read, Eat & Give fundraiser, is one smart fortune cookie. Eloquent, insightful, and laugh-out-loud funny, Ms. Lee held the audience of over 80 guests in the palm of her hand at VisArts on October 29, 2010. The program was designed to raise awareness of the Friends of the Library mission to support Montgomery County Public Libraries while highlighting different options of library use and attract non-traditional library users. Sponsors included MCPL, VisArts, Honorary

Chair Shu-Ping Chan, Esq., and the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce. Individual sponsors included Catherine Leggett, Joan C. Geer, Parker Hamilton, Sandra Lee Schwartz, Tina Slater, and Celia Schuchman. Meiwah in Chevy Chase donated a delicious assortment of Chinese foods, and the Itsy Bitsy Bakery in Kensington made special mini-cupcakes and vegan ginger snaps for the occasion.

Kathy Park of TBD/ABC7 was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the event, and fielded the question and answer session with aplomb. Following the presentation, Ms. Park announced the winners of the silent auction and raffle, which included gifts of jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, dinner with Montgomery County's First Lady Catherine Leggett, and other prizes.



As Mistress of Ceremonies, Kathy Park conducted the raffle alongside Programs Committee Chair Carol Leahy.



Honorary Chair Shu-Ping Chan, Esq., who also sponsored the event, stands with Programs Chair Carol Leahy holding an original print by Dez Sterbini he won in the silent auction.



WEBSITES OF INTEREST

For photos and the most up to date information: www.facebook.com/FOLMC

Meiwah: www.meiwahrestaurant.com/

Itsy Bitsy Bakery: www.itsybitsybakery.com

VisArts: www.visartscenter.org

MCPL: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Shu-Ping Chan: www.spchan.com

Kathy Park: www.abc7dc.com/talentbios

Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce: www.apacc.us

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Rachel Wims

Over the summer, FOLMC was lucky to have assistance in the office from student volunteer Rachel Wims. Encouraged by her parents to get involved with a non-profit and earn work experience, Rachel learned how to use FOLMC's database and assisted with office work a couple times a week. In addition to providing invaluable assistance inside the office, Rachel set up a "Dine-In Day" with Mamma Lucia's restaurant in Falls Grove that earned FOLMC more than \$500 in a single night.

Rachel is a sophomore at Our Lady of Good Counsel and has volunteered to raise money for a school in Africa, which the school children then chose to name after her. She works for her father, former FOLMC Trustee Greg Wims, at his Victims Rights Foundations, on various local community projects in addition to her overseas work. She is a fan of the *Twilight* series by Stephanie Meyers, both the movies and the books and is definitely Team Edward, all the way.

The staff at Friends of the Library is grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Rachel and work with her on the various projects over the summer. If you are a high school or college student and would like to volunteer for FOLMC to earn work experience or plan a fundraiser, please contact the office at volunteer@folmc.org or fill out the online application at www.folmc.org.



Rachel at Homecoming this year.



FOUNDATIONS FOR FRIENDS

Friends of the Library would like to extend sincere appreciation to three family foundations who have stepped up in the face of the library budgets to donate funds. A special thanks goes to the Wolpoff Family Foundation (pictured), the Marvin and Sylvia Rubin Family Foundation, and the Milton and Dorothy Sarnoff Raymond Foundation for their generous donations totaling \$35,000. Their funds will purchase items for the collection that will help library users find jobs, increase employment skills and obtain career guidance. These donations will go a long way to help libraries respond to the needs of patrons and their families who have been impacted by the downturn in the economy.

If you are a family foundation that would like to make a donation to help libraries, contact Ari Brooks at 240-777-0020.



Pictured: (L to R) Library Director Parker Hamilton, Executive Director of the Wolpoff Family Foundation Suzanne Oliwa, with her daughter, Katelyn and FOLMC Executive Director Ari Brooks.

FABULOUS FALL LITERARY LUNCHEONS

FOLMC's 23rd Annual Literary Luncheon series began in October with New York Times Bestselling author Carolyn Parkhurst. The intimate luncheon, set in the stunning and newly redecorated Strathmore Mansion tea room, set a tone of inquiry and exploration. Attendees were given the preview of Ms. Parkhurst's newest book, *The Nobodies Album*, but during the question and answer session, Ms. Parkhurst candidly answered questions about her previous book, *The Dogs of Babel*, which many of the guests had read and loved.

Juan Williams drew a sold-out audience to the Strathmore Mansion on November 18. Mr. Williams held the audience spellbound, giving insightful stories from his multi-faceted career in Washington alongside amusing anecdotes. He graciously answered the audience's questions about the recent controversy with NPR and stayed late to answer questions, sign personalized autographs, and take photos. He was one of FOLMC's highest rated speakers, and many audience

members made sure to personally thank Mr. Williams for his talk.

If you missed our fall speakers, don't worry—there's still time to sign up for our speakers coming this spring. Join us on March 17, 2011 for Murray Horwitz, who you may know from his Tony award-winning musical *Ain't Misbehavin'* or his appearance on the 1970's classic *Kojak*, will bring a preview of his newest musical and stories from the stage. His Renaissance man act will be followed by Steve Roberts on April 14, 2011, who will share stories from his expansive career. Last year, we heard from his wife, Cokie, in a sold-out luncheon, and we expect his presentation to be just as compelling. You can sign up online at www.folmc.org/literary-luncheon or pick up a brochure at your local library branch or our bookstores. Lectures begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Strathmore Mansion, followed by a catered lunch and a question-and-answer session.



Mr. Williams with local artist Cynthia Farrell Johnson's mother, Linnet Farrell, who was born in Panama—Colon Province, the same province where Mr. Williams was born.

THE PERFECT GIFT

Most of us have the same challenge during the holiday season or any gift-giving occasion—shopping for someone who has everything. FOLMC has the ideal solution to your dilemma. Give the perfect gift to your loved one and benefit public libraries by donating funds to purchase new books.

Our public libraries are in dire need of extra financial support and this is one area where your dollars will have a tangible and immediate impact.

Send your tax-deductible donation to FOLMC and we'll provide the library up to 10 name plates to be placed in new books to commemorate a birthday, birth of a child, anniversary or passing of a loved one.

Your \$250 donation or more will cover the cost of the new books and administrative fees such as barcode labeling required for circulation.

You can specify one of the following categories from which librarians will choose specific titles: children's, young adult (teen), adult fiction, or adult non-fiction. **Designate your favorite branch and the library will target your support in this area.**

Purchasing books is the perfect gift to honor someone special in your life, or just to give back to your library that has given so much to you and our community.

Visit www.folmc.org for the most up-to-date information.

Donor name:

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to all our new Board of Trustee members! On Wednesday, November 17, 2010 the current Board of Trustees and representatives and members from FOLMC's chapters voted to induct new Trustees Linda Berg-Cross and Art Wallenstein to the FOLMC Board. Renewing Trustees for second three year term included Ellen Berman, Dan Kendle, Aileen Klein, and Carol Leahy. Our new Board of Trustees members include:

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Thank you to all our trustees for all their hard work over the years, especially to Donna Goldman and Joy Bloomfield for

choosing to serve a third consecutive term. Joy Bloomfield is our treasurer, and Donna Goldman chairs the Grants Committee for granting funds to MCPL. FOLMC would like to also extend our appreciation to Ann Dorough for agreeing to serve as President of the Board for another year.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank retiring Trustee David O. Stewart, whose work on the third bookstore leaves a lasting legacy for the Friends. Mr. Stewart has been an invaluable part of the Board, from offering sage business and legal advice to his participation in last year's "Libraries are for Lovers" Literary Luncheon with his wife, County Councilmember Nancy Floreen.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please contact Ari Brooks with a brief introduction and resume at abrooks@folmc.org.

A LIBRARY FOR ALL SEASONS Library News from Parker Hamilton



One of the great things about public libraries is their appeal to people of all age groups, cultural backgrounds and educational levels. At the library, there is something for everyone—preschool, bilingual and family story times, conversation clubs and book discussions, book readings by local authors, puppet theater for the entire family, music programs that get you moving and job hunting resources and financial seminars that help people during life's challenging times.

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) is one system with 21 branches offering a network of programs, services and materials that meet diverse needs. This was evident on Snapshot Day: One Day in the Life of Montgomery County Public Libraries held on October 5. Friends of

the Library volunteers captured the day's activities with photos and postcards from customers about the value of libraries in communities and the individual impact of libraries on their lives. As libraries continue to face budgetary constraints, statistical data that enables library advocates to increase public awareness and demonstrate the value of their libraries to the decision-makers is increasingly important.

MCPL has recently been named one of America's 3-Star Libraries by *Library Journal* (LJ). This national rating of over 7,407 public libraries identifies 258 "star" libraries that are announced in the November 15, 2010 issue. Libraries are ranked by the following per capita service outputs: number of visits, materials circulated, program attendance and public Internet terminal use. The LJ Index 2010 gives three, four or five stars to the top-rated libraries. We are one of three library systems in the State of Maryland

(Montgomery, Carroll and Harford) to receive a star rating.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local FOL chapters that stepped forward to provide funding for the purchase of collection materials at their local branch as well as funding for the purchase of materials system-wide. The Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. (FOLMC, Inc.) and many local Friends chapters also provide funding support that enables MCPL to present a variety of programs for children and families.

B. Parker Hamilton
Director



CHAPTER NEWS

■ ASPEN HILL

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The Aspen Hill Jazz Concert Series will begin March 2011. On Wednesday, March 2, 2011, the Steve Scott Project, with its mix of jazz, reggae, calypso, Latin jazz, Brazilian music, and R&B, returns to kick off the spring series. On March 16, 2011, Anita's Jazz Hat will perform classic American vocal jazz. The performances will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will be held in the community room of the Aspen Hill Library. All are welcome, and admission is free.

FOL Aspen Hill held the 19th annual Aspen Hill Community Festival on October 16, 2010. The festival was a great success and featured clowns, face painting, Chinese paper cutters, balloons, puppets, a fire truck, a magician, and a book give away.

On October 20, FOL Aspen Hill joined with other community groups to co-sponsor a School Board candidate's forum at the Aspen Hill Library. The community room was filled with people who came to hear and question the eight candidates wanting to serve on the body administering more than half of the County operating budget. The forum was part of the Aspen Hill Public Affairs Forum Series that began in 1985.



Long-time Aspen Hill Library supporters Pepi and Spec entertained and did face painting at the Aspen Hill Community Festival.

■ DAMASCUS

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On October 2, 2010, the Damascus community celebrated the 20th anniversary of its library building.

History

Kathleen Wiacek, Library Advisory Committee vice chair and coordinator of the event, researched the history of the Damascus Branch. Library service started with a bookmobile twice a week in 1952 and moved to a storefront location in the old Safeway shopping center in 1973. Damascus residents, LAC and Library Board members, including Virginia Offutt, Rob Stevenson, Jessie Spangenberg and Nancy Aldous, lobbied for many years for a larger, more permanent location until the county government agreed to build the current facility, which houses the library, Damascus Senior Center, and a childcare center, the first of its kind in Montgomery County when the grand opening was held on October 20, 1990.

Festivities

The Damascus Steppers, a local dance group, opened the festivities on October 2, followed by the Browningsville Cornet Band. At 1 p.m. agency manager Karen Miller led a ceremony to commemorate the anniversary, introducing Parker Hamilton, MCPL director; Mike Knapp, County Council member; Tony Edghill, Senior Center Director; and Gabe Albornoz, Recreation Department Director. County Executive Ike Leggett presented a proclamation commemorating the date. The Damascus Theater Company entertained the audience by presenting a variety of songs and scenes. One of the biggest hits of the day was a PowerPoint presentation showing the 20-year development of the Damascus Library through photos of events and news clippings. Children's crafts, carnival

games, and temporary tattoos were offered throughout the day.

Thanks

From their tireless devotion to getting the library built, to the many hours spent organizing this anniversary celebration, the Library Advisory Committee and Friends of the Library members have remained committed to the vision of a large, well-maintained, and widely-used library which brings value to the Damascus community. The support of Friends of the Library, Damascus Chapter made many of the programs over the years possible. The two groups have worked hand-in-hand to increase the value of our library and to make sure library staff have everything they need to provide outstanding service to the community.



One of the biggest hits of the day was a DVD showing the development of the Damascus Library through photos, news clippings, and more. Picture watching are Library Advisory Committee members Nan Norton, Diane Cockrell and Pam Hosimer.



Mr. Leggett presenting the proclamation in honor of the 20th Anniversary. L to R: Senior Center Director Tony Edghill, Library Manager Karen Miller, Recreation Department Director Gabe Albornoz, Library Director Parker Hamilton, and County Executive Ike Leggett.

■ GERMANTOWN

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The Germantown Library continues to be one of the busiest libraries in Montgomery County, and the FOL Germantown strives to help in every way we can. During the coming year, FOL Germantown will fund six family programs, as well as four teen programs and two programs for the deaf and hard of hearing. This past summer, FOL Germantown funded three popular children's programs.

The Sunrise Senior Center in Gaithersburg asked our help in restructuring their library. We are working with them in obtaining current books and have donated several large print books.

On October 2, 2010, we participated in the Germantown Oktoberfest. We were amazed at the importance of the library and FOL's visibility in the community, as demonstrated by the number of people who stopped to express their support of the Germantown Library.

Our "Walk of Fame" lane of memorial bricks continues to expand with 10 new bricks added recently.

Book lovers are showing up at our monthly sales in record numbers. All of our members receive a card that entitles them to one free book after the purchase of three books. If you have books you'd like to get rid of, we want them for our book sale. Your discards might be the perfect find for someone else. In addition to giving books, you can now give blood at our book sales. The Inova Bloodmobile is at our library every other month on the same day as our book sale. All donors may choose a free book from the sale after they have donated blood.

Just as a reminder, our sales are held the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ LITTLE FALLS

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The staff of the Little Falls Library and its Friends Chapter hope you were able to enjoy our 50th Anniversary Celebration on November 13., 2010. We will be giving our thanks and showing off pictures in the next *Friends* newsletter.

This is the season that the Friends ask our neighbors to renew their membership to our non-profit organization. We hope you will remember the recent decrease in the government's budget responsibility and continue to generously support our efforts to provide enhancements to our library.

We enjoyed seeing everyone at our Annual Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 13 with Myra Weinberg playing the piano. Our sing-along is always a community favorite with refreshments, lyrics and jingle bells provided!

Make your plans now to celebrate Library Lovers Month at the Little Falls Library on Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Make Valentine's Day crafts, tell us why you love the library, see the wonderful Mark Jaster (back by popular demand) and have an ice cream party.

■ POTOMAC

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Receiving cheers and hugs, Curious George, Lyle the Crocodile, The Wild Thing and Madeline joined the members of Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter in the Annual Potomac Day parade. A library program featuring Laser Face followed the parade. Potomac Day activities included, among other things, visiting

food stands, a walk through aquarium, and a moon bounce.

FOL Potomac has recently created two new committees: the public programming committee and the special events committee. Denice Shaw will coordinate public programs, and Barbara Newland will coordinate special events such as receptions, appreciation events and any other events in support of the library. Both committees need members willing to help—please email potomac@folmc.org or call 301-340-1624 to volunteer.

Through the hard work of the book sale committee, and the generosity of the donors, the monthly book sales and daily sales shelves in the lobby are flourishing. Despite shortened sale hours, we have been able to continue, with your help, to support the Potomac Library through the book sales.

Winter Book Sales

January 8, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

February 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

■ MARILYN J. PRAISNER

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Fall, as always, was a busy time for our chapter. Thank you to everyone who participated in Dine for Charity at Seibel's Restaurant for FOL Praisner. In addition to the fundraiser, FOL Praisner was one of the sponsors for Burtonsville Day.

Please give our book sale volunteers and book sale chairman Sol Lopez an extra round of thanks—we had back to back book sales with our monthly September sale and a special sale on Burtonsville Day.

We were pleased to be able to participate in Snapshot Day on October 5. We set up a table to meet and greet patrons

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and asked them to participate in a survey and tell us why they love the libraries. In keeping with the "Snapshot" theme, we took several photos of our library's patrons, especially during the programs, Chess Club and African American Book Discussion Group.

FOL Praisner is sponsoring a series of live music performances this fall, thanks in large part to the efforts of volunteer Maxine Lewack. The first program, held October 21, featured Operatunities DC Federated Music Clubs. The soloists treated us to a wide selection of pieces from opera arias to Broadway musicals and folk songs with their skilled accompanist. On November 20, the Montrose Wind Ensemble presented a selection of light classical music.

Book Sales

January 15, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

February 19, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

TWINBROOK

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Our Twinbrook Library is in the process of brightening itself up to enable patrons to use our facilities and information links more effectively. FOL Twinbrook has installed two double-sided DEMCO information kiosks for our lobby area in which to display our library and community pamphlets, brochures and newspapers. Such kiosks will allow for more efficient movement in and out of our branch.

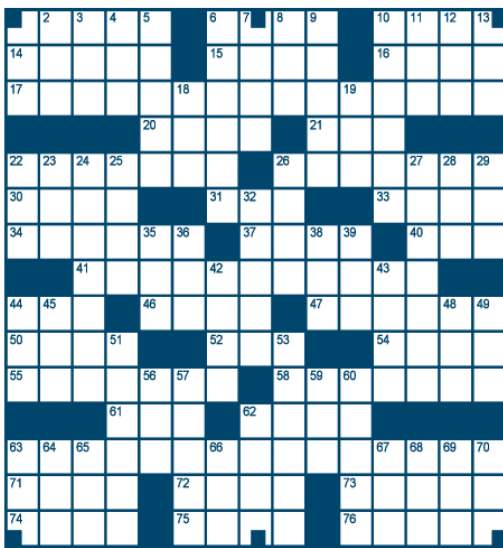
Secondly, FOL Twinbrook has installed a complete series of signage, as determined by our library manager, directing cardholders to our library sections and to individually assigned computers. These

signs are in the same color and font, but are sized for the specific location at which they will be hung.

Our book sales have been fairly successful since the summer, thanks to our neighbors' voracious reading habits. However, our donation rates have been increasing to the point where we are running out of storage space. To deal with this we will be having a special series of monitored half-price sales at our library book sale racks leading up to Christmas. So, when you are in the area, come visit and load up!

With the cutback in library hours and services, the Twinbrook neighborhood is beginning to lose touch with its library and its valuable links for our children. As a result, FOL Twinbrook would like to encourage any of our members to sign up to assist with programs. If any of you reading this newsletter wish to help FOL Twinbrook, send me an email to my attention at twinbrook@folmc.org.

Crossword Puzzle #13 "Authorship" by Verna Suit ©2010



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.

ACROSS

1. Genuflected
6. Muslim religious leader
10. Group promoting Prohibition
14. On the briny
15. Part of many Japanese ship names
16. Nay opposers
17. 1993 novel by E. Annie Proulx set in Newfound land
20. Encumbrance
21. DPRK's southern neighbor
22. Shakespeare play featuring a shipwreck, with "The"

26. "Mr. ___" (1946), novel by Thomas Heggen set on a WWII cargo ship
30. Cookie sometimes deep-fried
31. Beginning of farmer's refrain
33. Builder and master of the Ark
34. Writer John Dos ___
37. Jules Verne's submarine captain
40. Overseas Mrs.
41. 1962 novel by Katherine Anne Porter set on a German freighter
44. "___ War", sci-fi series by William Shatner
46. Hideout
47. Cat that earns its keep
50. Enthusiastic
52. Collar
54. Ship's backbone
55. ___ O'Brian, author of series set in the Royal Navy
58. Charms
61. Nabokov novel
62. "Scratch a lover and find ___": Dorothy Parker
63. 1990 book by John McPhee about U.S. Merchant Marine
71. Unadulterated
72. Sailor's hatch
73. City near Phoenix
74. Canonized mllcs.
75. Bygone time
76. Wears

DOWN

1. Kit ___ bar
2. Ultimate degree
3. Compass reading
4. Start of many French titles
5. California/Nevada lake
6. Attribute
7. Sailor's charts
8. Former White House spokesman Fleischer
9. Short-story writer Alice
10. "___, Blynken and Nod one night sailed off in a wooden shoe"
11. Homonym of 67D
12. Playing marble
13. American ship letters
18. Election winners
19. Sailor, slangily
22. Kind of sail
23. Historical period
24. Portable utensils set
25. Port side out, starboard home
26. Ship hazard
27. Arm of the Antarctic Ocean
28. Sailor, slangily
29. ___ Na Na
32. Red or structure start
35. Cargo of many tanker ships
36. Hot tub
38. Sailor's tattoo, often
39. Tic-tac-toe win
42. Sty cry
43. One of the Gospels
44. Audible dance style
45. Actress Longoria
48. Ballad or sonnet ending
49. "An Inland Voyage" (1878) author's initials
51. Male mallards
53. "Two Years ___ the Mast" (1840) by Richard Henry Dana
56. A mean Amin
57. Sea foam, say
59. Country on Atl. and Arc. Oceans
60. "___ Under Sail" (1932) by C.P. Snow
62. Get an ___ effort"
63. CD predecessors
64. "The Voyage ___" (1915), first novel by Virginia Woolf
65. Cargo of most Great Lakes ships
66. Sticky stuff
67. "___ Fever", poem by John Masefield
68. "___ Pinafore", Gilbert & Sullivan operetta
69. Wall St. debut
70. Writing tool

PUZZLE #12 SOLUTIONS

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SNAPSHOT DAY: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF LIBRARIES

FOLMC worked with MCPL and the Library Advisory Committees to participate in the 2010 Snapshot Day on October 5. Volunteers and staff took a snapshot through photos, stories, and statistics at each of the local branches. Patrons were asked to fill out postcards, take photos, or to just enjoy themselves at the library to be counted. All 20 open branches were included, and some of the statistics from the event might surprise you. The Gaithersburg Library, closed for renovations, was the only branch not included.

Did you know...

Over 21,000 people visited the library on Snapshot Day? On a typical day, the National Zoo only gets 6,200 people on average. Our libraries saw more people than the pandas did.

Over 30,000 items were checked out of the library—that's more items checked out than the total collection of the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art in DC. Patrons checked out more materials than the National Aquarium has animals.

In one day alone, librarians answered more than 4,500 questions. That's at least seven questions a minute when the library is open—more than get asked per minute on Jeopardy!

Programs were held throughout the day, ranging from story times for children to book clubs for adults to English Conversation Clubs. Librarians also assisted patrons with computer usage and finding books. Notable readers for Snapshot Day included County Executive Ike Leggett, Senator Brian Frosh, Senator Jennie Forehand, Police Chief Tom Manger, Special Assistant to Ike Leggett Chuck Short, School Board Member Laura Berthiaume, Director of the Silver Spring Regional Services Center Reemberto Rodriguez, and Deputy Commander of the 5th District Lieutenant Demetri C. Kornegay of the Montgomery County police.

Testimonials of Note:

"They'd be difficult to live without. At 82 years I can still travel, communicate, learn, laugh and explore new ideas because of the library!"

Julietta S., Chevy Chase Branch



"I love books. The library is a great place to check out books or just read. It is useful for schoolwork because it has Internet and WiFi. I can finish my school projects and essay because the library is here. I can check out DVDs and CDs that I want and I can hold books on my card."

Samrawir S., Long Branch



"Libraries have always been an important part of my and my children's lives. When we moved, one of my first tasks

was to get a library card and then I felt more at home. As soon as my children were aware of what we were doing, I took them to the library to get their own card. Now that I'm retired, the library is a place to walk to, to see other folks and a few places to just browse—much better than a mall, where the temptation to buy runs in conflict with a fixed income. The people who work in the library are a delight to know; there is a lot of community info. Libraries are a great treasure."

"Pam K., Olney Branch



Thank you to everyone who came out to be counted on Snapshot Day. Your support makes all the difference as we work to let our community leaders know that libraries are vital to our County's future.



Vincent and Kyla N. color after choosing her books at the Davis Library. They stop by almost every school day to wait for her big sister. They enjoy their time together, as well as the chance to explore new books daily.

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