



Friends of the Library



Potomac Chapter

Fall Happenings @ Your Library

September 2014

Wired? Try the Library Online!

We are lucky to have the extraordinary resources of an active and lively staff at the Potomac Public Library, and many stimulating programs to choose from. Check the Calendar on page 7 to see this fall’s offerings.

But there’s more. With a library card and an online PIN, we have the opportunity to access a treasure trove of literary resources on the MCPL website. For help with getting your PIN, contact Ask-a-Librarian online or at 240-777-0001. Here’s a brief guide to what’s there for us:

Subject Guides and Electronic Resources

On the MCPL website, your first stop should be at www.montgomerycountymd.libguides.com, where you will find a complete clickable list of online resources. For example, if you click on E-Library, you will find access to e-books, e-magazines, music, videos, articles, language learning, and test preparation, all available from the online library. On the same page are links by subject. Maps? There are maps of Montgomery County parking facilities, Ride-on routes, Metro, bike trails, and more.

Reader’s Cafe

Under this link, which the library calls “a virtual meeting place for books and readers,” you will find librarians’ recommendations, discussion guides, book club lists, newsletters by genre, which contain information about new books in the genre that the librarians think you may find of interest. With the right “apps,” you can download digital and audio books to your phone or tablet! Plus there are links to all kinds of other book sites. Project Gutenberg, for example, has available 45,000 free e-books, out of copyright and out of print. And if you need an e-reader, you can borrow one from the Gaithersburg, Long Branch, or Olney branches of the library.

Blog: Finally, you really want to try the MCPL Shout Out Blog. It’s full of history, book recommendations and ideas, and some general literary musings. Try it!

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President's Letter

Thank you—Friends of the Potomac Library!!

Your membership dues, our book sales, plus cash donations enabled the Potomac Chapter to contribute over \$10,000 to support extra programs and provide special enhancements to our library (Fiscal year: July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014).

Enhancement made possible from your support:

- Funded the Summer Reading programs and other child programs;
- Purchased digital bulletin board in lobby;
- Provided \$2,000 to Potomac Village Garden Club to maintain our award winning grounds;
- Maintained aquarium in children's area; provided regular tuning of piano;
- Provided and wore costumed story book characters in Potomac Day Parade.

Additionally we:

- Organized and staffed our monthly and on-going book sales;
- Sponsored a second year of Great Decisions program—average attendance 35;
- Hosted 9 Author Talks;
- Organized effort to obtain donated, gently used Legos for Lego Masters program;
- Continued quarterly newsletter which is sent to Friends members and available in print and online for interested individuals.

Since our founding in 1991, the Friends has purchased or contributed:

- Furniture, area rug and lighting in lobby;
- Bookshelves in Community Room and lobby for monthly and on-going lobby book sales;
- Child-sized furniture, area rug and toys in children's area;
- Lighting, shelving, racks and other display units as needed;
- \$30,000 in 2011 to Montgomery County Public Libraries for development of collection;
- \$5,000 in 2012 towards re-carpeting and painting of Potomac library.



Ask a friend to join Friends of the Library, Potomac. With your renewed membership and more Friends, we will do much more next year.

Happy reading,*

Edie Wingate

*I just enjoyed a book recommended by one of our librarians: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

Library Discussion: Turning 65

If you are turning 65 and daunted by Medicare information, come join a valuable discussion that will help you.

Tuesday, November 18 from 7-9 PM, Potomac Library

Presented by Montgomery County State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

FOLMC Fall Literary Luncheon Series

Among its many services to the readers of Montgomery County, FOLMC annually presents a series of author talks in an elegant setting, followed by luncheon. This fall, with its emphasis on history, both military and African-American, the series features three writers who will talk about, and read from, their books.

On **October 16**, readers will be **John Gilstrap**, a *New York Times* bestselling author and screenwriter whose nonfiction book *Six Minutes to Freedom* tells the story of Kurt Muse, the only civilian of record ever rescued by the super-secret Delta Force; and **Grady Smith**, a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel who commanded an infantry company in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War. His book *Blood Chit* tells how a small battle in the rice paddies south of Saigon can be one battle too many.

On **November 20**, **Dr. Ida E. Jones**, the National Director of the Association of Black Women Historians, will discuss her book *Mary McLeod Bethune in Washington, DC: Activism and Education in Logan Circle*. The book explores the monumental life of early civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

FOLMC Literary luncheons are held at the Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda, and are open to both members and nonmembers of FOLMC. Writers will speak at 11:30 a.m., followed by a box lunch at 12:30 p.m. To register, call the FOLMC office at 240-777-0020, or register online at www.folmc.org.

September is National Library Card Sign Up



Month! If you don't have a library card, you know what to do – go to the front desk at the Potomac Public Library and sign up. Get a card for everyone in the family and you will open doors and windows to their world.



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What happened at the Library this Summer? Plenty!!

In keeping with Summer 2014's library theme, students at Potomac Public Library fizzed, boomed, and read, read, and read in June, July, and August. That speaks well for the future of Potomac readers, especially as they go back to school this fall, better into a new school year with their reading comprehension intact! reported by librarian **Anne Gerlach**, tell a very good story.

First, almost 700 Potomac students signed up to participate in the county-wide Fizz, Boom, Read Program, through which they committed themselves to read four books during the summer. More than 500 of those students were in the group aged five to 12; 134 were in the zero-to-four age group (!), and 51 young adults successfully completed the program.

Speaking of the zero-to-four-year-olds, the Potomac Library's signature programs for children continued as usual through the summer – Cuddleups, for infants and their parents, Potomac Toddlers, and Preschool Story time, making Potomac one of a very few area libraries that offer year-round reading to preschool students. Kids were also at the Lego Masters program, and the summer, with 25 participating own chess boards and took on



able to continue building legos Chess Club went on this students, who brought their challengers. Wow!

Special summer programs at More than 80 kids and almost 50 of magician Mike Rose (see below experiments with weird stunts and

65 children and more than 30 adults came to participate in the mad science program, enjoying smoke-generating chemical reactions (see below) and the science of sound and vibration. Representatives of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair visited the library in June, bringing a goat that children could learn about, and masks (see above) that made it a celebration for all.

the library packed the house. adults came to see the wizardry right) who did science off-the-wall comedy. Another

Of special note is the Crafty Kids Program, where 45 children and adults dropped in to learn about Chinese arts and crafts. Using authentic Chinese bamboo brushes with bristles of wolf and sheep hair, students learned Chinese painting (see above), and paper cutting and folding. Librarian **Helena Geary** reports that 20 middle school students visiting from China came to the library to visit and participate in the day.

Many thanks to all the student volunteers who helped with the children's programs this summer!



AWE Program comes to Potomac

This fall, the Potomac Library will install an AWE Early Literacy computer workstation to aid preschool children in getting ready to read. With “five practices and six principles,” the program uses software to encourage children to talk, sing, read, write, and play, all the while teaching them print awareness, letter knowledge, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, and print motivation. The program uses reading, music, science, and art, and can be used for group activities that enable children to talk about what they are learning, and even sing nursery rhymes.



AWE began in the late 1990s as a remote network company (AWE stood for Alternative Work Environments at this time) helping businesses set up remote work environments. One of its clients was the Free Library of Philadelphia. While working with AWE, the library expressed frustration in managing education software for its youngest patrons. AWE worked with the library to understand the needs of their patrons. What emerged was a child-centered, engaging solution that delivered age-appropriate educational content for early learners. This was the inspiration for AWE's flagship product, the Early Literacy Station.



Friends' Bookstores

The Friends of the Library operates used-bookstores in Wheaton and Rockville. FOL members are entitled to a 10% discount by showing their membership card.

Randolph Hills ShoppingCenter

4886 Boiling Brook Parkway
Rockville
301-984-3300
Monday-Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday and Saturday: 10am - 6 pm
Sunday: 12pm - 6 pm

Wheaton Library

11701 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton
301-933-111
Monday-Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday and Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: 12pm - 4pm

Used Book Sales Potomac Public Library

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Choose from a wide variety of books, videos, CDs and DVDs for all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Donations of used books, videos, etc., are always welcome, and can be dropped off at the Potomac Library. Just leave them on or near the cart outside the big meeting room. Tax receipts are available from the Information Desk. Please don't leave the books outside if the library is closed.

Great Decisions



Great Decisions is a program of the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association in which local groups gather monthly to discuss topics associated with foreign policy of the United States. It is America's largest discussion program on world affairs.

The Friends of the Library, Potomac is delighted to sponsor a group here at our Potomac Library. We meet on most first Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Guests and new members are welcome. No registration is required. The Foreign Policy Institute briefing book (\$20 a year) provides an article and thought provoking questions for the topic of the month. For more information, contact potomacfol@gmail.com with "Great Decisions" in the subject line.

Thursday, September 4, 12:30 pm: Food and Climate

As food and water become scarce and once fertile land becomes barren, the U.S. finds itself faced with new challenges in securing the globe. Come learn more about those challenges.

Thursday, October 2, 12:30 pm: China's Foreign Policy

What does the rapid rise of this new superpower mean for other countries in the region, and are there potential points of conflict with the U.S. as it "pivots" to Asia? Help find the answers to these important questions.

Thursday, November 6, 12:30 pm: U.S. Trade Policy

America's foreign policy tools are not limited to sanctions, treaties or military campaigns – they also include the sales pitch.

Membership Note from Carol Westrick, Membership Chair:

I hope you have all had a good summer! With so much going on, some of you may not have received your email reminder for membership renewal. In September, I will be sending out emails to those whose membership has expired in June, July, and August. If you get an email and have already renewed your Friends of the Library, Potomac membership online, don't worry. We sometimes don't have up-to-date information from the main office. We want you to stay with us to help support our library in all the good ways that Edie's letter, page 2, outlines! Many thanks.

Potomac Calendar of Events

Used Book Sales

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Great Decisions Group

First Thursday of the month, 12:30-2 p.m.

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Crafty Kids: Fall Crafts

October 21, 4 pm

Decorate a pumpkin or make a spooky decoration for Halloween. For children aged 8 and up, or younger children accompanied by parents.

Potomac Day

Potomac village, October 25, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Moon bounce, ponies, a classic car show, a children's festival, and a parade, complete with costumed characters from your favorite books (courtesy of the Potomac FOLMC) are just some of the festive activities promised for Potomac Day. Come ready to have fun.

Family Halloween Party

October 31, 2 p.m.

All ages are invited to come in costume for a Halloween party with spooky stories, crafts and games and treats, and including a Halloween parade at the library!

Crafty Kids: Holidays

December 16, 4 p.m.

Make your own seasonal ornaments. For children 8 and up or younger with a parent.

Chinese Language Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

September 2: *Zhang Xueliang's Oral Account of the History* by Degang Tang

October 7: *Shanghai Beauty* by Danyan Chen

November 4: *Beautiful Family* by Li Liu

December 2: *Outsiders* by Pinwen Ke

Book discussion in the Chinese language. Ask for the book at the circulation desk. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime, Potomac Toddlers and Potomac Cuddleups

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs and rhymes for children and their caregivers. Preschool Storytime is for 3-to-6 year olds, Potomac Toddlers is for children ages 12-36 months and Cuddleups is for babies from birth to 11 months. No registration required.

Fall Schedule:

Preschool Storytime: Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Cuddleups: Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

Potomac Toddlers: Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13

Lego Masters!

Mondays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For children 8 and up to build and create with Legos. Parents and caregivers are welcome and are required to accompany children younger than 8 years old. Not recommended for children younger than 4. No registration required.

Adult Book Club

Third Wednesday of the month, 1-2 p.m.; No registration required; new members welcome.

September 17: *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg

October 15: *The Distance Between Us*, by Reyna Grande

Ask for the book at the circulation desk.

For a full schedule of events, please check the calendar of events on the Montgomery County Public Library website under Potomac: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/newsandevents/calendarofevents.asp.

Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter Membership

Yes, I want to support the library!

- Please enroll me as a member of Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter
- Please renew my current membership

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Membership Levels

__ \$15_ Page Turner (seniors, students, teachers)
__ \$25_ Short Story
__ \$50_ Novel
__ \$100_ Classic
__ Donation - \$ _____

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Name _____
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Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter
10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, MD 20854

Payments may also be made with credit card or Paypal at

www.folmc.org/get-involved/become-a-member/ (choose Potomac as your "Favorite Library")

I am interested in helping with the following activities of the chapter:

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