

The Aspen Hill Library Community News

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* * **Spring 2014** * *

John Kelly comes to Aspen Hill!

Washington Post columnist John Kelly will speak at our Library Luncheon on April 26, 2014. You are invited to attend!

Details on the back page.



Library Gardens early April 2014

Meet Jennifer Smith

JENNIFER is Aspen Hill's new part-time Library Associate for Young Adult Services. She comes to Aspen Hill from Howard County where she was a Circulation Assistant. Her interest in working with books and helping people comes from a job at a book store. JENNIFER said that as an employee of a book store, she had to push books on people, but at the Library it is very different. Here, she has the privilege of educating people and also continuing her own learning. She



feels very strongly that Libraries offer great value and services to the taxpayers. She tells the story that when she pointed out to her husband that he could get a book from the Library for free, instead of paying for it, he agreed, and became an avid Library user.

JENNIFER received an Associate's degree in English from Howard Community College, and then several years later, a BA degree from the University of Maryland. She hopes to get her Master's degree in Library Science in the future, and will be taking the Library Associate training offered by the Montgomery County Libraries system.

She loves books and animals. Due to her husband's allergies and space restrictions, she found herself with a pet hedgehog. Jennifer now is a member of the Hedgehog Welfare Society, and has 4 pet hedgehogs (Pokey, Valkie, Khaki, and Uniko), who accompany JENNIFER to schools for educational talks and fun.

JENNIFER's favorite author is fantasy writer Neil Gaiman. She likes stories in which regular persons have extraordinary experiences.

JENNIFER appreciates the Aspen Hill Library Community, and finds her customers to be caring and purposeful. She has plans for several teen programs, and looks forward to working with teens.

Late Breaking News!

Ms. Angelisa Hawes will be the new Agency Manager for our Library. She comes to Aspen Hill from the DC Library system, and will be at the Aspen Hill Library at the end of April.

Aspen Hill

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SPRING PROGRAMS

KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB

Love to knit? Want to learn? Need help with your projects? Beginners should bring knitting needles and some yarn, if possible. Join us on Fridays, April 18, May 2, and May 16, from 3:00 p.m. All ages are welcome.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Here's your chance to meet fellow book-readers. At the meeting on Monday, May 12, the group will discuss *Wild* by Geraldine Strayed. Join the group at 1:15 p.m.

NEW! ASPEN HILL FILM FESTIVAL 🎬

On April 28, come to watch **Young @ Heart**, an award winning film about a Northampton, Massachusetts senior choir. Join other movie goers at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free!



GARDEN CLUB

The club, which also acts as the Library Advisory Committee's Landscape Committee, meets Fall through Spring with gardening programs, and maintains the Library gardens during the warmer weather months. For more information, call BOBBI MELANSON at (301) 460-8754.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Come and practice speaking English with other learners and a native English speaker. The group meets Wednesdays at 1:05 and Fridays at 10:05, and once a month in the evening.

HOMEWORK HELP & FAMILY LEARNING NIGHTS

Teen volunteers help children in grades K-8 with homework. *Se habla Espanol*. Come on Wednesdays (on days when the public schools are open) from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY TALES

These children's programs are at 10:30 a.m. on April 8, 15, and May 6, 13, and 20. There'll be songs, rhymes, stories and more for children up to six years old and their adults.

NEW! **FOR BABIES ONLY:** Bring your little one to hear songs, rhymes, bounces, and stories on April 12, and May 10, at 10:30 a.m. All babies (with their adults) up to 18 months old are welcome.

NEW! PAJAMA STORYTIME

Stories, rhymes, songs and more are for children from three to six years old with an adult. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Enjoy the stories at 6:30 p.m. on May 5.

Spring Book Sale May 17

10 am to 3 pm



Come to our sale! Shop early and often!

We have thousands of books, records, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs for your shopping pleasure! Come and select high-quality used books at bargain prices, **usually \$1 for hardbacks and 50¢ for paperbacks**. Get your summer books, your travel books, your beach books, and your gift books for Father's Day or graduation!!

Proceeds from the book sales are used to purchase books, programming, supplies, and equipment for the Aspen Hill Library.

By supporting the book sale, you support your library!

Your book donations are needed!

Fiction is especially needed, although all kinds of books are accepted!

To donate now, just contact the Friends at aspenhill@folmc.org or call us at (301) 871-1113. If you prefer, we'll even come to you and pick them up! Please, bring your donations to the Library only when you have made plans with the Friends.

To donate at the Library, Friends members will be at the library to accept donations on several Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons before the sale, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Those dates are May 1, 6, 8, and 10. You may also donate books during the week of sale set-up, and even at the sale.

Your help is needed with set-up and take-down of the book sale on May 3 and May 14-17. Help is needed to sort books, arrange books on the carts and tables, write and place signs, box up books, and to move furniture. Yes, even one hour of your help can make a difference. To volunteer, call ALEEN CHABOT at 301-871-7448.

SAVE THE DATES

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Our 6th!! Annual Celebration is Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Come, enjoy good music and fun dancing. Mark your calendars now!

FILM FESTIVAL 🎬

The June film will be shown on June 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Come and watch **Red Tails**, a movie about the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.



Candidates Forums

2014 is a Maryland government election year!

New with this election is an earlier primary election date, June 24, 2014.

Early voting for the Primary election runs from June 12 to June 19. The General Election is November 4, 2014.



The Friends of the Library and Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee are co-sponsoring several candidate forums, along with the Aspen Hill Civic and the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Associations.

This is your chance to hear the candidates up close and in person. **How do they stand on library issues?** The forums are non-partisan, and all candidates are invited!

☒ All forums start at 7:30 p.m. – in the Library Community Room ☑

May 7	Maryland House of Delegates (District 19)
May 28	County Council (At Large)
June 4	County Council (District 3)
October 29	School Board

BUDGET ISSUES

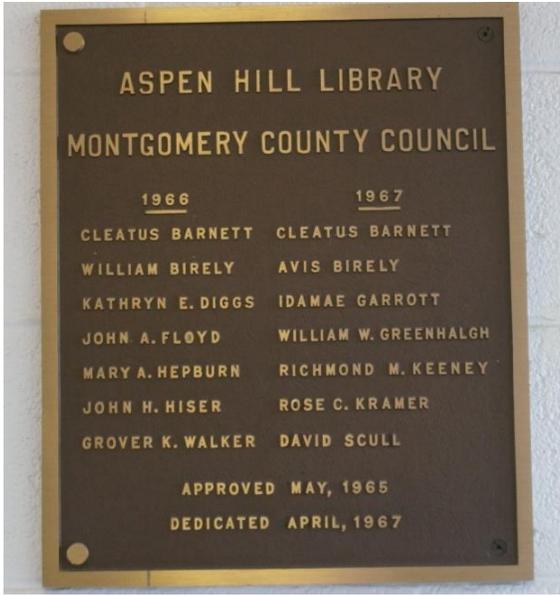
Libraries matter!

The Friends of the Aspen Hill Library and the Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee have been collecting postcards to ensure that our Library gets the funding it needs. The County Library Budget has yet to fully recover from the 30% cut of 5 years ago. Many thanks to everyone who filled out our multi-colored postcards, and expressed your pleas and thoughts for our library. They are still needed!!

Scenes from 2014 Fall Programs



Who Is That?



This is a continuing series on who are the people on the plaques that are scattered throughout our Library.

As you walk into the main entrance of the Library, on your right you will find the Library's dedication plaque, from 1967. The plaque lists 13 members of the Montgomery County Council. In the Fall 2013 issue of the newsletter we talked about the first 7. Here are the other 6:

Avis Birely (1920-2005) – served on the County Council from 1966-1970, including one year as Council President. She was a leader on the adoption of anti-discrimination legislation by the Council. She subsequently served on the U.S. President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The annual Avis Birely Award by Hearts & Homes for Youth is named in her honor. Her husband (Bill) served on the Council from 1965-1966.

Idamae Garrott (1916-1999) – served on the County Council from 1966-1974, including one year as Council President. She ran unsuccessfully for County Executive in 1974. She was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1978 and served from 1979-1987 in the House and from 1987-1994 in the State Senate. She was an architect of the County's fair housing law in the 1960s and was one of the original sponsors of the legislation that created Aspen Hill's Matthew Henson State Park. The pavilion on the Matthew Henson Trail (east of where Georgia Avenue intersects the trail) is named in her honor.

William (Bill) Greenhalgh (1928-1994) – an attorney and law professor at Georgetown University. He served on the County Council from 1966-1970 (including one year as Council President) and ran unsuccessfully for County Executive in 1970.

Richmond (Max) Keeney (1930-2010) – an insurance professional. He served on the County Council from 1964-1970. He ran unsuccessfully for County Executive in 1978. In 1975 he was appointed to the Montgomery County Planning Board and served on the Board (with a short break in service) for 14 years. He was a director of the Air Force Association from 1958-1997.

Rose Kramer (1912-2006) – served on the County School Board from 1956-1960 and on the County Council from 1966-1970. She was a leading advocate for implementation of *Brown v. Board of Education* in the County's schools in the 1950s. She served on the Board of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority from 1967-1971 and 1977-1981. She was named to the County's Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2001.

David Scull (1917-1968) – a real estate professional. Served on the County Planning Board from 1957-1958 and on the County Council (mostly as Council President) from 1966-1968. Unsuccessfully ran for the County Council in 1954 and for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1964. His wife (Betty) served on the County Council from 1970-1981 and his son (Dave) served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1974-1981 and on the County Council from 1981-1986.

LIBRARY MEETING DAY 2014 – APRIL 26TH

The Library Advisory Committee meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held in the Library's Community Room on April 26, 2014. The meetings will be followed by lunch and a speaker. Here's the schedule:

10:00 to 11:00: Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee Meeting.

Come and learn about the Advisory Committee and its work. All meetings are open to the public.

11:00 to Noon: Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library.

Reports will be given about activities and plans. Officers will be elected. This is your chance to speak out! Come and say what you want to say about library services, or what the Friends are doing (programs, book sales, movies). This is a great opportunity to volunteer and get involved!!

Noon: Lunch.

Let us know if you want a box lunch. They're really good! You'll have a sandwich, small salad, fruit, dessert, and beverage for the low price of \$6.00 for members (\$11 for non-members). Please let us know if you want a box lunch, so we'll be sure to have enough great food available. To order your box lunch, you may cut out and mail the luncheon "ticket" below, or call CHRIS SWAN at (301) 871-1113, or e-mail her at aspenhill@folmc.org. Please reserve your lunch by Monday, April 21.

1:00 to 2:00 Speaker.

John Kelly, *Washington Post* columnist, will be our speaker this year. Mr. Kelly graduated from Rockville High and the University of Maryland and had journalism fellowships at Harvard and Oxford. He's worked at *The Post* since 1989; he created the Kids Post, worked on the Weekend section and writes his popular column in the Metro section.

We are very excited he will be speaking! Come and listen....



Lunch Ticket (\$6 per lunch) Friends of the Aspen Hill Library Noon, April 26, 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

Mail tickets to Friends of the Aspen Hill Library, c/o CHRIS SWAN, 3501 Beret Lane, Aspen Hill, MD 20906. Otherwise, call Chris Swan at (301) 871-1113, or e-mail her at aspen-hill@folmc.org.

☞☞☞ Lunch reservations are due by Monday, April 21. ☞☞☞