

Montgomery County Library Board  
Friends of the Library, Montgomery County

**2018 Voter Toolkit**

## Key Dates and Deadlines

<p><b>Primary Election – June 26, 2018</b> Voter Registration Deadline – June 5 Early Voting – June 14-June 21 Absentee Application Deadline – June 19 Absentee Ballot Return Deadline – June 26</p>
<p><b>General Election – November 6, 2018</b> Voter Registration Deadline – October 16 Early Voting – October 25-November 1 Absentee Application Deadline – October 30 Absentee Ballot Return Deadline – November 6</p>

## Questions to Ask Candidates

Consider these questions for inspiration when speaking with candidates at forums, meet and greets, or other events.

1. Do you visit one of the MCPL branches and know about the programming offered?
2. How do you use the library? Have you noticed changes in services?
3. Can I tell you about a time when libraries impacted my life?
4. Do you plan to support the needs of libraries if elected?

## Talking Points

- Talk through some of the programming that libraries offer – career services, computer classes etc.
- Libraries are available to everyone. They give everyone equal access to books, music, and shows and information and instruction that changes lives.
- Two-thirds of all Montgomery County residents have library cards. We think our libraries are important and if you get elected, we want you to support them.

## **Additional Resources**

### *Maryland Board of Elections Website*

Use this page to track candidates who have filed to run for office in Montgomery County

[http://elections.state.md.us/elections/2018/primary\\_candidates/gen\\_cand\\_lists\\_2018\\_1\\_by\\_county\\_16.html](http://elections.state.md.us/elections/2018/primary_candidates/gen_cand_lists_2018_1_by_county_16.html)

### *Early Voting*

Did you know that you can vote early in Maryland? And now, if you aren't registered, you can register and vote early at the same time.

Visit the Maryland Board of Elections early voting information page at the link below to find more information and locate early voting site:

[http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/early\\_voting.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/early_voting.html)

### *Bethesda Beat – Politics*

Follow the *Bethesda Beat* politics section for updates on candidates, forums, and upcoming events.

<http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/Politics/>

### *The Sentinel*

This publication will be covering the FY19 budget process and all county elections.

<http://www.thesentinel.com/mont/>

### *Candidate Social Media and Websites*

Candidate Facebook pages and websites contain helpful information on policy platforms and upcoming events.