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**Celebrating Diversity
through
Creative Writing
2019-2020 Contest Year**

**Awards Ceremony
June 3, 2020**

The logo for Friends of the Library of Montgomery County, MD. It features a stylized blue icon of a book or a person reading, followed by the word "friends" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. To the right of "friends" is the word "OF THE" in a smaller, uppercase sans-serif font, followed by "LIBRARY" in a larger, uppercase sans-serif font. Below this, the words "MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD" are written in a smaller, uppercase sans-serif font.

friends OF THE **LIBRARY**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Program

Welcome & Remarks

Ari Z. Brooks, Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Address

Dhonielle Clayton

Student Winners and Honorable Mentions

Amina Sallman, 6th Grade, Benjamin Banneker Middle School, Essay Winner

Natalie Pak, 6th Grade, Robert Frost Middle School, Poetry Winner

Vikram Reddy, 6th Grade, Robert Frost Middle School, Short Story Winner

Hasan Roumani, 6th Grade, Parkland Middle School, Essay Honorable Mention

Ana Maria Stana, 6th Grade, Parkland Middle School, Essay Honorable Mention

Taziyah Dawkins, 6th Grade, Argyle Middle School, Poetry Honorable Mention

Esha Sharma, 6th Grade, Robert Frost Middle School, Short Story Honorable Mention

Idia Ighile, 6th Grade, Parkland Middle School, Short Story Honorable Mention

Kate McDonough, 7th Grade, Parkland Middle School, Essay Winner

Monica Teran, 7th Grade, John Poole Middle School, Poetry Winner

Hannah You, 7th Grade, Herbert Hoover Middle School, Short Story Winner

Canaan Bogale, 7th Grade, Benjamin Banneker Middle School, Essay Honorable Mention

Risha Manthini, 7th Grade, John Poole Middle , Short Story Honorable Mention

Fiorella Trujillo, 7th Grade, Sligo Middle School, Short Story Honorable Mention

Ashwin Gopaldaswami, 8th Grade, Parkland Middle School, Essay Winner

Sienna Jackson, 8th Grade, Silver Creek Middle School, Poetry Winner

Megan Cox, 8th Grade, Eastern Middle School, Short Story Winner

Andrea Teran, 8th Grade, John Poole Middle School, Essay Honorable Mention

Christina Caggiano, 8th Grade, Robert Frost Middle School, Poetry
Honorable Mention

Za’Niya Duncan, 8th Grade, Montgomery Village Middle School, Poetry
Honorable Mention

Abby Nega, 8th Grade, Herbert Hoover Middle School, Poetry Honorable
Mention

Student Reading - Best in Show

Jacob Felman, 8th Grade, Robert Frost Middle School, Poetry

MCPS Remarks

Latrice Rogers

FOLMC Remarks

Maraki Solomon

Special Thanks

Dhonielle Clayton, Irene Coleman, Siham Eldadah, Jill
Raspen, Arlisa Ledbetter, and Latrice Rogers.

Judges

Lynn Abrahamson, Yesenia Flores Diaz, Nalani Devendra,
Gerry W. Jangha, Sabine Kitenge, Maraki Solomon, James
Stowe, and Heather Wang.

Goodie Bags can be picked up 12:00PM - 5:00PM

July 6 - 9, 2020

FOLMC Rockville Bookstore

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Rockville, MD 20852

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Ari Z. Brooks~ Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Brooks, MSW is Executive Director of Friends of the Library, Montgomery County. She lectures and trains library-support groups throughout the region on organizational development, fundraising, and program development and evaluation. Ms. Brooks earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of the 2004 Class of Leadership Montgomery and the inaugural 2009 recipient of the Emerging Leader Award for the County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities.

Dhonielle Clayton ~ Keynote Speaker

Ms. Clayton is a former elementary and middle school librarian, and co-founder of CAKE Literary, a creative kitchen whipping up decadent – and decidedly diverse – literary confections for middle grade, young adult, and women's fiction readers. She is also COO of the non-profit We Need Diverse Books. She holds a BA in English, a MA in Children's Literature. She spent most of her twenties in and out of America – living in London, Paris, a small Japanese town, Bermuda – and wandering the planet.

About FOLMC

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen, promote, and champion Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL), for it to better serve the learning interests and needs of the diverse and changing communities of the County. FOLMC operates two used bookstores and is the parent organization of 17 volunteer-run chapters. The organization provides program support, matching funds, and specific materials and equipment to augment public monies and maintain a quality public library system. *Learn more at www.folmc.org.*