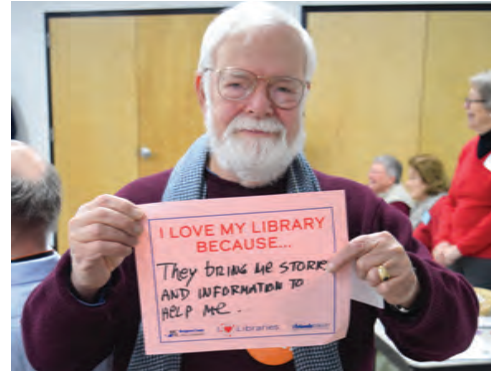




2018 ANNUAL REPORT



"As a senior citizen on a fixed budget, I have access to new books and dvds, free workshops, computers, magazines and newspapers. Since we don't own a tv, we can borrow tv series on dvds and travel videos make it possible to see the world vicariously. The library opens doors that would be shut." – Gloria L.

Message from Tom Thomson, President of the Board of Trustees and Ari Z. Brooks, Executive Director

We've been on an amazing journey over the past year that took us all over Montgomery County, reaching all ages and populations, meeting many needs, serving a variety of interests, and contributing immensely to our overall quality of life. From the Maggie Nightingale branch in Poolesville to as far east as the Marilyn Praisner branch in Burtonsville and everywhere in between, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) has paved the way for Montgomery County Public Libraries to offer the very best programs and services. We are pleased to present to you our FY18 annual report that will take you on three distinct paths: what we do, who we are, and what we stand for. Our activities and financials demonstrate our deep commitment to literacy, learning, transparency, and our community. We hope you gain more insight about our organization and are inspired to join us on this remarkable voyage.



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 Rockville, MD 20850
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Bookstores

Randolph Hills Shopping Center
 Wheaton at Old Silver Spring Library
 Open Daily
www.folmc.org/bookstores

Stay up to date on all the latest FOLMC news!

WHAT WE DO

FOLMC 2017 – 2018 PROGRAMS

FOLMC sponsors and executes a range of programs that educate, entertain, and enrich curious minds.

CORE PROGRAMS

Library Lovers Month

Celebrates libraries and recognizes their value in our community.

"I love my library because..." over 800 postcards collected to show how library patrons use and appreciate libraries.

162 student writers

22 middle schools

9 winners

13 honorable mentions

Mosaic Creative Writing Program

Program for middle school students to express their cultural identity. Winning and honorable mention works are published in an anthology available for sale on our website.

Library After Dark Gala

An elegant awards ceremony to recognize library contributors, donors, and professionals.

2018 Library After Dark Honorees: *Former Library Director B. Parker Hamilton; Charles W. Gilchrist Award for Philanthropic Support: Richard Freedman of Aggregate Industries; Library Professional of the Year: Susan Cohen* (now the B. Parker Hamilton Award)

Just for the Record: A Vinyl Record Festival

A day devoted to the culture of playing, making, collecting and repurposing vinyl records through panel discussions, makerspace, and musical activities.



Seasoned Spellers Senior Spelling Bee

Encourages lifelong learning and creates an opportunity for seniors aged 55+ to engage with the community and libraries in a fun way.

Bookstores

Offers thousands of donated items at affordable prices to raise funds that support our mission. Open daily.



309,300 yearly customers

The bookstores reused, repurposed, or recycled approximately
3,302,350 books

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

NEA Big Read

A community-wide reading initiative to promote understanding and discourse on a relevant topic.

1 book: *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu

41 programs / 1,466 engaged residents

6 community partners*

Building Bridges through Literary Arts (A Trawick Team Up Project)

A pilot project to increase literacy and leadership skills among vulnerable students at Montgomery Village Middle School.

80 students + 5 community partners^



FINANCIAL SUPPORT* TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

FOLMC provides additional financial support to MCPL in the form of grants from monies raised at our Wheaton bookstore (currently located in the Old Silver Spring Library). By agreement with Montgomery County government, FOLMC pays a portion of sales for space and materials and gifts the remainder after expenses to MCPL. The grants fund programs and services that enrich the library experience for visitors.

In FY18, FOLMC granted \$66,952 to MCPL in the following categories:

Staff Development and Training (\$30,000) – Funds speaker and venue fees and meals for a day-long training for approximately 300 MCPL merit staff to increase skills and to team build.

System-wide Marketing and Special Programs (\$16,998) – Funds a quarterly event calendar, speaker fees for workforce development workshops, materials such as signage and promotional items to expand outreach to targeted populations.

System-wide Programming (\$19,954) – Funds professional artists and facilitator fees, supplies, and equipment for programs such as STEM demonstrations, author talks, and musical performances held throughout the library system for all segments of the population.

* This financial support is above and beyond the FOLMC core and special programs that are held in branches and benefit the patrons all year long

WHAT WE STAND FOR

MISSION STATEMENT

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, by

- Raising funds to enhance and supplement library programming, equipment, and services;
- Increasing public awareness of library resources and connecting local communities with their branch libraries;
- Creating volunteer opportunities for County residents to support MCPL;
- Engaging with the County's library support community to address the ongoing needs of the library system, and advocating for MCPL's budget to the County government.

VISION STATEMENT

Everyone in the County values, benefits from, and supports Montgomery County Public Libraries.

Values

Education – we facilitate awareness of public library resources for everyone

Innovation – we embrace change and evolution of libraries

Service – we give back to our community

Integrity – we operate transparently as responsible stewards of public trust

Advocacy – we are champions for our library system

WHO WE ARE

LEADERSHIP TEAM

FOLMC is professionally managed by a leadership team that is passionate about supporting libraries. Executive Director, Ari Brooks, has 16 years of experience leading one of the most successful library-support groups in the State of Maryland. Brooks is a seasoned fundraiser and is skilled at mobilizing community support for worthy causes such as public libraries. She monitors day to day activities to achieve the goals of the strategic plan and handles external matters, such as public relations and partnerships. Lysette House is the Programs & Membership Coordinator and supports the Executive Director, plans and oversees programs, communication, fund development, and administration. Lance Salins is the Business Operations Coordinator and oversees all aspects of retail management including supervising and training staff and creating efficiencies and continuous improvement. The team works collaboratively on outreach activities that help expand our offerings and promote library resources to the community.

Chapters

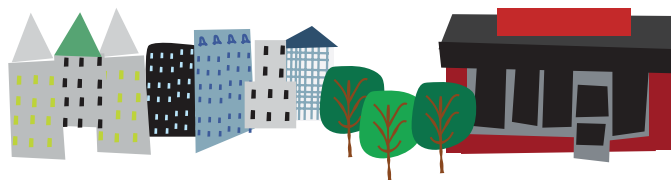
Aspen Hill	Gaithersburg	Potomac	Twinbrook
Chevy Chase	Germantown	Marilyn J. Praisner	White Oak
Connie Morella	Kensington Park	Quince Orchard	
Damascus	Little Falls	Rockville Memorial	
Davis	Olney	Silver Spring	

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Administrative Staff 2017- 2018

Ari Z. Brooks, Executive Director
 Lysette House, Programs & Membership Coordinator
 Lance Salins, Business Operations Coordinator
 Cheryl Peirce, Office Coordinator
 Les Rich, Rockville Bookstore Manager
 Brooke Higdon, Wheaton Bookstore Manager



OUR DONORS & SPONSORS

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, grantors, and sponsors, we raised \$382,075 in contributions to fund programs that benefit the library community. *Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you feel there is an omission, please notify us immediately.*

4th Annual Library After Dark Gala

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Community Partners

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Gaithersburg Book Festival+
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Montgomery County Public Schools+ ^
Montgomery History+
Story Tapestries+ ^
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Whole Foods

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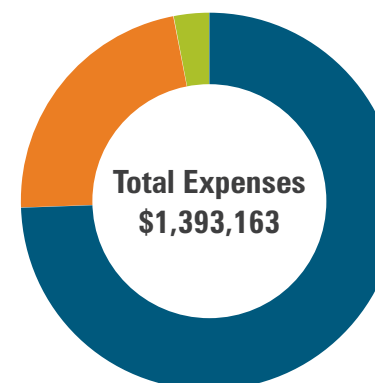
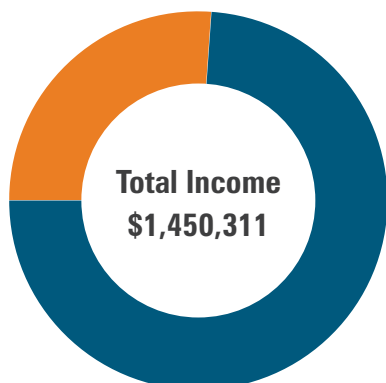
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A special thanks to our almost 2,000 members contributing at all levels of our organization.

* in-kind

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