

SPOTLIGHT ON

FOLMC

FY2023
ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the FOLMC Board President

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County Board of Trustees for the past three years. During this time, the organization faced major changes, both internally and externally, through the launch of ONE FOLMC, our streamlined business model, and the everlasting impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. FOLMC's Board of Trustees, a dedicated group of working and retired professionals, provided insight, leadership, oversight, and wisdom on a wide variety of FOLMC projects. In this Annual Report, I spotlight a few of the individuals who make this organization special, made my tenure memorable, and those we serve.

Under my tenure, the Board won the Center for Nonprofit Advancement's Board Leadership Award, which distinguishes those Boards that go above and beyond to bring new levels of leadership to their role, resulting in positive changes and notable successes.

During the 2022-2023 school year, FOLMC conducted our 13th Mosaic Creative Writing Program, working with Montgomery County Middle School students on celebrating their culture. Our highest scoring student, now published author, Kyndall E., (top left) was a sixth grader at Julius West Middle School who won for her poem "Ode to My Culture," honoring New Orleans.

It also brought us great joy to resume the FOLMC Branch Booksales this year, after the COVID-19 closures, and we have our dedicated volunteers to thank for this accomplishment. Helen M., Booksale Lead at Olney (next right), has been a volunteer for over 15 years, and told staff that she is thrilled to work with a loyal corps of volunteers and the library staff.

Our two used bookstores were voted "Best Bookstores" several years running by the *Washington Parent* magazine, well-loved and frequently visited by loyal "regulars" like Wall Street J. (middle right). Our bookstores continue to provide access to affordable materials for all and serve as a second home for your generously donated books, records, and more. Media Specialist Mary W. of North Chevy Chase Elementary School (right) raved about the bookstores being venues to replace her library's most popular titles, which is only possible due to the "generous donations of gently used books from Montgomery County readers, and excellent organization and curation by bookstore volunteers."

But most of all, my gratitude goes out to all of you, our Friends of the Library. The success of our mission depends on your support. As our organization continues to evolve, I hope we can count on you to spotlight our efforts to fund the programs, materials, equipment, and technology that enrich the library experience—and transform lives in Montgomery County, now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Pamela H. Saussy, President
Board of Trustees

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PROGRAMMING

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



LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH WITH STEM QUEEN

Celebrates libraries and recognizes their value in our community. "I love my library because..." virtual postcard collection shows how library patrons use and appreciate libraries.



MOSAIC CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

A program for middle schoolers to express cultural identity through the written word. Author-led workshops helped students develop as writers and create a supportive literary community. Honored students enjoyed a virtual discussion with Author Tope Folarin.

Mosaic

Writers: 101 | Middle Schools: 14
Winners/Honorable Mentions: 20



LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH

A celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week and LGBTQIA+ History Month with Gabby Rivera, Author of the celebrated novel *Juliet Takes a Breath*. Rivera's discussion delved into the importance of diversity and encouraging young people to develop their creativity—never shying away from tackling the tough questions, and always offering thoughtful, progressive solutions.

BOOKSTORES (OPEN DAILY)

Offer thousands of donated items at affordable prices to raise funds that support our mission.



CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS

A series of talks about cultural and current issues with journalists, authors and other relevant speakers.



- Michael W. Twitty: Connection between the foods and traditions of the African Atlantic and the global Jewish diaspora on December 10, 2022
- Sheree Renée Thomas: Afrofuturism & Diversity in Sci-Fi, in celebration of Black History Month on February 23, 2023
- Tyehimba Jess: Discussion of his work as a poet and fiction writer or National Poetry Month on April 27, 2023
- Karen Washington, and Jabari S. Walker: Topics of urban farming, sustainability and the environment on May 19, 2023
- Emanuel Xavier and Regie Cabico: The importance of poetry, storytelling and the spoken word with on June 9, 2023



Urban Libraries Council Partnership



Systemwide Programming for Teens



Library Services Outreach & Education



Systemwide Marketing & Special Programs

COUNTY-WIDE FUNDING



Summer Reading Challenge!



Soundtrack Your Brand



Outreach Mobile



Welcoming Library Kits



BRANCH FUNDING

FOLMC PROGRAMS

LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

Mosaic

Creative Writing Program

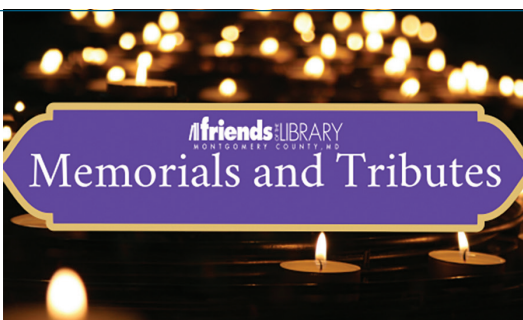


MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

CELEBRATE FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES AND/OR HONOR THEIR MEMORY

Katherine "Kass" Ahlers
Brenda Anderson
Cynthia & Ben Burton
Sharon Cichy
Chamini de Silva
Betty Fahey
Stephen Hayes

Robin Hein
Sheila Lockshin
Mike & Kate Majcen
Eleanor McIntyre
Stan & Nancy Pond
Mitch Ross
John Van Dyck



FUNDING

Financial Support* to Montgomery County Public Libraries



Urban Libraries Council Partnership (\$12,000)

Membership provides valuable assistance in ensuring that MCPL stays abreast of the latest urban library research techniques, trends, and advocacy.



Systemwide Programming - Teens (\$22,175.61)

MCPL's newly unveiled strategic plan (new strategic plan) places an emphasis on teens, including workforce, business and financial literacy.



Library Services Outreach & Education (\$3,100)

The project funds outreach, education, and networking activities related to State Legislative Day and membership in Citizens for Maryland Libraries.



Systemwide Marketing and Special Programs (\$22,274.24)

The project's focus is marketing MCPL in general; services, programs, resources, and special events.



Soundtrack Your Brand (\$6,935.10)

Pilot program to test out a music streaming service that allows children's staff to share music during programs using newly purchased branch iPads and AV Equipment Kits.



Summer Reading Challenge! (\$11,515.89)

Partnership funds are included for the following: When participants earn their first e-badge, Montgomery County Animal Services & Adoption Center and Friends of Montgomery County Animals help adoptable pets find homes. For the second e-badge, Manna Food Center will feed families in the community. For the third e-badge, Montgomery Parks Foundation will install 450 solar panels, providing green energy to power local parks.



Outreach Mobile (\$82,000)

Having an outreach van helped MCPL bring much needed library resources closer to customers who otherwise would have no other means to acquire these services.



Welcoming Kits (\$20,000)

A central focus of FOLMC is to support fundraising efforts for special purposes with timely resonance, such as MCPL's Welcoming Library Kits. These are collections of books and resources that build welcoming communities for immigrants and new Americans. To date we have raised more than \$20,000 to pilot kits at six branches.

Support Totalling \$180,000.84

** This financial support is for system-wide enhancements above and beyond the FOLMC core programs and individual branch programming that benefit patrons all year long.*

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 & VALUES

VISION

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

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Boshra Nourai (Jr.)

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DONATIONS & SUPPORT

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, grantors, and sponsors, we raised **\$484,915** 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.*

UNRESTRICTED COUNTY-WIDE

\$100-\$249

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Sandy Kovalak
Sean Leahy
Norman Lockshin
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United Way of the National Capital Area
United Way Worldwide

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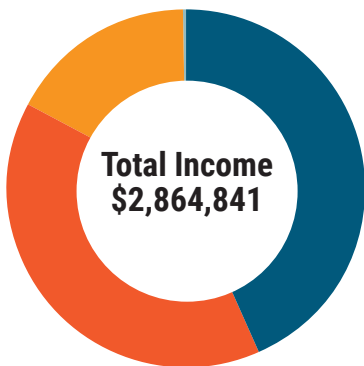
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FINANCIALS



43.5% Earned Income
\$1,244,915

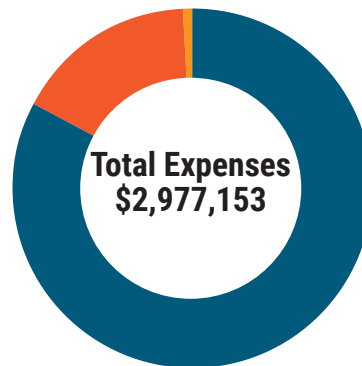
39.5% In-Kind
\$1,130,227

16.9% Contributed Income
\$484,915

.2% Other Income
\$4,784

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – FYE MAY 21, 2024

Audit presented by Aprio, LLP, March 2024



82.8% Program Services
\$2,465,753

16.5% Management & General
\$490,453

.7% Fundraising
\$20,947