

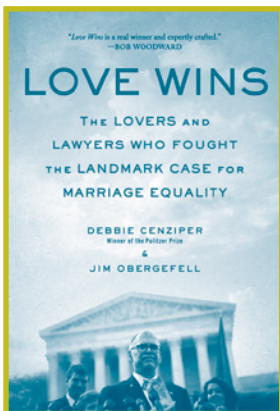
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An Evening with DEBBIE CENZIPER

Tuesday, November 15 *from* 6:30 - 8pm



Join us for an exclusive evening with the co-author of *Love Wins: The Lovers and Lawyers Who Fought the Landmark Case for Marriage Equality*. Award-winning *Washington Post* investigative reporter, Debbie Cenziper, captures the dramatic and moving story of the activists behind the historic Supreme Court case that led to the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception catered by Ridgewells Catering while touring the beautiful art exhibitions of The Mansion at Strathmore, followed by an informative discussion and book signing with Ms. Cenziper. Copies of the book will be available to purchase on-site.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by the lecture and book signing. This event is brought to you in partnership with Strathmore. To register visit www.folmc.org, call (240)777-0020, or mail the completed enclosed flyer.

STRATHMORE



FOL Chapter Sponsored Events

Visit our website for more upcoming events: www.folmc.org/events-calendar.

OCTOBER

- 6 12:30 p.m., Potomac: Climate Geopolitics - The Road to Paris & Beyond
- 12 2 p.m., Chevy Chase: Non-Fiction Book Group – *1493 Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*
- 14 10 a.m., Praisner: Book Sale
- 17 7 p.m., Bethesda: Meet Teen Author Laurie Halse Anderson
- 18 7 p.m., Kensington Park: Dr. Gridlock of the *Washington Post*
- 19 11 a.m. Little Falls@CCL: Literary Salon “The Reluctant Fundamentalist”
- 28 4:30 p.m. Gaithersburg: Lego Crew

NOVEMBER

- 3 12:30 p.m., Potomac: Cuba & the U.S.
- 5 10 a.m., Damascus: Train Day
- 6 1 p.m., White Oak: Chess Club
- 12 10 a.m., Germantown: Book Sale
- 12 2 p.m., Olney: Electric Art Lab
- 14 7:30 p.m., Silver Spring: Book Discussion Group – *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*
- 18 4 p.m., Twinbrook: Lego Duplo Playtime
- 19 10:30 a.m., Rockville: Happy Crafting: DIY Terrarium

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From the Executive Director and President of the Board of Trustees

Ari Z. Brooks, MSW and Ellen L. Berman

If you've been looking for a way to support your local library but aren't sure where to begin, FOL chapters are a great way to get involved. FOL chapters are affiliated with FOLMC and are located at 17 library branches throughout the county. These groups are the heart and soul of our organization contributing thousands of dollars to enhance branch programs and services each year. They are in need of your unique talents and professional skills to help benefit your community. There are many ways to donate your time and even small acts of volunteering can make a big impact. Chapters are looking for all types of volunteers, from helping with book sales to fulfilling leadership positions. Each group is governed by a board of trustees that meets regularly to plan fundraising and programmatic activities to assist the branch's goals to meet specific community needs. For example, FOL chapters sponsor English conversation groups, book and film discussion groups, cultural celebrations, and community day events. They fund puzzles and child-friendly furniture for the children's areas and finance garden supplies for local garden clubs to beautify the grounds at some branches. Students can also fulfill SSL hours by helping with newsletters, creating flyers, or setting up for programs.

Whether it's a couple of hours a month, or on a more regular basis, your local chapter needs you, your strengths and your time. See the list of chapters at the back of this newsletter (pages 6 & 7) for specific contact information for your local chapter and get involved today.

FOLMC is proud of our 17 chapters, their leaders, and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to supporting our public library system. You can be part of giving back to your library that has given so much to you through your active participation in one of these groups. Please contact us at staff@folmc.org or the chapter of your choice by referring to the chapter page mentioned above or our website at www.folmc.org.



Save the Date! FOLMC will host the third annual Library After Dark fundraiser on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Rockville Memorial Library. Mark your calendars and join us to celebrate how Libraries Open Doors. More information will be coming soon.

FOLMC is supported in part by funding from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

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Save the Dates



Two important dates are fast approaching this fall.

On **November 2**, MCPL, the Library Board, Library Advisory Committees (LACs), and FOLMC and our chapters, will host the annual Joint Meeting. Library supporters are invited to come together to meet, learn, and discuss the library community goals for the upcoming advocacy season.

Join us at 6:00 pm at the Rockville Memorial Library for a light dinner reception followed by Library Director Parker Hamilton's State of the Library address and a brief discussion about next steps in library advocacy for the year. RSVP is required to ensure adequate seating and food. For more information or to RSVP for November 2 visit <http://whoozin.com/ANA-HDU-9WDY>. You can also sign up for the monthly advocacy e-newsletter *In the Know* by emailing librariesmatter@folmc.org.

On **November 9**, FOLMC will host the Annual Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm. Come out to meet FOLMC staff, Board members, and fellow friends as we review the year's accomplishments and discuss goals for the future. Whether you want to get involved, learn more about the organization, or simply put a face to a name, we hope to see you there. The meeting will be held at the Rockville Memorial Library; no reservation is required. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information visit www.folmc.org or call (240)777-0020.



Board Spotlight Larry Matthews

FOLMC is fortunate to have award-winning broadcast journalist Larry Matthews serving on the Board of Trustees. You may have met him introducing the authors at our Literary Series events, or at the annual Seasoned Spellers Senior Spelling Bee, using his great radio-voice to announce words for the competing spellers.

For over 30 years Mr. Matthews worked as a street reporter, anchor, news director, producer, and editor for ABC Radio, National Public Radio, and Maryland Public Television among others. He now shares his experiences through his writing of several books including, *I Used To Be In Radio*, the Dave Haggard thriller series, and co-author of *Street Business*.

On October 20, FOLMC will host the official book launch for Mr. Matthews' latest book, *Age In Good Time, Lives and Lessons from Seven Men In Their Seventies*. The book tells of seven outstanding men as they candidly describe their lives and their regrets, triumphs, failures and lessons. From fighting in Vietnam to the loss of children, from ethics and values to aging and mortality, these men offer inspiring lessons in how to lead a successful life.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will take place at the Asbury Methodist Village (201 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877). This event is free and does not require advance registration. Proceeds from the book sales will benefit FOLMC. For more information about this event visit our website www.folmc.org.



Charles W. Gilchrist Award: Call for Nominations

FOLMC invites you to nominate a fellow volunteer or philanthropist for the annual Charles W. Gilchrist Award. This award is given in memory of former Montgomery County Executive Charles W. Gilchrist, who sought to encourage community participation in Montgomery County. It is presented to an individual, family, family foundation, corporation, or civic group that has demonstrated exceptional service to Montgomery County Public Libraries through volunteer and/or philanthropic support. FOLMC will present the award at the annual Library After Dark fundraiser held during National Library Week on April 8, 2017. **The deadline for nominations is November 30.**

For more information about this award or to submit a nomination, visit www.folmc.org or call (240)777-0020.



2016 Charles W. Gilchrist Award recipient the Maryland Writers' Association represented here by Teen Writing Coordinator, Mark Willen, and student participant, Sydney Sackett.

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Friends of the Library BOOKSTORE

From the Stacks

We are pleased to welcome Brooke Higdon as the bookstore manager at the Wheaton Bookstore at the Old Silver Spring Library (WB@OSSL). Brooke brings a wealth of retail experience to our organization, having managed bookstores at Olsson's Books & Records and Montgomery College. He is already in the process of designing a fresh look for the WB@OSSL space. Additionally, Brooke has been interviewing and training an almost entirely new corps of volunteers, many from the neighborhoods within walking distance of the bookstore. We thank the communities of greater Silver Spring for their robust welcoming of our bookstore.

The newly expanded Rockville Bookstore is currently planning a vinyl record auction, tentatively scheduled for this fall. The auction will feature a wide array of aural delights spanning all genres and with a particular focus on classical, jazz, and pop music. For more information on the vinyl auction, please contact bookstores@folmc.org.

From the Library Director

Parker Hamilton, MCPL Director



The goal of MCPL's FY2017-2020 Strategic Plan is to support the County Executive's goals of assisting residents in lifelong learning and creating vital, thriving communities. Our emphasis is on delivering 21st century library services that are relevant to the over 1M residents who make up Montgomery County's diverse population.

A great deal of feedback was gathered during the County Executive's 2nd Library of the Future Summit. It revealed the major concerns of County residents which fell into a variety of themes. Using this information, MCPL began drafting a new strategic plan to focus on ways in which Libraries could serve a purposeful active role, within its mission and resources, in meeting these community needs.

The Plan, which sets the direction for MCPL to continue its momentum as a 21st century public library system, is the result of the Summit process that afforded residents of all ages; community and business partners; educators; and stakeholders to address issues important to their lives. The Summit information was obtained via various means including, in-branch surveys; man-on-the street interviews; social media; outreach; informal conversations with library staff; and online chat. The Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of MCPL staff and representatives from: Department of Economic Development; Montgomery County Public Schools; Montgomery College; the Library Board; Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.; and Montgomery Community Media, used this information to create a Strategic Plan with in-depth goals and objectives that will serve as MCPL's guide for the next four years.

Please visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library and check out our new Strategic Plan: *Providing access to services, resources and programs so that everyone can participate in making a more connected, delighted, literate, strong and vibrant Montgomery County.*

Check It Out Staff Development Day

For the past several years, FOLMC has proudly funded MCPL's staff development day held annually on Columbus Day. Each year the library system staff spends a full day attending informative workshops, celebrating system-wide accomplishments, and networking.

Last year, FOLMC introduced a new activity as part of staff development day and held the first Library Pub Quiz. Almost 400 MCPL staff competed in teams by branch or department for several rounds of local and pop culture trivia. After each round, scores were announced and met with cheers and applause as the teams tallied their points. After the final round, one of MCPL's administration teams was crowned pub quiz champion, with the Wheaton branch team in a close second.

FOLMC was proud to host this interactive, team-building activity and we look forward to funding and creating many more memorable staff day activities in the future.



2015 Library Pub Quiz winners with FOLMC Executive Director Ari Brooks.

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KENSINGTON PARK

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The Kensington Park Chapter recently launched a highly successful fundraiser when the library branch reopened from a facility refresh as part of the County Executive's Library Refresh initiative. The major part of the refresh was the installation of a much needed ADA accessible elevator which has been the anchor in leveraging space for the community on the lower level.

The chapter's fundraising efforts raised \$15,000 to provide additional enhancements to the branch, including:

Literary mural – two local artists, Katie Silky and Tina Frizzell, donated their time and talents to creating a literary masterpiece in the lower level. The chapter board participated in the development of the content and also paid for the paint supplies.



Local artist Katie Silky works on the mural.



Stair riser art – Another fun embellishment for the lower level was the installation of stair riser art featuring book titles, which included local Teen Writing Contest winner, Ayomide Ogunsakin, rising senior at the Brookwood Academy wrote about and selected *To Kill A Mocking Bird*.

Outdoor seating – Three sets of Adirondack seating for the outdoor area.

Other items sponsored included a much needed bookcase to expand the chapter's on-going used book sale, signage, wall art system, and educational toys for the children's area. The chapter was thrilled to be part of the library refresh project and based on the full parking lot, the community is enjoying the outcome.

Photos courtesy of Kensington Park Chapter.



Chapter Spotlights

POTOMAC

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The Potomac Chapter will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. Founding member, Karin Currie, is planning the celebration, and in honor of its service to and support for, the Potomac Library, the chapter will donate \$2,500 for facility enhancements.

The chapter will also sponsor a community outreach booth at the Potomac Day Parade. Every year the chapter board members march in the parade joined by storybook characters whose costumes are funded by the chapter. The local Potomac celebration is fun and helps the library and chapter connect with the community.

The chapter is sponsoring many upcoming programs this fall, continuing with the popular Great Decisions discussion group:

Climate Geopolitics: The Road to Paris & Beyond – October 6, 12:30-2:00 pm

From droughts in the west to extreme weather in the east, a rapidly changing climate has already made its footprint in the United States. What can the next president do to stymie this environmental crisis? And is it too late for these efforts to be effective?

Cuba and the U.S. – November 3, 12:30-2:00 pm

The U.S. announced in December 2014 that, after decades of isolation, it has begun taking major steps to normalize relations with Cuba. Although the U.S. trade embargo is unlikely to end any time soon, American and Cuban leaders today are trying to bring a relationship once defined by a crisis in the 1960s into the 21st century.

The English Conversation Club has started up again after many requests by patrons, under the sponsorship of the chapter. The club meets at 11:00 am on Saturdays. No registration required.



Potomac Chapter at the Potomac Day Parade.

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Chapter Book Sales

For a full list of book sales in library branches, visit the MCPL website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/about/bookdonations.html>



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