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5TH ANNUAL LIBRARY AFTER DARK GALA

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Rockville Memorial Library
21 Maryland Ave

Join FOLMC Honorary Chairs Penny and David Yao, Emcee Bob Levey, author and journalist, formerly of *The Washington Post*, and our distinguished honorees at the 5th Annual Library After Dark Gala as we recognize the library staff, volunteers, donors, and community leaders who make Montgomery County Public Libraries an outstanding, nationally-recognized system. This year, we are thrilled to honor:

Mark Santoro

B. Parker Hamilton Library Professional of the Year Award

Aileen Klein

Charles W. Gilchrist Award

This year's theme, *Libraries Take You Places*, celebrates not only the exotic settings to which books transport readers but also the ability of MCPL to transform lives by providing rich resources to learn, grow, and create community for all who live, work, and play in the county.

This is a chance to pay tribute and give back to libraries through your donations and your attendance at the premier library event of the year.

Visit www.folmc.org for information on how you can become a sponsor and to purchase event tickets.



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From the President of the Board and the Executive Director

Tom Thomson and Ari Z. Brooks, MSW

During the difficult times in your life, it is comforting to know who your friends are. These are the people who love and support you no matter what. That has been my experience this past year with the illness and death of my sister. Thank you to everyone who comforted my family by sending cards and flowers. It was especially touching to have received memorial gifts to FOLMC in her name. My sister was an avid reader and graduated valedictorian of her nursing class, so education and libraries were of utmost importance to her. Paying tribute to her in such a meaningful way was a true act of friendship.

Giving and showing gratitude are key to maintaining and strengthening our friendships; they show how much we value and depend on each other. As we move into a new season, FOLMC will celebrate those who have given their time, talent, and resources to MCPL for it to better serve the needs of our community. The newly named B. Parker Hamilton Library Professional of the Year award celebrates excellence in librarianship and library service and will go to Mark Santoro. Mark was nominated by four of his peers for his quiet strength through uncertainty and carrying out innovative initiatives such as Library Matters podcast. We will award Aileen Klein the Charles W. Gilchrist award for her exemplary volunteer service throughout the county and dedication to MCPL.

Join us at Library After Dark on Saturday, April 13 to pay tribute to them and show our gratitude for their contributions to MCPL.

Ari Z. Brooks



Save the Dates

Library After Dark – April 13, Rockville Memorial Library

Vinyl Day: Record Festival – April 27, Silver Spring Library

Mosaic: Diversity Through Creative Writing Awards Ceremony

May 22, Johns Hopkins University, Montgomery County Campus

Boon Supply Spring Fundraiser

Shop for a Truck

From vegan leather tote bags to fashionable tech gadgets, Boon Supply has all of your Mother's Day gifts covered. This socially-conscious and eco-friendly company offers high-end yet affordable items for the everyday needs of the mother in your life.

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Shop from April 1 to May 19 and 40% of every purchase goes directly to FOLMC to help us purchase a new truck to more easily move book donations throughout the 500+ square miles of our county. Help us expand our donation pickup service so we can improve our inventory and increase our ability to raise funds for MCPL.

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Staff Spotlight

Meet Melly Kitenge, FOLMC Office Coordinator



Melly is originally from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and went to college at Grinnell College in Iowa. In 2002, Melly became a resident of Maryland working a variety of office management jobs. When the time came to look for another position, FOLMC was the perfect fit since her family spends a lot of time in the library. Melly's favorite memory is taking her kids to storytime and hearing about it days later, effectively turning them into bookworms, and she wanted to work with nonprofits.

While Melly typically prefers to read biographies, self improvements books, and her Bible, her current read is *Four Winds of Love* by Danny Caspi. When not reading (or serving as our first point of contact for members, donors, Chapters, and vendors), Melly is a skilled crafter. She has a passion for sewing and making jewelry out of African-Inspired fabrics. Already FOLMC programming has been influenced by Melly's creative side, as seen by attendees of our Library Lovers Month Kickoff where she worked with children to create

buttons out of old magazines and fabric.

Buttons are currently on sale at the Rockville Bookstore. Learn more about locations and hours at www.folmc.org/bookstores.



Mark Your Calendars

Vinyl Day

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Silver Spring Branch, 900 Wayne Ave.

Join this retro event celebrating vinyl records with fun for the whole family.

There will be:

- Preview of the documentary "Feast Your Ears", a history of WHFS 102.3FM
- Record sales,
- Makerspace activities,
- Signing of *Cerphe's Up: A Musical Life with Bruce Springsteen, Little Feet, Frank Zappa, Tom Waits, CSNY, and Many More* with DeeJay Cerphe Colwell
- Turntable Experience, and
- Musical performances by contestants of Make Music Montgomery.



Just for the RECORD

Mosaic Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Johns Hopkins University,
Rockville Campus, Gilchrist Auditorium
9601 Medical Center Dr.



Celebrate with the winners and honorable mentions of the Mosaic Creative Writing Program for Montgomery County Middle School students as they become published authors and engage with keynote author Elizabeth Acevedo, whose first book *The Poet X* won the 2018 National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

Board Spotlight Pam Saussy



Why did you decide to join the FOLMC board?

I strongly believe in the importance of public libraries and FOLMC seemed a logical choice for a lifelong reader.

What is your hometown, professional background, where did you go to school?

I grew up all over the US, so I don't have a "hometown" per se. When my family relocated from Boston to Maryland, I took a staff position at the Literacy Council of Montgomery County, MD, and was Executive Director there for 10 years before retiring.

What do you like to read?

I read a lot of dystopian and speculative fiction, historical fiction set in the Middle Ages, WWII and Cold War stories (particularly about spies), Scandinavian detective series. On the non-fiction side, medical, and science-oriented stuff in addition to the newspaper.

What's on your nightstand?

Figuratively speaking (since I use an e-reader), my to-be-read stack includes *Golden State* by Ben Winters, *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, *CIRCE* by Madeline Miller, and *I Contain*

Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us by Ed Yong.

What are your other hobbies?

I spend a couple of hours a day on re-learning math and am really enjoying it. I also love to do crossword puzzles. My husband and I go to the movies nearly every weekend, and we love to travel.

What's a fun memory of your local library?

My fondest memory of MCPL is being involved in the design charrettes for the Rockville Memorial Library back in the early 2000's. I got to learn about how a library is designed from the ground up, which was quite fun!

What do you enjoy most of working/volunteering with FOLMC?

I enjoy being able to contribute my skills to a cause I care about. I've met some really interesting folks on the board, too.

From the Library Director

Anita Vassallo, Acting MCPL Director



Committed, enthusiastic, reliable, effective, giving, energetic – these are just a few words to describe our volunteers. This spring, during the month of April, Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will recognize this very special group of people who deserve to be celebrated year-round for lending their time and resources to MCPL.

Our volunteers are passionate about MCPL, and it shows in their work – from clerical tasks to sorting checked in materials to assisting branch staff with programs to gardening to serving on committees and boards to leading conversation clubs and book discussion groups – they give it their all.

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated and talented volunteers who work with us in and outside our buildings. Last year, they volunteered more than 43,200 hours to

MCPL – that is outstanding! Because of their support, we are able to provide consistent excellent services to our customers.

I would like to personally and publicly thank all our volunteers. Because of you, our programs run smoother; our buildings are more attractive; our message is more widespread; and our voice is stronger.

We are proud of the work you have done in helping us delight our customers.

Volunteers aren't paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.
~ Anonymous~

Bookstore Update

Introducing Dan Kelly, Wheaton Bookstore Manager

Dan discovered the Wheaton Bookstore shortly after moving to Glenmont in 2002 from southern Ontario, Canada. A used bookstore junkie since his teens, Dan was astounded by the variety of books and their prices. Over the years he found little gems — forgotten Penguin paperbacks, Norton anthologies, Brewer's Dictionaries — that opened paths of learning he still gains from.

Some of Dan's earliest memories are of the children's section of his local library. It's probably no different than anyone else's story — showing how prevalent and necessary libraries are — except that he swears, as does his sister, that R2-D2 visited when Dan was five years old. There's a possibility it might have been a trash can.

Regardless, his memory of the library shines that brightly, and Dan hopes the work FOLMC does at the Old Silver Spring Library location and, soon, the new Wheaton Bookstore helps the county make memories that will last as long. Dan also looks forward to, "keeping a place for forgotten books, those odd out-of-print editions, and collections people put care into making. A used book has life in it equal to its care. If the care of the bookstore adds to the life of MCPL, that's a success."

Stop by the Wheaton Bookstore at Old Silver Spring Library and introduce yourself. For bookstore locations and hours visit www.folmc.org/bookstores.



Did you know we manage email lists to serve our bookstore comic and vinyl record shopping community? Send an email to bookstores@folmc.org and let us know which list you would like to be added to for updates regarding particularly large quantity and/or high quality donations.

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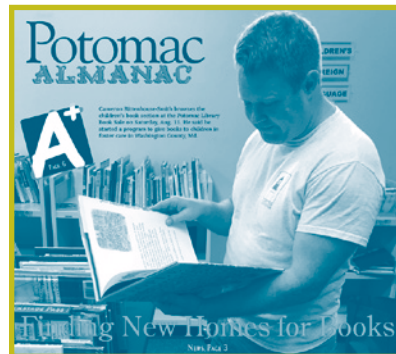
Chapter Spotlight

POTOMAC

President: Edyth Wingate

Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter is one of FOLMCs' earliest Chapters, with an exceptionally popular monthly booksale which supports numerous exciting programs and collaborations. Booksales occur on the second Saturday of each month, with proceeds from the sales underwrite many of the branch's programs, including annual celebrations of Chinese New Year, summer reading activities, and Great Decisions, a series of talks on crucial international issues.

The sales, organized by long-time chapter board member Judy Davis and dedicated volunteers, have proved so successful and popular that the *Potomac Almanac* recently spotlighted the monthly event in a cover article. Some of the programs these sales have enabled the Chapter to sponsor are:



A "virtual tour" of Glenstone Art Museum with a well-attended talk by the museum's Outreach Director. Reinforcing the community tie, the museum gave the library a multi-volume set of catalogs and books of and by artists whose works are displayed at the museum. The books are available in the library's reference area for perusal in the library. Described by *The Washington Post* as "what may be the country's greatest private collection of American and European contemporary art," Glenstone encompasses

two large exhibition buildings and more than 230 acres of landscape art and outdoor sculptures.

Potomac Day, featuring a parade, children's activities and retail/community organizations outreach. Each year the chapter provides a storybook character, most recently Paddington Bear, who proves to be popular among adults and children alike, as well as with Potomac Library Branch Manager Lunden Gillespie. On March 30 at 10:30 am the library will celebrate Paddington's birthday with a movie and kids' activities.

Also upcoming: Harriet Tubman will visit the library March 23 at 11 am. The Underground Railroad conductor, portrayed by master storyteller Janice Curtis Greene, will tell tales of tragedy and triumph in a program for all ages.

Be sure to check out our website for other upcoming events at www.folmc.org/potomac-chapter and visit one of our upcoming booksales on the second Saturday of each month.



FOL Chapter Sponsored Events

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

MARCH

- 20 1:00pm, Little Falls, Literary Salon, "War and After"
- 21 4:00pm, Connie Morella, Kids' Board Game Time
- 23 11:00am, Potomac: Harriet Tubman Tell Tales of Those Who Would be Free
- 27 12:00pm, Chevy Chase, Gentle Hatha Yoga
- 30 1:00am, Rockville Memorial: Cuentos & Canciones with Ms. Mabelle

APRIL

- 5 4:30pm, Gaithersburg: Lego Crew
- 13 2:00pm, Olney: Science Saturday - Decoding DNA
- 18 10:30am, Potomac: Animals, Textures and Colors with Echoes of Nature
- 20 11:00am, Connie Morella: Science and Stories: Dino Dig
- 20 2:00pm, Germantown: Sharks!
- 27 10:30am, Little Falls: Spanish Storytime with Vanessa Cabrera

MAY

- 2 10:30am, Damascus: Construction Crew: DUPLO
- 6 7:30pm, Silver Spring: Adult Book Discussion *Tenth of December*
- 9 10:30am, Chevy Chase: Handcrafters Meetup
- 11 2:00pm, Olney: Science Saturday – Uncovering Facts About Dinosaurs
- 18 11:00am, Connie Morella: Science and Stories: Engineering Challenge
- 18 2:00pm, Germantown: Let's Meet a Martian!

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

Mission: 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.**



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



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Student Board Representative

FOLMC is now accepting applications for a Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. The term for the selected student will begin in August 2019. The deadline for application materials is March 29, 2019. Eligible students should be entering 11th grade in the fall of 2019.

Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees gain valuable insight and experience related to areas of nonprofit organizations, nonprofit boards and governance, leadership, and community involvement. While not a voting member of the Board of Trustees, the student representative will impact how FOLMC determines programs and enhancements with particular focus for how to best serve the teen population in Montgomery County.

This is a two-year term that begins in the student's junior year of high school. The student representative position requires that the student work on his/her own, independent of board meetings. The student must track all hours for community service and is responsible for filling out the appropriate paperwork with his/her school.

Learn more and apply at: <https://www.folmc.org/about/student-representative/>

Board Recruitment

Are you looking for a meaningful way to become more involved in your community? FOLMC invites library lovers to join our Board of Trustees. Apply online at www.folmc.org/support/volunteer-with-us/board-of-trustees-application/ or call (240) 777-0020 with questions.