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Presenting Alexandra Petri

October 27, 11:30 a.m.



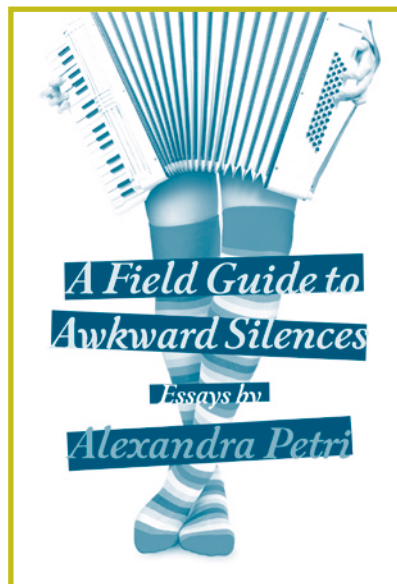
FOLMC presents writer Alexandra Petri for the 29th Annual Literary Series. Join us Thursday, October 27 at the Mansion at Strathmore in North Bethesda to hear Petri discuss her debut book *A Field Guide To Awkward Silences* where she turns her satirical eye on her own life detailing how interesting things start to happen when you stop caring what people think. Petri is a blogger and columnist for the *Washington Post*, and the 2014 O. Henry International Pun Champion. Humorist Dave Barry declares "Alexandra Petri is the funniest person in Washington. This is all the more impressive when you consider that Congress is also located there."

Guests are invited to enjoy the beautiful art exhibitions in the historic Mansion, meet the author, and have their book personally signed. Copies of the book will be available to purchase on-site. The lecture begins at 11:30 a.m. and is followed by an optional lunch and book signing.

This event is held in partnership with Strathmore and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival (www.fscottfestival.org) celebrating the 20th Annual Festival on October 29 presenting the 2016 F. Scott Fitzgerald Award to Garrison Keillor. To register for the October 27 event, mail a completed enclosed flyer to our office, call 240-777-0020, or register online at www.folmc.org.



STRATHMORE



Summer Read & Learn Programs

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

JULY

- 2 11 a.m., Little Falls: A Day at the Beach
- 5 1 p.m., Twinbrook: Piccolo's Trunk
- 6 11 a.m., Gaithersburg: Rope Warriors
- 7 7 p.m., Olney: Science is Everywhere
- 11 3 p.m., Damascus: Science Explorers
- 12 4 p.m., Aspen Hill: Children's Comedy Show
- 13 6 p.m., Davis: Percussion Discussion
- 16 10:30 a.m., Silver Spring: Bananas! by Blue Sky Puppets
- 16 2 p.m., White Oak: Spectacular Mad Science
- 23 1 p.m., Quince Orchard: Sensory Safari
- 30 3 p.m., Kensington Park: Wetland Reptiles Alive

AUGUST

- 4 10:30 a.m., Bethesda: Trickster Tales by Barefoot Puppets
- 6 3 p.m., Praisner: Spencer "Spinny" Johnson
- 6 7:30 p.m., Rockville Memorial: Taiwanese Dancing Clouds and Wild Lilies
- 12 11 a.m., Germantown: Sport-acular Magic Show
- 18 11 a.m., Potomac: Echoes of Nature
- 20 1 p.m., Chevy Chase: Board & Card Gaming

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From the Executive Director and President of the Board of Trustees

Ari Z. Brooks, MSW and Ellen L. Berman

We've never been prouder to be part of FOLMC than on April 9 when we celebrated the Magic of Libraries during National Library Week at our second annual Library After Dark fundraiser. The event was a phenomenal success and brought together our friends, supporters, and partners who help make our public library system one of the leading libraries in the country.

The evening was filled with music, food, and magical entertainment by performer Peter Wood. We heard the heartfelt words from author and winner of our first Librarians' Choice Award Ellen Oh on the impact libraries have had on her life. We listened to the creative story of the



Magician Peter Wood and a young assistant awe the crowd

teen student Sydney Sackett, a participant in the Maryland Writers' Association's Teen Writing Clubs. And FOLMC was delighted to present the Library Professional of the Year award to Regina Holyfield-Jewett who was joined by her children and grandchildren at the event, one of whom helped entertain the crowd as a magician's assistant!

Special thanks to Thom and Barbara Harr, Text Design Inc., Colonial Parking, Federal Realty Investment Trust, Grimm & Parker Architects, Capital Bank, and Westat, as well as Awo Sarpong Ansu and Kofi Ansu, Dan and Nancy Balz, Gary and Linda Berg-Cross, Ellen Berman, The Brickman Family Foundation, Creative Associates International, FOL Davis Chapter, Larry and Joan Friend, Laura Frene, CPA & Associates, LLC, Parker Hamilton, Kelly and Brian Headd, Diane and Dennis Horn, Aileen and Barry Klein, Carol Leahy, James Montgomery, David and Carla Satinsky, Thriftbooks, United Therapeutics, Janet and Ron Wolfsheimer, and Rivka Yerushalmi.

Once again congratulations to our 2016 award winners and thank you to the attendees and sponsors who helped make this second year such a success.



Author Ellen Oh and Honorary Chairs Barbara and Thom Harr

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



Check It Out: Summer Read and Learn



Each year FOLMC proudly sponsors MCPL's summer reading program. This year there is a new program name, Summer Read and Learn, which reflects the national movement in libraries to combine reading and learning to prevent summer slide in multiple subject areas. This combined focus aims to:

- create a more rounded learning experience for kids and teens over the summer;
- encourage reluctant readers; and
- acknowledge that children and teens have different learning styles.

Summer Read and Learn offers targeted programming for four different age groups including: Babies-Preschool (Birth-Age 5), Elementary School Age Children (Ages 6-12), Teens (Ages 13-17), and Adults (Ages 18+). Participants have four tracks to complete: Move, Explore, Create, and Connect; and kids & teens receive prizes at each stage of completion. One of the prizes includes a voucher for one free book at FOLMC Bookstores. Learn more and sign up for Summer Read and Learn today through MCPL's website <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library>.

FOLMC Bookstores are also selling a limited supply of summer reading t-shirts in youth and adult sizes. Stop by soon to purchase yours.



Board Spotlight Jim Montgomery

On my first Saturday in Montgomery County in 1974, I had to wait to find a place to park at the Bethesda Library. I was delighted. We had moved to a county that clearly takes its books and its libraries seriously. So, when I was given an opportunity to work for our libraries with the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, I took it eagerly.

I was born in New Jersey into a house filled with books. I started hanging out at the local library as soon as I could walk to it. My wife created books as a supervising editor in the publishing business and our three children haunted libraries both in Thailand, where they spent much of their childhoods, or in Bethesda where they all went to our local schools.

I agree with our County Executive Ike Leggett that our libraries are the great equalizer. They not only make books, films, and music equally available to everyone, they also give our newcomers access to the special information and training they can use to find their way in their new home and to change their lives. Libraries are also our bootstraps.

I live in West Bethesda, read lots of books, stay involved in politics, follow the Nationals, and garden.

2016 Mosaic Program

Congratulations to the 2016 winners and honorable mentions of the *Mosaic: Celebrating Diversity through Creative Writing* Program. On May 25, FOLMC honored 25 students at the Awards Ceremony and Reception. The students received certificates of excellence from the County Executive and Councilmember Craig Rice for their achievements in creative writing.

The annual year-long program is held in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools and MCPL. The Awards Ceremony and Reception were held in partnership with Johns Hopkins University, Montgomery County Campus and through generous financial sponsorships from The Sulica Fund and IBM Corporation. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped make this year a success and congratulations to the students.

For more information about Mosaic, visit <http://www.folmc.org/events-calendar/mosaic/>.



2016 Mosaic Winners and Honorable Mentions

Winners: Luka Brizhik, Tessa Brizhik, Vera Chaudhry, Lily Freeman, Annabelle Sargent, Abrar Sheikh, Divyaveda Vadlamudi, Amy Vinh, and Jessica Ye.

Honorable Mentions: Jiyani Bright, Sarah Firdaus, Harriet Gaughan, Sandra Ihougan, Bitanya Kebede, Nadia Makmak, Sakiko Miyazaki, Lara Ojha, Hana O'Looney, Marie Andre Joyce Onana, Sofia Rosenbaum, Yahav Sarig, Sophie Small, Emmy Song, Kara Vaka, and Hanna Wosenu.



From the Stacks

WB@OSSL Opens June 20

FOLMC is excited to announce the Wheaton Bookstore at the Old Silver Spring Library (WB@OSSL) will open starting Monday, June 20 for regular hours (Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday: noon – 6 p.m.). WB@OSSL is located at 8901 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Follow us on social media and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter for up-to-date information (visit www.folmc.org and click on the "Sign up for our e-newsletter" button in the bottom right corner).

In case you missed it, our Wheaton Bookstore location in the lower level of the Wheaton Library has temporarily closed while the Wheaton Library undergoes a complete renovation. The new library and combined recreation center is scheduled to reopen Summer 2018. The bookstore plans to reopen in the new building once it is complete.

Our third annual Twice Told Tale Live Auction has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 10. The auction will take place at our newly expanded Rockville Bookstore and a preview will be held the Friday before. Highlights for this year's auction include first editions of William Faulkner, John Steinbeck, and Edith Wharton. Also up for bid will be various volumes signed by former Presidents of the United States. A full catalog of items will be available online and at the bookstores later this summer.

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From the Library Director

Parker Hamilton, MCPL Director



Together, we—industry, education, government, nonprofits, philanthropy—need to step up and own our role in creating a county where every resident looking for a job is employed and on a career path towards self-sufficiency . . .

(from Montgomery Moving Forward, Call to Action)

In May, Adrienne Van Lare began her assignment as the Workforce and Business Development Coordinator for MCPL. Coming from the County's Department of Economic Development (DED), Adrienne worked as an international business development specialist and served as DED's international team leader. She also held positions with the Maryland State Office of International Trade and Investment, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank. Adrienne will use her myriad skills to plan, coordinate, deliver, and evaluate workforce and business development programs, trainings, workshops, seminars, and presentations in all branches. These targeted programs will assist County residents in their pursuit of career and business development.

One of the first initiatives under MCPL's Workforce and Business Development umbrella is *Career Online High School*, a program by Gale, Cengage Learning. Part of the first accredited, private online school district, *Career Online High School* is specifically designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into postsecondary career education or the workforce. MCPL will award scholarships for *Career Online High School* to qualified learners who are seeking to earn high school diplomas and advance their careers. We are excited about partnering with Gale to offer this opportunity that has the power to transform lives. To learn more about this program visit our website www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

We are strategically moving forward in our goal to help learners succeed and in our mission to offer free and equal access to services and resources that connect County residents to ideas and information which sustain and enrich their lives.

Seasoned Spellers

October 1

Registration has opened for the 7th Annual Seasoned Spellers Senior Spelling Bee. Adults age 55 years and over are invited to compete in an official spelling bee before an audience of friends, family, and fellow spelling enthusiasts. All participants receive a goody bag and there is a grand prize for first place!

The Bee will be held Saturday, October 1, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Damascus Library (9701 Main Street, Damascus, MD 20872). Participants must register by September 23 and pay a \$25 non-refundable participation fee. See the enclosed flyer or go online at www.folmc.org for more details and to register as a participant. Don't want to spell? You can still join the audience to cheer on the spellers! The Bee is free and open to the public to watch.



2015 Bee Champion Claire Center with co-contestant Mendelle Woodley

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The FOL Bethesda Chapter is looking forward to sponsoring several summertime family programs. Saturday, July 23 at 11 a.m. presents Music N' Motion. Join performer Tracey Eldridge for interactive musical activities including sing-alongs and story songs with puppetry. This event is recommended for children ages three and up.

Thursday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m. Barefoot Puppets presents Trickster Tales. Can a spider defeat an elephant at tug-of-war? Overpower a python? Capture a cloud of hornets? With Anansi the Spider, world famous trickster, all things are possible... if you only have a plan! This puppet show is recommended for children ages three and up.

To learn more about the Bethesda chapter and how to get involved email bethesda@folmc.org.



Photo courtesy of MCPL

QUINCE ORCHARD

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The FOL Quince Orchard Chapter has been an active part of the community since the Quince Orchard branch opened in 1999. The chapter holds an ongoing book sale in the library which provides support and enhancements to the library.

The chapter sponsors many programs including the popular Penny Theatre monthly program presenting with puppet shows ideal for ages three to six, as well as the spring Seed Planting programs and Light Painting Labs where children used LEDs, batteries, and conductive materials to construct glowing "bushes." The FOL Quince Orchard Chapter also supported the UTSAV Indian Cultural celebration complete with music, dancing, and crafts.

This summer the chapter is sponsoring the teen makerspace program "Ready, Set, Gobots" and children's ZOOmobile programs discussing why some animals come out at night and how they use their senses for life in the dark.

To learn more about the Quince Orchard chapter and how to get involved email quinceorchard@folmc.org.



*Quince Orchard Chapter member
Judy Mostyn-White playing the
harp during a program.
Photo courtesy of Luanne Karr*

Chapter Spotlights

SILVER SPRING

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The FOL Silver Spring Chapter was excited to host the annual officers meeting in March, where attendees were given a tour of the library, including its Early Literacy Center funded in part by the chapter.

The chapter continues to co-sponsor the monthly Author Series, which draws on the diverse local community of writers and is presented in a conversational format. Recent speakers have included Eric Weiner, who wrote *The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative Places from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley*; Emily Mitchell, author of *Viral: Stories*; and Roger Thurow, author of the recently released *The First 1,000 Days: A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children—and the World*. The series will return this fall on September 15 with April Ryan, author of *The Presidency in Black and White: My Up-Close View of Three Presidents and Race in America*.

With the Levine School of Music opening its fourth campus at the Silver Spring Library this summer, the chapter is looking forward to the potential for new types of programming partnerships. The chapter is sponsoring several upcoming summer reading programs including Under the Sea – “Sharks” July 6; Blue Sky Puppets, “Bananas” July 16; and Mike Rose – “SPORT-tacular Magic,” July 30.

To learn more about the Silver Spring chapter and how to get involved email silverspring@folmc.org.



Early Literacy Center. Photo courtesy of FOL Silver Spring Chapter

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