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Music to Our Ears - Just for the Record: A Vinyl Day, Is Back!

Join our day-long vinyl record celebration on August 12, 2023

There's something about the feeling of putting a needle on a record. It's said that out of all of the musical formats, vinyl records sound the best, and that analog recordings (such as vinyl records) most closely represent the sounds being recorded—whether it's voices, or instruments, or even the sounds of nature.

Vinyl records have staged a big comeback, outpacing CDs in terms of sales. Even albums that get digitally released in 2023 are simultaneously coming out on vinyl. Clearly, vinyl records have staying power, and that's why we have set aside an entire day to listen, discuss, and celebrate them!

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This goes right
to the heart.

Just for the Record, a Vinyl Day is one of the most eagerly anticipated FOLMC events. You don't even need to own a record player to participate.

This year's event will take place all day on Saturday, August 12 at Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library (Silver Spring). You can also tune in to the event by visiting MCPL's Facebook Page, where portions of it will be streamed live. (No need for a Facebook account.)

<https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCountyPublicLibraries>

Our partners, MCPL, the Mid-Atlantic Scratch League, and Levine Music, have put together an amazing program. You can take part in as much or as little as you like—and best of all, it's free!

And what would a day devoted to vinyl records be without the chance to go shopping? We'll have crates of vinyl for you to peruse as well as a curated selection of books. Can't make it to the library that day? We sell vinyl at both bookstores every day!

The day is a great way to celebrate music, build community, and learn more about the many musical resources MCPL offers. Won't you join us?

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Thank you! Music
AND inspiration.



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Great cover!

Select Events

Mid-Atlantic Scratch League (MASL)
Presents **FADERATION: United Cuts
& Scratches 2023 Mid-Atlantic DJ
Tournament**
Scratch Battle

**Contemporary Conversations Panel
Discussion:**
The State of Hip-Hop & Black Music

Music Production Workshop
*(DAWs, MPCs, Pocket Operators,
Phone Apps)*

Songwriting Workshop

Art of Turntablism Workshop

Kids Storytimes

Kids Arts Project with Records

How Can You Stand Behind Libraries?



Ari Z. Brooks,
Executive Director, FOLMC

I've always understood the value of the library, but in today's climate of book bans, budget cuts, and intolerance, the institution itself has come under siege. Yet through new technologies, libraries are reaching more people than ever before, and trying to connect us instead of driving us apart.

Libraries are more relevant—and more essential—than they've ever been, but they need your support to continue to make these transformations possible.

It's up to all of us to stand behind libraries.

Here's just a few ways how FOLMC stands behind libraries:

- We support MCPL's new Strategic Plan by funding core services for critical populations: Children 5 and under, teens ready for college, speakers of languages other than English, and residents with limited access to technology.
- We have sponsored MCPL's membership in Urban Libraries Council for many years, ensuring that MCPL stays abreast of the latest urban library research techniques, trends, and advocacy,
- We host programs and events that are a direct response to our community's needs, addressing issues like inclusivity and tolerance.

How can you stand behind libraries?

- You can teach your kids to love the library. Start early by taking them to Storytimes and introducing them to library staff.
- You can tell your friends about libraries—they're not only for kids! Get involved in the many workforce development and community building programs the library offers, and have fun, too.
- You can show your support for libraries by making a donation today, which will go a long way in ensuring they'll be around tomorrow.

Libraries support everyone, regardless of race, gender, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation. They are free public spaces that allow everyone to feel safe and to find opportunity. Libraries are living, breathing, and continually evolving spaces—it's up to us to stand behind them. The future simply depends on it.

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In Loving Memory



FOLMC is saddened to learn of the passing of Sheila Nathanson Lockshin and Joginder Singh, both of whom were tireless library supporters and true heroes of MCPL. The outpouring of support has been truly touching and we are honored that they thought of FOLMC during this difficult time.

Sheila Lockshin, a devoted mother and educator, was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 30, 1941 to Ethel and Fred Nathanson. The family matriarch and beloved 3rd grade teacher at the Landon School for 20 years, Sheila touched the lives of many. Her role as an educator did not stop once she retired. She was committed to passing on her legacy to each member of her family. Nothing made her happier than spending time with her 10 grandchildren. She appreciated the simple things in life: A good book, tasty recipe, tidy house, grammar rules, and anything purple.

Joginder Singh was a devoted Sikh, son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, amongst countless other roles. Born September 10, 1925 in Lahore (now Pakistan), his love for libraries started at the Central Institute of Education in Delhi. Singh worked for the American Library, New Delhi, for 32 years—the last 10 as the library's Director.

Singh remained active through his retirement, volunteering as the Library Consultant at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie, India. He also compiled and edited the Fourth Edition of the Indian Library Directory which was published by the Indian Library Association. After immigrating to the United States in the mid-1980s, Singh was appointed to the Montgomery County Library Board and the Germantown Library Advisory Committee, serving as Chair to both.

Singh was recognized as an "Outstanding Volunteer" by the Maryland Library Association and was named a "Library Hero" by FOLMC in recognition of his support to MCPL. Singh continued serving on the Gaithersburg Library Advisory Committee until 2022.

Thank you to all those who have already given in their memory.

For those who still wish to give and help us continue their legacies, please use this link so we can share your support with the families: <https://www.folmc.org/support/memorials-tributes/>



A Note from MCPL Director Anita Vassallo

I am pleased to share the progress Libraries has made towards some of the actions of our FY23-FY26 Strategic Plan. The action items fall under our four goals:

- Children 5 and under are ready for kindergarten.
- Teens are ready for college and/or the workforce, and to be lifelong users of the library.
- Speakers of languages other than English can participate fully in American society.
- Residents with limited access to technology and/or the internet can navigate a digital world to get what they need.

In February, Tyler Chadwell-English joined MCPL as our Teen Program Manager. Tyler served as a teen librarian in the Frederick County (MD) Library System. His vision is to bring County teens programming that benefits and excites them; to provide services that help them navigate career and educational opportunities; and to create welcoming spaces in our libraries that will foster lifelong library customers. Tyler has begun to design, implement and evaluate services for teens across MCPL.

Successful implementation of part one of our Hatchlings pilot was completed in March. The well-attended *Hatchlings: Ready to Hatch* programs received very positive feedback from customers. Hatchlings is a Maryland State Library sponsored program that helps expectant and new parents build the skills needed to be their child's first teachers. Songs and activities are used to help expectant parents learn about their baby's brain and body

development and how to set their child up for success by encouraging reading from the start.

MCPL purchased Welcoming Library kits created by I'm Your Neighbor Books, a nonprofit striving to facilitate engagement with children's books that represent New Arrival and New American communities. A Welcoming Library is a curated 30-book, all-ages picture book collection that depicts global, modern migration and the generations that build their lives in a new home. Each book contains a unique set of discussion questions written by I'm Your Neighbor Books and their cultural advisors. The kits, funded by FOLMC, will rotate throughout the system.

Our Summer Reading Challenge! is scheduled to begin on June 17. The 2023 theme is "All Together Now." MCPL and FOLMC are teaming up with several local non-profit organizations to help children and teens spread kindness to local animals, people, and the planet. When participants read and earn e-badges, they will help Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center and Friends of Montgomery County Animals find forever homes for their adoptable pets; assist Manna Food Center with feeding families throughout the community, and enable Montgomery Parks Foundation to install 450 solar panels, providing green energy to power local parks.

We greatly appreciate the generous support of FOLMC as we continue work on the strategic goals and our mission of providing equitable access to information, ideas, and experiences that spark imagination and expand possibilities for all.

Congratulations, Mosaic Winners!

Mosaic is an annual language arts program for middle school students to showcase their creative talents and express their cultural identities. Winners and Honorable Mentions are published in the FOLMC Mosaic Anthology, which you can order by visiting www.folmc.org.

Join us in congratulating our 2022-2023 Mosaic Winners and Honorable Mentions!

6th Grade Winners

Sifali Maskey, Essay, John Poole
Kyndall Ellzey, Poem, Julius West*
Jillian Sidel, Short Story, Eastern

7th Grade Winners

Hailey Cardenas, Essay, Ridgeview
Zoila Zhou-Castro, Poem, Odessa Shannon
Aasha Akkinpally, Short Story, Herbert Hoover

8th Grade Winners

Cayla Yang, Essay, Hallie Wells
Noah Muttamara, Poem, Hallie Wells
William Liao, Short Story, Herbert Hoover

6th Grade Honorable Mentions

Roxana Hann, Poem, Ridgeview
Sufyana Johnson, Poem, Westland

7th Grade Honorable Mentions

Nika Hann, Essay, Ridgeview
Kimiko Tokinon, Essay, Rosa Parks
Liora Lee, Poem, Robert Frost
Yamini Gupta, Poem, Ridgeview
Grace Kim, Poem, Herbert Hoover
Juveria Asad, Short Story, Hallie Wells

8th Grade Honorable Mentions

Ada Karakus, Essay, John Poole
Pranavi Bhamidipati, Poem, Lakelands Park
Vivien Turturro-Iuzzini, Poem, Hallie Wells

* Best in Show



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Celebrating Pride Month



Emanuel Xavier Regie Cabico

June 9, 5:30–7:30 PM
Wheaton Library



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mcpl.events/contemporary-conversations