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Library Lovers Month Kick-Off



Show your libraries mad love this February during Library Lovers Month with this year's theme, Mad About Science.

FOLMC will host a family-friendly Library Lovers Month Kickoff at the newly refreshed Aspen Hill branch on Saturday, February 3, at 11 a.m. The event will feature an interactive STEM show and a hands-on booth "Bubbling Potions and Explosions" by the Science Guys of Baltimore.

MCPL provides a variety of STEM resources and offerings year round that help foster a love of science and exploration. Branches and FOL chapters will host special events and activities to celebrate all month long.

You can also tell us why you're madly in love with your library. Just fill out a postcard while at your branch or share a photo on FOLMC's Facebook or Instagram pages (be sure to tag #ILoveMyLibrary and #MadLoveForLibraries).

Visit www.folmc.org for more information about the kickoff event and other Library Lovers Month activities. Library Lovers Month is sponsored in partnership with the Montgomery County Library Board and Friends of the Library, Aspen Hill Chapter.

FOL Chapter Sponsored Events

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

JANUARY

- 4** 10:30 a.m., Chevy Chase: Toddler Arts and Crafts – Penguins
- 11** 11:30 a.m., Damascus: Construction Crew – Duplos
- 21** All Day, Germantown: Superhero Photo Booth
- 27** 12:30 p.m., Silver Spring: Weekend Lego Play

FEBRUARY

- 2** 3:30 p.m., Chevy Chase: Lego Play
- 3** 11 a.m., Aspen Hill: Library Lovers Month Kick-Off
- 7** 7 p.m., Davis: Meet Harriet Tubman
- 17** 11 a.m., Little Falls: *Elephant and Piggie* Party
- 24** 1 p.m., Potomac: Chinese New Year Celebration

LLM Original House of Pancake Dine-In Day Fundraiser



Celebrate Library Lovers Month with stacks for the stacks. The Original Pancake House (OPH) will host their annual Dine-in Day fundraiser on Thursday, February 22 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. OPH will generously donate 15% of sales to FOLMC.

Two participating locations:

Bethesda, 7703 Woodmont Avenue, (301) 986-0285

Rockville, 12224 Rockville Pike, (301) 468-0886

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From the President of the Board and the Executive Director

Tom Thomson and Ari Z. Brooks, MSW

Be a Friend to the Libraries

As we approach this giving season, we at FOLMC have been asking ourselves "What does it mean to be a friend?" Merriam-Webster defines friend as "one attached to another by affection or esteem." Being a friend of the library means you understand the value of our library's role in our community and want to contribute to the expansion of its resources to serve the public. Our libraries need you as a friend to increase their capacity through your donated dollars, volunteerism, and advocacy. You can show your friendship to libraries and our community with a donation to FOLMC this holiday season. Your end-of-year gift today will contribute to MCPL programming such as Summer Read and Learn, resources for job seekers, technology initiatives, special book purchases, and professional development for library staff to positively impact even more people.

Be a friend to libraries. You can use the enclosed envelope or visit us online at www.folmc.org/donate/. We hope we can count on you and your friendship this year to make our libraries even stronger than ever. We are most grateful for your steadfast and generous support.

You can also make sure your membership is current by renewing with a local chapter or FOLMC where the need is greatest.

Remember, your donation before midnight on December 31 counts for the 2017 tax season. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, donations to FOLMC are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season and the happiest of new years.



We're Hiring!

Go to www.folmc.org and click on *Work With Us* to view detailed job description and qualifications.

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OUR TEAM**

Administrative & Programs Assistant — This is a part-time position to provide support for our administrative functions and programs. Preferred candidates are passionate about the value of libraries in our county and have a desire to serve the Montgomery County community. Responsibilities include daily office support, bookkeeping tasks, and organization. Send your resume and cover letter to staff@folmc.org.

Bookstore Clerk — This is a part-time position that provides customer assistance and processes bookstore inventory, under the supervision of the Bookstore Manager. Visit one of our bookstores to apply.

B. Parker Hamilton Library Professional Award Presented at 4th Annual Library After Dark



The FOLMC Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the Library Professional of the Year Award has been named in honor of former library director, Parker Hamilton, who retired earlier this year.

Hamilton worked for Montgomery County for almost 37 years and served as MCPL director for 12 years. County Executive Leggett describes her as a "remarkable woman." Hamilton began her working life in South Carolina as a domestic worker, telephone operator, and pawn shop clerk but ended it running one of the most innovative and progressive public library systems in the U.S. She earned her BA and MLS from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. "Director Hamilton's story is a testament to the power of access to knowledge and education," said FOLMC Executive Director Ari Brooks.

The B. Parker Hamilton Award will be presented at the annual Library After Dark Gala on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Rockville Memorial Library. This year we will celebrate the theme of *Stories from the Stacks*. Libraries tell the stories of our community, offering a broad range of free services to all children and families; a place where we can learn, gather, and create new stories together.

Join us for the celebration, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with an evening of entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, cocktails, door prizes, awards ceremony, and more.

Individual and corporate sponsorships for Library After Dark are available. Visit www.folmc.org or call (240) 777-0020 for more information. Ticket purchasing will open in February 2018.



Board Spotlight Hannah Padilla

Hannah Padilla joined the Board of Trustees this year because she "loves reading and wanted a chance to promote the love of reading to the kids in Montgomery County." Hannah was recruited to FOLMC by current board member Gary Berg-Cross, who happens to be her neighbor. Timing is everything. When the opportunity to work with FOLMC came up, Hannah was just stepping down from the board of a D.C. nonprofit. Hannah serves on the Finance and Audit Committee where she is an asset because of her experience as a CPA and partner in the D.C. office of a global accounting firm.

Hannah grew up in York, PA and remembers visiting the library on Saturdays with her grandmother and getting to check out *Nancy Drew* books. She says, "I always checked out as many as was allowed!" Being one of five kids in her family, Hannah enjoyed the peace and quiet found at her local library. She left York to attend Penn State University and moved to Potomac in 2004.

In her spare time, Hannah loves to play with her dogs, reads mostly mysteries, and knits obsessively. She recently learned of the FOL Aspen Hill and Olney Chapters' knitting clubs and plans to check them out. In addition to her daughter and one grandchild, soon to be two, Hannah is pet-parent to two golden retrievers, Sailor and Ruby, who keep her busy.

Save the Date for Vinyl Record Day

Silver Spring Library
Saturday, April 21, 2018; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Save the date for our first-ever *Vinyl Record Day: Just for the Record* hosted in partnership with MCPL, Open Sky Jazz, and the Levine School of Music. Activities will include panel discussions

on political and historical aspects of the vinyl record industry, makerspace activities for all ages, record sales, demonstrations, and live music. Join in the fun and bring the whole family.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Michael Lerman



Michael Lerman started volunteering at the Rockville Bookstore in 2015. Director Ari Brooks describes him as, “very friendly and focused.” She continues, “It’s wonderful to see young professionals getting involved with FOLMC.”

Why did you decide to join the FOLMC team?

I saw a call for volunteers to assist at the Twinbrook Library when it was closing for the Refresh, so I signed up on a lark. From there, I was encouraged to look further into volunteering with FOLMC and, in particular, at the store where I’ve been happily shelving ever since.

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

I grew up in Dresher, PA and went to Muhlenberg College (in Allentown, PA) for a BA in English and Psychology. Volunteering with FOLMC definitely keeps me attuned to the literary bent I’ve always had.

What do you like to read?

Anything and everything, but lately it’s been mostly Caribbean history and Thor Heyerdahl.

What’s a fun memory of your local library?

I recall volunteering during a book sale at Twinbrook Library. It was a lot of fun seeing so many people I know from the neighborhood turn out and leave with sacks full of books.

What are your other hobbies?

Some other hobbies of mine include collecting vinyl records, world travel, birdwatching, and watching British quiz shows with friends.

What’s a fun fact about you?

I’m an avid reader of Mayan history and culture. I’ve visited four Mayan ruins sites, so far, and tend to get into historical debates with the tour guides.

To volunteer, visit www.folmc.org/support/volunteer-with-us/



From the Stacks

We are continually awed by the quality of the book donations we receive from the community. Our Rockville Bookstore recently had the good fortune to find a doubly-signed copy of Andy Warhol’s *Exposures*. Warhol continues to be a bellwether of the art-collecting market and signed Warhol books have been featured in past FOLMC Bookstore live book auctions. This newly-arrived copy features a perpendicular signature along the printed title band of the dust jacket and a flat signature on the half title page.

Another artistic luminary emerged at the Rockville Bookstore in the form of an oblong folio volume entitled, *Picasso: Toreros*. Four original lithographs were executed especially for this book, one of which features 24 dazzling colors.

These books are available for sale by appointment. Serious inquiries please email bookstores@folmc.org.



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From the Library Director

Anita Vassallo, Acting MCPL Director



MCPL is very excited to announce our second annual comic convention. MoComCon is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a “weather date” of February 10, 2018. The convention will be held at Silver Spring Library, 900 Wayne Avenue.



Our first comic convention was a great success with approximately 700 participants. It was an awesome event complete with hands-on workshops, comic art critiques, authors and illustrators, photo-op stations, and cosplay contest.

MoComCon 2018 will be stupendous! We have a panel of local comic book artists who will share what inspires them; workshops on writing and publishing Sci-Fi and Fantasy; and presentations by author Marc Tyler Nobleman, and co-creator of *All the Wonders* and library media specialist, Matthew Winner. There will also be Superhero Storytime;

a Harry Potter themed escape room; Google Expeditions; fandom rooms; an art contest; and many great exhibitors. Attendees can also enjoy table crafts, making their own dragon eggs and LED light wands.

Of course, no comic convention is complete without a cosplay contest. Children, teens, and adults are invited to dress as their favorite characters from comic books, anime, TV series, live-action films, cartoons or video games. You might even see your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man!

MoComCon is open to the entire Montgomery County community free of charge. It is an exciting way to attract new users; share our graphic novel collections for children, teens, and adults; engage existing customers; and highlight the services, resources, and materials offered by MCPL.

This is an action-packed, fun-filled event for the entire family. We're all fired up!

Big Read Coming to Montgomery County

The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for Arts (NEA), is a community reading program designed around a single book. Our literary partner Montgomery Community Media (MCM) is among 75 nonprofit organizations to receive a grant to host the NEA Big Read project in our community from April to June 2018.

FOLMC is a lead partner organization with MCPL formed to put on numerous events and book discussions centered on the debut novel of Ethiopian author Dinaw Mengestu, *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears*. This award-winning book captures immigrant life and will be used as a way to promote discussions relevant to the Montgomery County immigrant experience. Check out the book at MCPL or visit our bookstores to purchase.

Join us for interesting author talks, lively cultural celebrations, and other activities including music and food in a variety of venues throughout the county. The partner organizations plan to involve all segments of the population including children, as well as reluctant and non-readers. More details about the Big Read events will be released soon.

There are many opportunities to get involved now to make this county-wide initiative meaningful for everyone. We are looking for sponsors and donations. To learn how you can provide financial or in-kind support to the Big Read, contact Ari Brooks at abrooks@folmc.org.



NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



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Chapter Spotlights

LITTLE FALLS

President: Jane Snyder

Coming up this winter, Friends of the Library, Little Falls Chapter (FOLLF) will celebrate the holidays with our annual sing-a-long. We will also sponsor events during Library Lovers Month.

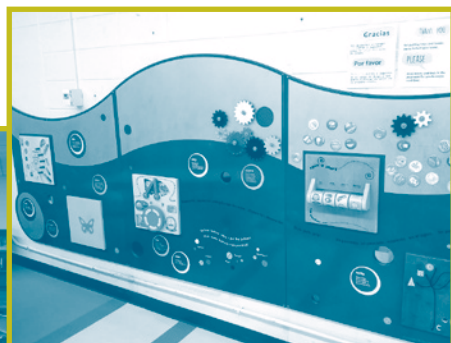
The Little Falls branch of MCPL officially re-opened on August 26 after a year of being closed for a Refresh. Friends of the Library, Little Falls Chapter joined the opening celebration. In attendance were County Executive Isiah Leggett, as well as County Council Member George Leventhal and members of the MCPL administration. The re-opening was celebrated with an official ribbon cutting, speeches, food, and a performance by magician, Abacadabra Alex. The community is excited to have the library open again. Additionally, the library is now open for extended hours compared to the shorter schedule before the Refresh. The Little Falls Chapter supported and funded several aspects of the Refresh, including a renovated Children's Room, a Discovery Learning Center, a teen area, and renovated staff area and kitchen.

Now that the Little Falls Library has re-opened, the Chapter is continuing our support with a monthly Literary Guild, a book discussion led by an English professor; children's bilingual storytimes; teen programming; and other events and performances.

Visit the Friends of the Library, Little Falls Chapter website at www.folmc.org/little-falls-chapter/ or email LittleFalls@folmc.org today to find out how you can become involved.



Updates to the library partially funded by FOL, Little Falls Chapter.



Chapter Spotlights

SILVER SPRING

President: Kathlin Smith

Friends of the Library, Silver Spring Chapter (FOLSS) is looking forward to a fantastic 2018. Our general meetings are open to current FOLSS members and interested members of the public. Leadership positions are open within the chapter.

In November, FOLSS participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the second phase of the Silver Spring branch's Early Literacy Center (ELC), designed by Burgeron. Funding for both phases of the ELC was secured through extensive fundraising by FOLSS. Additionally, representatives from our chapter worked with library staff and state officials to secure matching state funds, further developing the ELC.

The ribbon-cutting event featured numerous county and state officials, many of whom read to the children present, as well as, a range of STEM activities presented by library outreach staff. Also, in November, FOLSS provided funding for Breaker Space, construction of circuits and wiring taught by library staff in an after-school setting, and a Learn to Spin workshop with Jennifer Lindsay, who taught participants to use a spindle and fiber to make beautiful yarn to take home.



also co-sponsored the *Alice's Ordinary People* Contemporary Conversation film screening in partnership with FOLMC and MCPL.

In September, FOLSS funded Raymi Andean musical performance, in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month, and held our annual meeting and board elections. At the meeting, the annual budget and extensive reporting from the board was reviewed. For more information about the chapter, please visit our website at www.folmc.org/silver-spring-chapter/. Those interested in volunteering with the chapter or in a leadership position should contact Kathlin Smith, at SilverSpring@folmc.org, for more information on how to get involved.



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- **Join or renew** your membership today.
- **Give** an additional end-of-year contribution with the enclosed envelope, or online at www.folmc.org/donate.
- **Shop** at our bookstores to find great gifts for the holidays.
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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. Interested volunteers should complete the online Board Nomination Application at www.folmc.org/about/our-people/folmc-board-of-trustees-application/ or call (240) 777-0020 with questions.