

## **Director's Report January 2012**

### **Happy New Year!**

Exciting things are happening at Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) in 2012. With a variety of events happening throughout the year, you may have a hard time deciding just what to do first.

### **Program Highlights**

A special exhibit about the life of Lorenzo Dow Turner is on display at the Rockville Memorial Library beginning January 5 – February 29, 2012. Dr. Turner (1890-1972) lived in the Lincoln Park community of Rockville and was the first African American linguist and a founder of the field of African American Studies.

- On Saturday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m., Alcione Amos, Museum Program Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum, will discuss the exhibit at the Rockville Memorial Library.

Join MCPL for traditional Chinese New Year celebrations featuring the Li Ming Chinese School. Students from the school will perform Chinese lion dance, martial arts and yo-yo demonstrations at the libraries listed below. All performances begin at 2:00 p.m.

- Germantown Library on February 4
- Quince Orchard Library on February 11

I also invite you to participate in our special programs in celebration of Black History Month. *Anansegromma* comes to MCPL to perform traditional West African music, storytelling and dance according to the schedule listed below.

- February 4, 2:30 p.m. at Wheaton Library
- February 11, 2:30 p.m. at Marilyn J. Praisner Library
- February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Long Branch Library

### **An Expression of Appreciation**

On behalf of the library system, I want to thank County Executive Isiah Leggett and Mrs. Catherine Leggett for hosting the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County Executive's Ball.

This year's Ball, "One for the Books," benefitting Montgomery County Public Libraries in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held on Sunday, December 4. The gathering, attended by 800 guests, was truly a special event.

## **Construction Update**

The official start of construction on the Gaithersburg Library Renovation Project was announced at a community kick-off event held on Sunday, December 18. Completion of the project will take approximately 18 months.

## **Kiosk at Olney**

Plans are underway to put a kiosk at Longwood Recreation Center in Brookeville, Maryland that will give the Olney community library services during the Olney Library renovation. Customers will be able to check out books and media and return holds and library materials.

## **A Library for All Times in Your Life**

MCPL has a variety of materials to meet your needs: books, magazines, DVDs, electronic books, databases, Internet access and more. Find materials and resources to support your formal education, help you find job resources or tackle new projects.

Visit MCPL in-person or online and find out how we are here to help you!

For complete library news and information, check out our website at:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library)

Best wishes for a New Year that is full of peace, health and happiness from Montgomery County Public Libraries.

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