

Director's Report

June 2012

Spring into Summer!

Summer is just around the corner and the staff at Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) is busy planning a summer full of fun and educational programs for children of all ages.

Summer Reading at MCPL takes place June 12 through August 11. Programs include popular presenters like Mad Science, Arianna Ross and Mike Rose as well as new performers such as Great Nate, Two of a Kind, and Great Big Faces!

This year's Summer Reading themes are "Dream Big, Read!" for children birth through sixth grade, and "Own the Night" for teens, 12 to 18 years old. Children and teens can sign up online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

All of our Summer Reading programs are made possible through funding support from the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. (www.folmc.org) and local Friends of the Library chapters.

Summer Reading @ MCPL means great programs and fun activities all summer long! Come and be a part of the excitement. Your summer reading adventure begins at Montgomery County Public Libraries!

Need Help Finding a Good Summer Read?

Ask our information staff for recommendations; checkout the book displays to find materials on popular genres or subjects; browse the NEW book shelves for children, teens and adults in your local branch library; review the suggested booklists on our website (access the lists through the Summer Reading page, Kidsite, Teensite, or the Reader's Café); access the Novelist Plus or Gale Books and Authors electronic resources on the Reader's Café page for suggested titles; and for eBook and e-audiobook readers, checkout titles available for downloading through Overdrive and OneClick digital. Come through our doors or visit us online where the possibilities are endless!

Grandreaders Comes to MCPL!

MCPL is partnering with Interages to present the intergenerational *Grandreaders* program. Interages seeks to foster respect between generations by supporting volunteer opportunities for older adults and youth to interact and learn from one another.

The Grandreaders program matches beginning readers, ages 5 to 7, with Senior volunteers from Interages in order to help strengthen a child's ability to read with comprehension and fluency. Children have the opportunity to practice reading and enhance their skills in a supportive environment while Seniors have the opportunity to help build positive self-esteem in young children. The program will be held at the following libraries: Aspen Hill (June 19); Chevy Chase (June 21); Marilyn Praisner (June 20); and Rockville Memorial (June 27). Please register online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

Feeling the Heat? Come See What's Cool at Montgomery County Public Libraries!

Montgomery County Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting a super program for Seniors at Chevy Chase Library on Monday, July 23 and Kensington Park Library on Friday, June 22. *Composition for Nature Photographers* covers all aspects of good composition for nature photography including the Rule of Thirds, foreground interest, and other techniques used by professional photographers. Registration is required. For a complete class description, registration information and fees, you may visit, cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/registerops.html or call Montgomery College at 240-567-5188.

The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County Cooperative Extension Services comes to Davis, Quince Orchard and Twinbrook libraries on Saturdays to provide gardening tips and answer gardening questions. You can bring in plant specimens for identification and diagnosis. While you are visiting the library, be sure to check out our great selection of books about flower care, vegetable gardening and creating your perfect outdoor living space! Visit our [calendar of events](#) for dates and times.

Teens, have you ever dreamed of being a DJ? A professional DJ will be at Germantown Library Tuesday, July 10 to show you how it is done. Select, introduce, and play your favorite songs. Learn how to "rock the house" from a professional! Other teen programs include *Karaoke with Krissy* and drawing workshops that show participants the tips and tricks of drawing comics.

Montgomery County Public Libraries has something for everyone – adults, teens and children. Come [Check Us Out!](#)