

The excitement is building for the 26th Annual Montgomery County Executive's Ball taking place at the North Marriott Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland on Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

This year's Montgomery County Executive's Ball is **ONE FOR THE BOOKS** with proceeds supporting Montgomery County Public Libraries in celebration of its 60th anniversary. Enjoy volumes of intriguing networking plots, highlighted by chapters of dancing, storied dining, and the always-suspenseful silent auction. A surefire best seller! The hosts of the Ball are County Executive Isiah "Ike" and Catherine Leggett. For more information, you may visit www.mocoexecball.org. Hope to see you there!

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) recently released its *2011 Report to the Community*. The report is intended to provide a snapshot of library services, programs and use, and to highlight our milestones and accomplishments. MCPL is proud of the role we play in creating a "community of learners" by providing materials, services and programs that offer lifelong learning opportunities to Montgomery County residents.

As the cold and flu season fast approaches, our thoughts turn to staying healthy. MCPL has a wealth of health and wellness resources available on-site at all of our libraries. In addition to our print resources, we offer a number of online materials through our website such as the *Health and Wellness Resource Center* and *MasterFile Premier* that offer full-text articles on health, medicine and wellness from magazines, journals and reference books, including information on alternative medicine. I invite you to explore the wide variety of materials available.

Take a break from the holiday rush and attend one of our many special programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. and local Friends of the Library chapters.

The Holly Follies visits the Germantown Library on Saturday, December 3 at 11 a.m. with a holiday puppet show the whole family will enjoy.

Teens are invited to put on their dancing shoes and join **Step Afrika!** for a Step Dancing Workshop at the Rockville Memorial Library on Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m.

On Saturday, December 10 at 3 p.m. come and join the **NIH Chamber Singers** as they share holiday music from around the world. The program takes place at the Marilyn J. Praisner Library.

Whether you're looking for an exciting program the whole family can attend -- books by your favorite authors -- or that special recipe that will be the hit of the holiday gathering, MCPL has you covered.

For complete information about library programs and events, visit our website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library, and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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