

Director's Report – September 2011

This summer was an exciting time for Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL). Along with Summer Reading activities, MCPL held preschool story times, job training and computer skills workshops, author events for teens, and Bone Builders exercise classes for seniors. The coming months promise to be just as eventful. We look forward to seeing library customers at the special events and activities that will take place at our branches.

Great Job to All Summer Reading 2011 Participants!

Participants in this year's Summer Reading Program read and logged over 20,000 books. Thank you for using Montgomery County Public Libraries, checking out and reading lots of books and participating in library programs. We are pleased that you continue to make MCPL one of your regular summer destinations.

Library Snapshot Day 2011

On Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Montgomery County Public Libraries -- and libraries across the state of Maryland -- will participate in *Library Snapshot Day*. Throughout this day, MCPL will collect statistics, comments and photographs from events in a typical library day. The results will demonstrate that libraries consistently provide invaluable services to our community.

Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Montgomery County Public Libraries takes place in collaboration with the Montgomery County Library Board; Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc; local Friends chapters; and the Library Advisory Committees.

Visit your library on October 5, check out the great books and other materials, participate in programs, and share your comments and stories. We want you in the picture.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

I invite you to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with MCPL. Special programs on Saturday, September 24 include Brazilian Jazz performed by the musical group *Origem* at the Aspen Hill Library at 1 pm; and *Cantaré: Songs and Rhythms of Latin America* at the Quince Orchard Library at 2 pm. All programs are free and open to the public. We thank the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. for their continued support of our library programs.

Teen Read Week

"Picture It @ your library" is the theme for this year's Teen Read Week (TRW) taking place October 16-22. TRW is an annual celebration sponsored by the American Library Association, Young Adult Library Services Association. MCPL has graphic novels, art books, fantasy titles and much more for teens. Stop by any of our libraries and find books that inspire you -- just for the fun of it!

MCPL -- Your Community Connection

MCPL is your connection to information, books and other materials that support lifelong learning and provide enrichment activities. It's easy to stay connected. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook and visit our website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library, for information and updates on library programs and services.

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