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## Blockbuster Novelist Nora Roberts Holds Jewelry Auction to Benefit Washington County Free Library

Bestselling novelist and Boonsboro resident Nora Roberts held an auction at her Inn BoonsBoro on Saturday night October 22, to benefit the Washington County Free Library (WCFL) Rebuild Fund and Pro Literacy Worldwide. The silent and live auctions featured more than 60 pieces of jewelry donated from the author's collection, and works by local artists, including Roberts' husband of 26 years, Bruce Wilder. The invitation-only crowd received a signed copy of her newest release *The Next Always*, enjoyed champagne and hors d'oeuvres, toured the inn, then settled in to bid on the bling. Roberts urged them to buy and they did, raising almost \$50,000.

Roberts loves jewelry and definitely has the wallet for it. Her 200th title comes out next spring. She is published in 35 countries. Altogether she has sold 400 million books. "I like to tell stories. It's the best job in the world. It's just what I do every day," Roberts said. Roberts has lived in Boonsboro for 40 years. She and her husband purchased the oldest stone building in Boonsboro, built in 1790, and painstakingly restored it into Inn BoonsBoro, a charming eight-room boutique hotel, which is the setting for *The Next Always*, the first in her upcoming romance trilogy.

"For an author, libraries and literacy go hand in hand," said Roberts. "As a lifelong reader myself, I cannot imagine not being able to pick up a book and dive into a story. And when I started out, the library was the source of all my research. I would use the reference sections – even in the children's room – when I brought my sons to the library."

The Washington County Free Library Rebuild fund supports the current rebuilding of the central library in Hagerstown. When completed, the new library will be double the size of the building it's replacing. The planned renovation includes the addition of an outdoor event venue and expanded areas for children, teens and adults, as well as 40 public computer stations. Roberts was also a major contributor to the WCFL Boonsboro Branch which features the Nora Roberts reading room. For over a decade, the Nora Roberts Foundation has supported charities for women, children and literacy throughout Maryland.

Mary Baykan, director of WCFL states, "The funds raised from this amazing evening will greatly help our building effort. While we in Washington County are so very lucky to have Nora and Bruce as part of our community, Nora has long been a strong vocal champion of libraries and literacy across this nation. She has given generously of her time and talent to promote the importance of reading. She has been right there with all of us battling the multigenerational disease that is illiteracy." ProLiteracy Worldwide LLC is dedicated to using the power of literacy to improve the lives of adults both nationally and in Maryland, working toward the vision of a world in which everyone can read, write, compute, and use technology to lead healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.



### Roberts Foundation Funds Romance Collection at McDaniel College

The Nora Roberts Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to McDaniel College in Westminster, to help advance the study of romance literature. McDaniel will use the grant to help build a core American romance collection including Roberts' complete works, for the college's Hoover Library, as well as to establish an endowed fund to support the collection. The college will also use the grant to establish an academic minor in romance fiction and to launch an online creative writing course in the subject.

McDaniel will hold an international Popular Romance in the New Millennium conference on November 10 and 11, 2011, with keynote speaker Mary Bly, a Shakespearean scholar at Fordham University who also writes as Eloisa James, a best-selling author of historical romance novels.

McDaniel College awarded Roberts an honorary Doctor of Letters in 2006.

**Share your Story with The Citizen**-Do you have a story suggestion for the next issue of The Citizen? Does your library have an event or activity you would like The Citizen to cover? If so, please email your ideas to [lupro@hcplonline.org](mailto:lupro@hcplonline.org) by February 1, 2012.

## Maryland e-Library Consortium Receives \$100,000 Grant from DLDS

The Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) has authorized \$100,000 in LSTA funding to support the purchase of 5,000 additional copies of popular ebook titles. Funds will be spent over the next three months to enhance the ebook collection owned by the Maryland e-Library Consortium.

The Maryland e-Library Consortium, representing 23 public libraries in Maryland, has been in business since 2004; however in 2010, the interest in ebooks hit critical mass. In order to attempt to meet rapidly burgeoning demand, consortium members agreed in September 2011 to double the amount they put into the collection, bringing the annual total to \$320,000. The LSTA grant will give the Consortium an additional \$100,000 to spend this year.

The Consortium contracts with media vendor OverDrive to provide content. Currently the collection size is 17,219 ebooks and 13,745 e-audiobooks. After seven years of operation, the cumulative circulation of the Consortium's collection reached one million this year. However circulation is escalating and is currently at approximately 40,000 per month, due to the recent popularity of e-reading devices. The Consortium site supports downloads to most e-readers including the Barnes and Noble Nook, the iPad, and most recently, Amazon's Kindle.

Consortium membership is in five tiers based on share of circulation. Costs range from \$15,000 to \$50,000 per year. Montgomery, Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties have the highest circulation of ebooks. Purchasing responsibilities are shared among all partners, rotating monthly in alphabetical order. The shared collection of the Consortium is another example of why Maryland is known as "Library Heaven." All public libraries adhere to the Cooperative Borrowing Agreement, which allows Maryland residents to use any public library system in the State. The level of cooperation enjoyed in Maryland is unparalleled in the nation.

In addition to supporting ebook purchases, this year DLDS also supported e-reader training statewide, which included the purchase of e-reader device sets for every system to use for staff and public training.

Several public library systems including, Howard and Calvert counties and the Enoch Pratt Free Library are circulating e-readers loaded with a variety of titles. These collections are in heavy demand. Frederick County will introduce its circulating Nook collection on October 31.

LSTA funding is administered federally through the Institute for Museums and Libraries, which provides grants to state library agencies for state and local projects.

## Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library Win 2011 Dewey Grant

The winning proposal for the 2011 Mary Lou Dewey Grant was submitted by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library's President, Ann Miller. With the \$500 grant, members of the Thurmont Friends will assist the library staff to engage speakers and provide materials and publicity for programs related to the library's 2012 Summer Reading Club activities.

The Thurmont Regional Library is part of the Frederick County Public Library system and has a unique outdoor deck feature overlooking wetlands and forest. The Thurmont Friends will help bring attention to this outdoor programming area by sponsoring specialized educational and family programs called Nighttime Nature on the Deck. The programs will feature broad community collaborations between the library, local colleges and storytellers. A professional astronomer will introduce families to astronomy and the summer night sky over Thurmont. Night sounds and local creatures of the Cunningham Falls State Park area will be another program topic, and stories and songs of the night in a "pretend" campfire setting will be another program offering. In their proposal, the Thurmont Friends said that, "we hope that by increasing awareness of the library's location and its beautiful deck and its easily accessed outdoor space, we can shine a light on Thurmont Regional Library as a community meeting place with exciting, fun and educational offerings for families that go far beyond books."

Mary Lou Dewey, a Carroll County resident, was a lifelong advocate for libraries. She served on the Carroll County Library's Board of Trustees from 1958 through 2006. Ms. Dewey was also a founding member and President of Citizens for Maryland Libraries and a member of the Maryland Library Association for nearly 50 years. In honor of Ms. Dewey's tireless efforts over more than 50 years to enhance library service in Maryland, CML established the Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund. This fund supports an annual grant for projects that encourage citizens to use and support Maryland libraries. If you would like to make a donation to the Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund, mail your check made payable to Citizens for Maryland Libraries, PO Box 42071, Baltimore, MD 21284-2071. Checks should be annotated with "Dewey Grant".

*Pat Wallace*

## IN MEMORIAM: ADMIRAL MAURICE H. "MIKE" RINDSKOPF

The library community lost a great advocate and friend this year, upon the death of Admiral Maurice Rindskopf. He died in his home in Annapolis, on July 27, after a brief illness. He was 93.

Rear Adm. Maurice H. Rindskopf was the youngest commander of an American fleet submarine during World War II. He was 26 when, as a lieutenant commander, he took over the U.S.S. Drum after its captain fell ill and had to undergo surgery. In his three years aboard, he was directly involved in the firing of 125 torpedoes, leading to the confirmed sinking of 15 Japanese ships — most of them cargo vessels — with a total tonnage of more than 80,000. Eleven other Japanese ships were damaged by the Drum. James Scott, the author of *The War Below*, a book about America's submarine battles against Japan said, "The submarine war was an economic war, and the Drum played a vital role in destroying Japan's ability to have the natural resources needed to prosecute the war."



After being promoted to admiral, Maurice H. Rindskopf, left, served as a top aide to Adm. John S. McCain Jr., seen in 1968.

Admiral Rindskopf received the Navy Cross, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for his wartime service. He later served as commander of two submarine flotillas and of the Navy's submarine school in New London, Conn. After being promoted to admiral in 1967, he was assistant chief of staff for intelligence to Adm. John S. McCain Jr., commander of the United States Pacific Command during the Vietnam War and father of Senator John McCain of Arizona.

Mike Rindskopf was born in Jamaica, Queens, on Sept. 27, 1917. After graduating at the top of his class from Poly Prep Country Day School in Brooklyn in 1934, at 16, he was accepted into the Naval Academy, where he was a star player on the lacrosse team. After retiring from the Navy in 1972, Admiral Rindskopf was a marketing manager for Westinghouse.

Admiral Maurice Rindskopf received the Distinguished Graduate Medal in front of the entire student body, faculty, alumni, and invited guests at the United States Naval Academy on March 30, 2007. He joined a select few, including President Jimmy Carter in being awarded the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Award given to a living graduate whose character and distinguished military and civilian service embodied the qualities that the USNA strives to instill in its graduates, ideals of duty, honor, loyalty and integrity.

His wife of 69 years, the former Sylvia Lubow, died before him, as did his son, Peter. He is survived by a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Mike Rindskopf served on the CML Board for 20 years, and many of those as treasurer. He also represented CML on the Maryland Library Legislative Panel where he worked tirelessly to promote legislation that supported libraries. The Admiral was a member of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Board of Trustees for more than twenty years. He received the Marion Satterthwaite Award from CML for outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of libraries and was also named to the ALA National Advocacy Honor Roll.

In recognition of his long standing commitment to Maryland libraries, Citizens for Maryland Libraries is starting the Admiral Maurice A. Rindskopf Fund to improve library service through education and advocacy. Donations can be made online at <http://www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org> or by sending a check to: Citizens for Maryland Libraries, P.O. Box 42071, Baltimore, MD 21284-2071.

## CML 2012 Award Nominations Sought

- The Marion Satterthwaite Award was established to recognize outstanding advocacy efforts to improve library service in Maryland.
- The Davis McCarn Award was established to recognize outstanding work in the application of technology innovation to benefit libraries.

A complete list of previous award winners is on the CML website. To nominate a worthy candidate for these awards, please send an email by January 6, 2012 to [cml@citizensformarylandlibraries.org](mailto:cml@citizensformarylandlibraries.org).

## Friends of the Carroll County Public Library, in Partnership with McDaniel College and the Division of Library Development and Services Hosts A Day for Booklovers

An enthusiastic crowd of 220 book lovers came together on September 19 to listen to Nora Rawlinson, creator of EarlyWord.com, Nancy Pearl, author of the Book Lust Series and bestselling author Laura Lippman, and to enjoy lunch in the lovely Decker Center Forum on the McDaniel College campus.

The program, especially designed for book clubs, book discussion groups and future book club members, included words of wisdom from Pearl on how to enhance the book club experience. Rawlinson gave an insightful look at trends in publishing, her expertise drawn from 20 years as editor of *Library Journal* and then *Publishers Weekly*.

In an engaging interview with Nancy Pearl, Laura Lippman talked about her creative process and the characters featured in her books. She also signed copies of her new book, *The Most Dangerous Thing*. Lippman was a reporter for twenty years, including twelve at The Baltimore Sun. Her Tess Monaghan books have won every major prize for mystery writing.

Pearl is a regular commentator about books on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and is the model for the "Librarian Action Figure."

The program was sponsored in partnership with the Friends of the Carroll County Public Library, McDaniel College, HarperCollins Publishers and the Division of Library Development and Services, Maryland State Department of Education, with funding from the Institute for Museums and Libraries.

This was the first event for the newly formed Friends of the Carroll County Public Library, which was established in February 2011.



Above, Nancy Pearl and Laura Lippman; below, Nora Rawlinson



## Workforce Development and Library Association Partnership

On Friday, October 28, the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators (MAPLA), represented by Denise Davis, President of MAPLA and Director of the Cecil County Public Library, and Alexander M. Sanchez, Maryland Secretary of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) signed a Workforce Development Partnership Agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to promote greater collaboration and set forth strategies each partner will employ in providing Maryland citizens with timely and accurate information related to financial literacy, workforce development, and adult education. The intent is that the one year agreement will be renewed annually to allow for the establishment of additional annual objectives.

Each partner will designate official representatives to the Workforce Development Leadership Team. During the first year of the partnership, the Leadership Team will meet bi-monthly at the State Library Resource Center to identify areas of mutual interest, monitor progress and oversee projects including the following:

- Explore the expansion of GED testing sites, with the goal of establishing at least two public library locations during the first year.
- Provide face-to-face and Wimba training on resources that support career exploration.
- Create a training blog to share training ideas and report outcomes of training sessions.
- Standardize workforce development resources.
- Work jointly to develop a Financial Literacy web portal, with DLLR's Division of Financial Regulation to provide expertise on content.
- Jointly develop and post job search, career planning and skills development worksheets and tools.
- Design and provide comprehensive training for public library staff in the full use of the Maryland Workforce Exchange web site.
- Facilitate communication and collaboration between the public libraries and the local workforce investment area staff.
- Design outcomes based evaluation and data collection form to measure the use of library websites, attendance at library programs and requests for training.

The signing ceremony, which took place at the Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, was the culmination of a year of work to determine in what areas the partners could collaborate to more effectively provide citizens with the resources they need to find satisfactory employment.

## Howard County Library's New Miller Branch Opening Soon

Howard County Library will open the new Charles E. Miller Branch & Historical Center in Ellicott City on December 17, 2011.

At 63,000 square feet, the new branch will nearly triple the size of the existing Charles E. Miller Branch, which opened in May 1962 and was expanded to 23,500 square feet in 1986. The branch is named after Miller for his donation of land.

Lead architect Melanie Hennigan, with Grimm + Parker Architects, designed the building to achieve LEED Silver Certification. The two-story building captures the benefits of natural lighting and maximizes energy efficiency. It also reflects historic Ellicott City through components such as the stone bridge, which connects the front of the building to the back, symbolically connecting the past to the present and the future.

A new component of the branch will be the Enchanted Garden, a sustainable, community-based teaching garden that will focus on health, nutrition, and environmental education.

The new building is funded primarily by Howard County Government with additional funding provided by the County Library Capital Grants Program, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services.

The branch is located at 9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042. For more information go to <http://www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=66>



Maryland Delegates Warren Miller, Guy Guzzone and Gail Bates, Howard County Council Chair Courtney Watson, Howard County Executive Ken Ulman, Alexander and Emma Booth, Congressman Elijah Cummings, Maryland State Senator Jim Robey, Howard County Library CEO Valerie Gross, and Howard County Library Board of Trustees Chair Leonora Hoenes at groundbreaking.

## OCLC Presents Perceptions of Libraries 2010 Report at Annual CML/Trustees Meeting

OCLC staff will present an overview of the findings in its newest membership report, Perceptions of Libraries, 2010 at the Annual CML/Trustees Meeting on October 29. The new report provides updated information and new insights into customer's online habits, preferences, and perceptions. Particular attention was paid to how the current economic downturn has affected information-seeking behaviors and how those changes are reflected in the use and perception of libraries.

The report explores :

- Technological and economic shifts since 2005
- Lifestyle changes Americans have made during the recession, including increased use of the library and other online resources
- How a negative change to employment status impacts use and perceptions of the library
- Perceptions of libraries and information resources based on life stage

The report is based on U.S. data from an online survey conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of OCLC. OCLC analyzed and summarized the results in order to produce the report.

Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) is "a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs." It was incorporated on July 6, 1967 as the not-for-profit Ohio College Library Center. More than 27,000 libraries in 86 countries and territories use OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials. OCLC corporate offices are in Dublin, Ohio.



## Harford County's Literary Spelling Bee

### Sample Questions—

In *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan, Sarah comes to visit Anna's family because Anna's father is looking for a wife. When two people have a wedding it is said that they are getting \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Harry Potter books by J. K. Rowling, both Hermione's parents are doctors who work on people's teeth. What are doctors who specialize in teeth called?

In the *Little House on the Prairie* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, Laura often journeys from one home to another. What is another word for journey?

In *Henry's Freedom Box*, Ellen Levine tells how, in 1849, a Virginia slave escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia. Someone who secretly travels without paying and without being detected can be called a \_\_\_\_\_.

In *The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*, by Jeanne Birdsall, the family goes away from home for three weeks in August on a \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1906 San Francisco, Henry and Chin love to read about heroes but, in *The Earth Dragon Awakes*, by Laurence Yep, they both witness real courage as they try to survive. The natural disaster that hit San Francisco in 1906 is called an \_\_\_\_\_.

In *Mr. Chickee's Funny Money* by Christopher Curtis, when Mr. Chickee gives fourth-grader Steven Carter a special present, he sets in motion a humorous investigation of a mystery. A person who performs investigations might be called a \_\_\_\_\_.

In the book, *The Tale of Despereaux*, by Kate DiCamillo, a mouse falls in love with a royal human. The royal daughter of a king is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

1. MARRIED 2. DENTIST 3. TRAVEL 4. STOWAWAY 5. VACATION 6. EARTHQUAKE  
7. DETECTIVE 8. PRINCESS



Harford County Public Library held its 15th annual Literary Spelling Bee at the Harford County Farm Fair on Sunday, July 31, 2011. The Literary Spelling Bee is open to all interested participants; seven age-based groups, including adults, compete throughout the afternoon and are asked to spell words derived from popular literary references.

Questions are written by librarians from all the branches of Harford County Public Library. Competitors receive clues from popular books to guess the word that they are then asked to spell. Children enjoy spelling words like "sorcerer" from Harry Potter and "immortal" from the Twilight series. Adults are challenged with words like "sinuous" and "irascible." Judges include members of the HCPL Board of Trustees, HCPL Foundation board and Local county council members.

All participants are given a Farm Fair ribbon and small prize from the library. The first, second and third place winners are also allowed to choose a new book. The library mascot Tales is in attendance to cheer for the children and take pictures with the winners.

—Linda Lupro

## New Kent County Library Director



Kent County Public Library Board of Trustees has hired Jacqueline Adams as Executive Director of Kent County Public Libraries.

Ms. Adams, who holds Masters degrees in both Library Science and Business Administration, brings 22 years of professional library experience to the position. She comes to KCPL from Yarmouth (Massachusetts) Town Libraries where she spent the past six years as the Director of Libraries.

Prior to holding that position, Ms. Adams worked within the library and information field in a variety of capacities, including many years in Maryland libraries in various positions.

## Caroline County Customer Appreciation Day

Caroline County Public Library held a Customer Appreciation Day on October 1, 2011 from 11 am – 3 pm at the Central Library, Denton. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the library's 50th anniversary! Over 350 participants stayed for the entire event. Families with children of all ages attended and enjoyed the day. Forty-two people visited the bookmobile, which was parked in the library's parking lot including some children who had never been on a bookmobile before. Sixty children and caretakers attended a special Storytime with Miss Marilou and over one hundred children and caretakers attended Bubble Lady Margie Lynch's program.

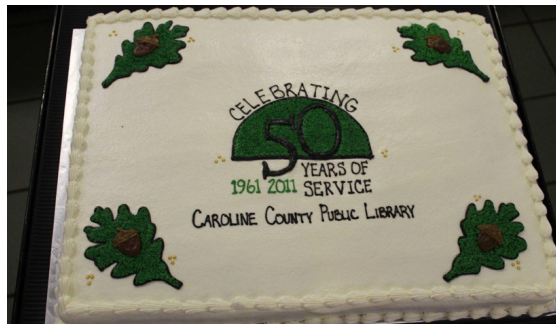
After singing "Happy Birthday" to the library, everyone had a piece of the library's special 50th anniversary cake. Free hotdogs and lemonade were also served by volunteers. Everyone who wanted one received a special 50th library anniversary balloon. Teen volunteers handled face painting, puzzle painting, sidewalk chalk art and dressing up as Sneaks the Library Cat, the Cat in the Hat and other children's book characters. Two Lockerman Middle School musicians performed in the library.

The Friends of the Library had a booth and sold raffle tickets for both the library's 50th anniversary quilt and the December Train Show train raffle. Susan Frank, a Caroline County Board of Education Supervisor of instruction had a Mid-Shore Reading Council booth and gave away children's books. Local author, Tamra Baurys and local illustrator, Rene'e Bouchal, who have published a children's book about 9/11 entitled *The World Will Never Forget* signed books. Local artists Susan Neal, Ruth Crouse and Franny Ireland loaned paintings to display in the library. Local artist, Michael Reeder sketched people throughout the day. Several people walked away with a smile and a free sketch to keep.

George Sands, former Library Administrator; Sue Simmons, Director Caroline County Recreation & Parks; County Commissioner Wilbur Levengood; and Dick Sossi, District Office Manager and Community Liaison for Congressman Harris' Kent Island office joined Library Board President Gale Nashold, Board Secretary Debbie Mandycz, Board Vice President Lisa May, Board member Abby McNinch, and Debby Bennett, Library Administrator during the "meet and greet" portion of the program. Board member Caroll Visintainer, and Stephanie Shauck of the Division of Library Development and Services, Maryland State Department of Education also visited.

Go to [www.carolib.org](http://www.carolib.org) and check out Caroline County's Flickr page for photos of this event.

*Debby Bennett*



Caroline County Public Library's 50th Anniversary Cake



Over 150 children attended "Bubble Lady" Margie Lynch's program



Dick Sossi presented Debby Bennett with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to the Caroline County Public Library in recognition of its 50th anniversary and its service to Caroline County signed by Congressman Andy Harris.

## Upcoming Events

**January 25, 2012** Library Legislative Day, Annapolis

**March 13 – 17, 2012** Public Library Association, Philadelphia, PA (<http://placonference.org>)

**April 23–24, 2012** National Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC ([www.ala.org/nlld](http://www.ala.org/nlld))

**May 9–11, 2012** Maryland Library Association/Delaware Library Association Conference, Ocean City (<http://www.mdlib.org/conference/default.asp>)

**June 21–26, 2012** American Library Association Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA ([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))

**August 23–September 3, 2012** MLA and Friends trip to Ireland. Includes the Navy vs. Notre Dame football game. (<http://www.mdlib.org/docs/ireland.pdf>)

## Membership Application

Yes, I want to join Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) and continue to work for the best possible public library service for all the people of Maryland.

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*Yes, I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_ to support*

*\_\_\_ the Mary Lou Dewey Library Advocacy Fund*

*\_\_\_ the James Partridge Award*

*\_\_\_ the Admiral Maurice A. Rindskopf Fund*

\*Public Library Leadership and Sustaining Memberships are invoiced separately.

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