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Our Mission Statement

The Friends of the Ruth Enlow Library is a group organized to bring together fellow citizens who value their public library. The Friends work for a better library for the community and speak up for good library service whenever and wherever their efforts are needed. The Friends pursue this mission through education, advocacy, and fundraising.

“Build a Better World”

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Oakland Summer Reading Club getting a jazzercise workout with Debbie Carpenter of Jazzercise Garrett County



Kitzmillier Summer Reading Club participants having a fun time touring historical sites around the world with the library's new educational Google Expedition Kit, led by Director Thomas Vose.

If/We wish to make a contribution to the Friends of the Ruth Enlow Library. My/Our gift will help the Friends continue to support the library.

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“Build a Better World” a Success at Local Libraries

Local libraries filled with children and adults during this past July for Summer Reading Club, all enjoying a number of programs related to the theme “Build a Better World.” After the special kick-off performances by Bright Star Touring Theatre – “Happily Ever After” at the Oakland Library and “Upcycled Cinderella” at the Grantsville Library – weekly programs began at each library branch. Participants created terrariums from empty soda bottles, learned about flowers that attract pollinators, and built birdhouses. They exercised to build a stronger body, created craft items from recycled materials, and were introduced to the basics of electricity and building sturdy foundations. Participants experienced how to build a better world through song, in Grantsville they painted rocks and then hid them throughout the community for passersby to enjoy, and in Friendsville they learned about identifying world coins.

The presenters for these programs included Garrett County Recycling Coordinator Kim Madigan, “Ronald McDonald,” professional engineer Jesse Burow, master electrician Mike Stemple, Debbie Carpenter from Jazzercise Garrett County, Bob and Jennifer Pletta, musician Pat Shelton, University of Maryland Extension Office with Garrett County Master Gardeners in training, members of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club, and artist Regina Holliday.

The attendance for the Ruth Enlow Library system as a whole totaled 461 children and 252 adults. Children tracked the books they read during Summer Reading Club in a reading log, and this year the total reached 2117 books. Completed reading logs were entered into a drawing

for winning prizes at each branch.

The library thanks the Friends of the Ruth Enlow Library, Western Maryland Regional Library (WMRL), and all other local presenters, supporters, and volunteers who helped to make Summer Reading Club a success. Without such help, this popular and valuable program would not be possible.

The library thanks the statewide supporters as well. The Baltimore Orioles donated tickets to a home game. And the Maryland Science Center donated several sets of family admission tickets, which were awarded by a drawing of entries from interested reading club participants.

Summer Reading Club is a yearly, cooperative project between the local Maryland Public Libraries and the Maryland State Department of Education’s Division of Library Development and Services. The state also is a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries. *(More Photos on Page 4)*



Grantsville Summer Reading Club enjoying the kick-off performance of “Upcycled Cinderella” by Bright Start Touring Theatre

President’s Message

At an early age, I developed an interest in books and the pleasure of reading. The joy of reading has continued in my life, and now I not only love reading but I also am a library lover! Here in Garrett County, we are so fortunate to have this outstanding library system available. It is wonderful to obtain current books without waiting a period of time. And the staff is very helpful as well. The Friend’s Mission Statement was updated in 2011 and is still current today! We are so appreciative of your generous donations to the Friends so that we can pursue our mission through education, advocacy, and fundraising.

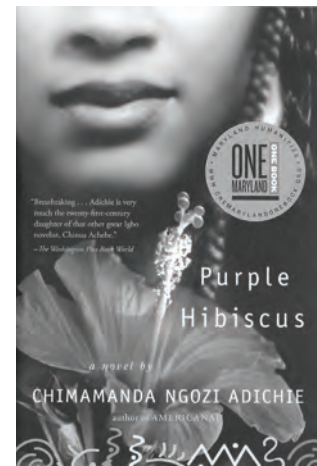
*Cosette Harman
President and Secretary*



Accident Summer Reading Club learning about the basics of electricity with Mike Stemple

Ruth Enlow Library Participates in One Maryland One Book 2017

The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County is participating once again in the One Maryland One Book initiative this year – a program designed to bring diverse groups of Marylanders together in library, school, or community settings to share a common reading experience by discussing a work of literature and participating in related events. The selected book for 2017 is *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Three book discussions are planned for September and October – one in Accident and two in Oakland.



All events are free and open to the public. Copies of the book are available at the Accident and Oakland libraries for participants. “This program has been a popular one with our patrons,” noted Bonetta Winters, the library’s public relations specialist, “and it enables us to expand our adult programming while being part of the statewide initiative.”

Krista McKenzie, Library Services Supervisor of the Media Department at Frostburg State University, is facilitating the adult discussions at both Accident and Oakland. A former Instructional and Reference Librarian at Garrett College, McKenzie earned her Bachelor of Science in English, Philosophy, and Secondary Education from Frostburg State University in 2001. Several years later, she achieved her Master’s in Education and an MBA from FSU, and in 2010, a Master’s in Library and Information Science from Drexel University.

The Maryland Humanities’ description of this year’s OMOB selection reads, “Fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother Jaja lead a privileged life in Enugu, Nigeria. They live in a beautiful house, with a caring family, and attend an exclusive missionary school. They’re completely shielded from the troubles of the world. Yet, as Kambili reveals in her tender-voiced account, things are less perfect than they appear. Although her Papa is generous and well respected, he is fanatically religious and tyrannical at home—a home that is silent and suffocating. As the country begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili and Jaja are sent to their aunt, a university professor outside the city, where they discover a life beyond the confines of their father’s authority. . . Purple Hibiscus is an exquisite novel about the emotional turmoil of adolescence, the powerful bonds of family, and the bright promise of freedom.”

“Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the leading African writer of her generation,” notes Maryland Humanities. “She grew up on the campus of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and left Nigeria for the U.S. at the age of 19. Among her many accolades, Adichie was awarded a Hodder fellowship at Princeton University (2005-2006) and a fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute of Harvard University (2011-2012). In 2008, Ms. Adichie earned a coveted MacArthur Genius Award.

One Maryland One Book is Maryland’s only statewide community reading project and is the signature program of the Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities.

Additional support for this program is provided by Western Maryland Regional Library, the regional resource center for the public libraries of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties.

Message from the Director of the Ruth Enlow Library

Another beautiful Fall is upon us, and your Library has been busy planning all sorts of great activities. Whether providing tutoring assistance to all ages through our online “HelpNow Online Tutoring” resource, teaching people how to get their books published, reading stories to children, or bringing people together for a gaming session, the Library is always on the lookout for exciting and informative new program ideas. Planning has even begun for our first-ever Winter Reading Club, a program in which adults can enter to win prizes as they cozy up with a good book this winter!

Staff will be reaching out in the near future to the community at each branch as well to hear your ideas for what you want to see – it’s your library, after all! We’re going to be putting together a new Strategic Plan based on your input, and once that’s done, we’ll be looking at ways to add more true Library believers to the Friends of the Library, and help spread the word about what this wonderful institution can do for Garrett County!

As always, thanks to all of our amazing Friends for their support over the years, and we look forward to seeing you at the Library!

Thomas Vose

14th Annual Quilt Completed by Friendsville Library Quilters

The Friendsville Library Quilters have completed their 14th annual quilt this year to benefit the Friendsville Branch of the Ruth Enlow Library. Titled *Wildflowers of Garrett County - A Community Quilt*, this work of art is hand-quilted and hand-embroidered. “These women have truly outdone themselves this year with this gorgeous quilt,” noted Bonetta Winters, the library’s public relations specialist. The raffle for this quilt is under-

way. A limited number of tickets at \$5 each can be purchased from the quilters and at Four Seasons Stitchery in Grantsville, United Bank in Friendsville, Friendsville Pharmacy, S&S Market, and the Friendsville Town Hall (not at the library).

The quilt is now on display at the Friendsville Library until the drawing on Tuesday, October 17.

The Design Team for the 2017 quilt includes Helen L. Bowser, Mimi Demaree, Ina Hicks, Louise Lawrence, Michele Liston, Jennifer Pletta, and Glenna Reese. Members who did the hand-quilting are Helen L. Bowser, Mimi Demaree, Janet Fike, Mary Frazee, Rose Frazee, Laurel Grant, Ina Hicks, Louise Lawrence, Jennifer Pletta, and Glenna Reese. Hand-embroiderers include Helen Savage, Ina Hicks, Sandy Carlson, Janet Fike, Mimi Demaree, Deanna Hoover, Jennifer Pletta, Dot Lowdermilk, Meg Ellis, Chris Friend, Michele Liston, Carol Edmiston, Mimi Demaree, and Freda Sines. Each square in this quilt design represents a flower block completed by one (or several) members, with the large center block created by Jennifer Pletta.



Wildflowers of Garrett County – A Community Quilt



Left to right: front: Ina Hicks, Mimi Demaree Back: Mary Frazee, Michele Liston, Helen Bowser, Jennifer Pletta, Louise Lawrence, Glenna Reese

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A Big Thanks to the Friends of the Library and all other supporters, volunteers, and presenters for Summer Reading Club 2017!

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107 Reading Logs Completed
2117 Books Read
23 Programs
Attendance = 713

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