



Friends of Calvert Library

November 2009

News From the Director



November is the time that library annual reports are due. Because of that, I have been looking back at the last fiscal year, July 2008 to June 2009, to review the library's impact in our community. Calvert Library is very popular.

Approximately 2,000 people visit libraries every day we are open. Circulation of materials increased 7.7% in FY 2009 compared to FY 2008. Our librarians assisted people by helping them find information or by training them how to use library computers over 95,000 times. The number of computer sessions increased dramatically – 43%, for a total of over 125,000 sessions.

What was else interesting and notable about the library last year?

We raised funds to match a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support additional computers at Southern Branch. Four new computers were added last year and the minute our staff installed the computers and said they were ready to use, customers sat down and the computers have been busy ever since. This is a great service to our customers in the Southern area of the county.

Another notable grant we received was the "Starting School Ready to Learn" grant. With federal funds through the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, the library was able to purchase early literacy computers for young customers. Each library received two computers pre-loaded with educational and entertaining software. Some of the computers include software in Spanish as well as English. Many children have learned new concepts by using these computers. You can see them wearing their panda or tiger headphones, clicking away as they learn in the library. A computer was provided to both Patuxent and Dowell Elementary Schools as well, in a partnership with the Judy Center. This grant also

funded a collection of multicultural books for each library and a pilot of Spanish/English storytime classes.

Our administrative staff created a new monthly calendar of events and a monthly online calendar of events. These promote library services and events so the public is able to take advantage of activities at the library. I hope you are enjoying the online newsletter.

The Maryland Library Association created a quilt highlighting Maryland libraries. Calvert Library participated by creating a quilt square highlighting our library and by documenting the quilt project. The final



product is beautiful and will be on display at Calvert Library in the spring.

We hosted events with notable speakers during the year, in particular:

- Dr. P.M. Forni, author of *Choosing Civility*
- Joel Salatin, Grass Farmer and author of several books on sustainable farming
- Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland and author of *Failing America's Faithful*

FY 2009 was a year of celebrations! Southern Branch celebrated its 20th anniversary. All of the agencies in the Southern Community Center enjoyed their 20th anniversary. And Calvert Library celebrated our 50th anniversary! Our library started out with a bookmobile service 50 years ago and how we have grown! Celebrations took place at each branch, and

then a major event with a formal program was held at Prince Frederick.

The library became a member of the Foundation Center and we now provide



access to two databases about foundations at the computers at Prince Frederick. Staff from our local agencies attended two trainings about the Foundation Center and more training will be planned. These databases are very popular.

In FY 09 the library started circulating gaming system games and educational computer games. Calvert Library Foundation generously funded the starting collection and these games circulate for a week. It is great to have the opportunity to try out a game for free.

The word e-government is becoming popular. Calvert Library has an excellent example of e-government at Prince Frederick. Social Security now serves customers from the library through a live video feed two mornings a month. Citizens see and hear the person who is helping them from the Social Security office right here in the library. This helps alleviate long lines for Social Security service for our county residents.

Those are some of the interesting and notable highlights of our past year at the library. Our services are far ranging, and every staff member does his/her best to provide excellent service to the public.

Enjoy the library!
Pat Hofmann
Director

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From the Desk of the President

Greetings to all the Friends of Calvert Library. Hope all of you found time this summer for some reading just for fun. Maybe you even discovered a new author to add to your list of favorites.

At our September meeting your Board of Directors planned our special events for 2009-10. Our Fourth Annual **Books 'n Bubbly** event is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2010. We will be having our annual **Gently Used Book Sale** in January. The members Preview/Reception is scheduled for Thursday, January 7th from 5pm to 8 pm; and the public sale Friday 12:00-4:00pm and Saturday 9:00-3:00pm. Our sidewalk book sales have been so successful that we are having two this year. The first Saturday, May 22nd from 9:00am-3:00pm and the second Saturday, September 18th from 9:00am-3:00pm. Please put these dates on your calendar.

As usual, I urge each and every member to share your knowledge about and enthusiasm for the library with a friend or family member in an effort to recruit new Friends. Join me and your Board in spreading the word about our remarkable Calvert Library and how important it is to the quality of our lives. What would we do without it?

On a Personal Note



I have five grandchildren, two girls ages 23 and 20, and three boys, ages 17, 14 and 8, and now a great-granddaughter. I have been extremely fortunate to have them all reside within a mile of

my home and have taken all of them to Storytime at the Library in Prince Frederick. It has always been a very special time in our lives. I am now taking my great-granddaughter to Storytime and I want to share the experience with you.

The room is full of happy, eager, excited children, ages 3 to 5, ready to have a good time with the smiling children's librarians doing the program. They are accompanied by parents, grandparents, and one great grandparent. They sing and dance, listen to books being read and make a craft. Each storytime has a theme and everything, books, crafts, etc., is coordinated. The *Family Day* theme was very special because one child had both his mom and dad with him. Fairview, Twin Beaches and Southern Library Branches also have wonderful Storytime programs. I am grateful to the Calvert Library and librarians who have enriched my life and the lives of so many over the years at Storytime.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

See you at the library.

Martha W. Grahame, **FOCL**

President



Tween Craft Night

Looking for the perfect gift for someone special? Want a necklace or bracelet to match your favorite outfit? Just like to be creative and have fun? Then don't miss Tween Craft Night on Friday, December 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Calvert Library, Prince Frederick.

We're bringing back the popular activities from last year and adding more! Choose from thousands of beads to create unique jewelry items, and design

holiday cards using simple drawing techniques that make you an instant artist. You also can make a special holiday ornament and a frame for displaying a favorite photo.

If you are in 5th, 6th, or 7th grade, be sure to add Tween Craft Night to your holiday season schedule. All craft supplies (and light refreshments) will be provided, so we encourage you to register in advance to

help us be sure we have enough materials for everyone.

For information or to register, call 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. Or register online at



calvert.lib.md.us

Don't lose track of your Friends between newsletters! For updates on upcoming events and the next book sale, visit us on the web at www.folcalvert.org



Multicultural Fair

Our Multicultural Fair on Saturday, November 7, in honor of the native cultures of Hawaii, Alaska and the Cherokee peoples was a great success. Kids from kindergarten to fourth grade joined in on the celebration of Native American cultures at the Calvert Library for two hours of music, song,

food and craft. We showcased Alaska and Hawaii, both celebrating 50 years of becoming a part of the United States and the Cherokee peoples, who have long lived in the Southeastern part of the United States. Kids learned about these cultures, learned a craft and listened to their songs.



Book Discussions...Online

Do you like to discuss books but don't have time to fit a regular group into your schedule? Or perhaps once a month isn't often enough for you? The Calvert Library is now hosting online book discussions through www.calvertlibrary.ning.com.

Classics: Now you can discuss the classics anytime from the comfort of your own home! It's important to remember the roots

of all of the good literature being published today. If you love the classics or if you've made it a personal goal to read a few, this is a great group for you!

Read 50 States: Get great ideas for finishing up your 50 States Bingo cards on this online discussion. Or share your own best reads!

One Maryland One Book: This one will be wrapping up but it was a chance to talk about the book the whole state was reading, *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride.

If you have ideas for other discussions you would like to see us run online, let us know! To join the discussion, go to calvertlibrary.ning.com.

Teen News

Don't forget that the First Fridays of each month is TEEN NIGHT! Calvert Library is alternating movie and game nights throughout the year. The fun runs from 6:30 to 9 pm each month at Calvert Library, Prince Frederick. On movie nights, teens enjoy a great film while munching on popcorn and sipping sodas. Game nights are spent chatting and playing Nintendo Wii and board games.

Our next movie night will be on December 4th. *Halloweentown* is a drab and dreary place of ghouls and goblins where

everything revolves around the last day of October. The Pumpkin King, ruler of Halloweentown, has accidentally discovered the joy and magic of Christmas. The Pumpkin King decides to kidnap Santa Claus and then deliver his land's macabre version of Christmas presents to the boys and girls of Christmastown. Rated PG.

Parents, how many times have you heard your teen use this one: "That game involves strategy, which helps me with my cognitive thinking"? How about, "I'm getting exercise

while I'm playing Dance Dance Revolution"? And of course, the classic, "Gaming helps my hand-to-eye coordination". Guess what? They're all true, and among the many benefits that kids get from gaming! In addition to the games, we provide pizza and sodas at each Teen Game Night. Because Calvert Library is closed on the first Friday in January for New Year's, we will have a special Game Night Event on January 15th with the tweens. All events are FREE!

Honoring Veterans

Calvert Library appreciates our veterans. In their honor, the Calvert Library has planned several special events this November.

On Tuesday, November 10, Calvert Library Prince Frederick hosted Patuxent Pearls from 4:30-5:00pm in the Café where they entertained with a collection of patriotic songs. This was followed by a pre-Veteran's day program at 7:00pm. This ninety minute program, **Hearts Far Apart**, will be opening with a panel of six military veterans or spouses of different war experiences talking about what it was like to be separated from loved ones during their war years, what they missed, and letters from home that meant the most. This is not about the combat experience, but the human side of war. Speakers will include George Owings III, retired Judge Thomas Rymer, Peter Weeks, Rosalie Safreed,

Carolyn Graessle and Jim Zegal. The second half of the program will be open to public sharing of similar war era experiences. Please come to honor our veterans, their families, and their sacrifices in this evening of colorful reminiscence and respect. This is an excellent opportunity to show your family part of the real meaning of Veteran's Day.

We also took a bus trip to the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial in Washington, DC on Wednesday, November 11. The group visited the Memorial for an hour and a half, and then enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon buffet at Phillips Flagship Restaurant overlooking the Washington Channel on the Southwest waterfront.

Other opportunities to learn more about our veterans can be seen at Calvert Library at 850 Costley Way, Prince Frederick.

Discover many memories in the large glass case in the lobby featuring wartime letters and memorabilia on display the month of November and December. Post a picture of your veteran on our large Bulletin board to honor their service—past, present, and future—during the month of November.

For further information or to volunteer wartime letters and



items for display during November and December at Calvert Library, please contact Kate Troutman by calling 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

“On the Go”

In December we will have our 4th “On the Go with Librarians” trip for the year.

On Sunday, December 13th we will provide a chartered bus to Toby's Dinner Theater in Baltimore to see “Irving Berlin's White Christmas – The Musical”.

You will enjoy a delicious brunch buffet prior to the show all for \$60. Make favorite holiday family memories!

Visit your Calvert Library to reserve your seat. Deadline to register is November 18.



Cinema Café

Are you a cinema buff? Did you know that being part of an audience makes a cinema experience much more enjoyable? So maybe you would enjoy a chance to watch some movies on the big screen with other movie lovers. The Calvert Library has been hosting a very successful Cinema Café in the evenings for the past year, and this year the library is adding two daytime programs. On the third Wednesday of each month, Morning Matinee will begin at 10:00 am and on the third Thursday Mid-Day Matinee will start at 2:30pm.

Our November movie is especially for all you Elvis fans. See "The King" on the big screen as Calvert Library Prince

Frederick continues its daytime movie series with two showings of a favorite Elvis movie, *Blue Hawaii*. Elvis Presley stars as Chad Gates, just discharged from the Army. Should he work for Daddy at the Great Southern Hawaiian Fruit Company, or stay close to his girlfriend working for her agency as a tour guide? Enjoy the sand and surf of the Hawaiian Islands as Elvis croons several of his greatest hits including "Can't Help Falling in Love," "The Hawaiian Wedding Song," and the title song, "Blue Hawaii." The Morning Cinema screening is Wednesday, November 18th at 10:00 am. The Mid-Day Matinee showing is Thursday, November 19th at 2:30 pm.

The December movie is Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. The first showing is Wednesday, December 16 at 10:00 am and the second is Thursday, December 17 at 2:30 pm.

We also have a special holiday movie showing of the *Polar Express* with an animated version of Tom Hanks on Wednesday, December 23 at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The kids are out of school and maybe you need something to help you stay in the holiday spirit—bring the crew and have a festive afternoon or evening!

For further information, call 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862.

HelpNow! Tutoring Available

Students (and their parents) seeking assistance with homework can now use a free online tutoring program available through the county library systems. The program is available to anyone with a Calvert Library card. It provides "live" expert tutors in all core subjects for students in grades 3-12.

HelpNow!, a product of the parent company Brainfuse, is a tutoring service provided by the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association for customers of the three county library systems in Southern Maryland. [HelpNow!](#) offers free tutoring daily from 2:00-11:00 pm in both English and Spanish.

Tutoring is available in math (including algebra I, algebra II, geometry, trigonometry and calculus); science (including biology, chemistry, physics and earth science); social studies; and English or language arts. Reading and writing assistance is also available, including a writing lab for help writing a report or paper

A foreign language lab is also offered, with live online instruction from fluent language tutors for students with foreign language homework.

There are no session limits for tutoring so tutoring can take five or ten minutes, or even an hour or more if necessary.

Besides tutoring, HelpNow! offers skills-building - helping students master a concept or skill through state-aligned online lessons, presented by tutors in one-to-one sessions.

All online tutors are trained and certified by Brainfuse and are based in the United States. Each tutor is cleared with a thorough background and reference check and must have a four-year degree and prior teaching or tutoring experience. Library customers can access HelpNow! using their home computer or through a computer at any Calvert Library.

Creative Memoir Workshop

Reinventing a Life: Workshop in Creative Memoir continues to produce published writers. Several have recently been featured in *Bay Weekly* while others have found their way into other local and national

publications. If you have some great stories to tell, join this group of writers in chronicling their lives in a way that entices everyone to read and learn. Usually the group meets at 2:00 pm on the second Wednesday

of each month at the Calvert Library Prince Frederick, but because of the library closure for Veterans' Day, the group will meet Wednesday, November 18. Their December date is December 9.

Financial Aid Seminars

If you are planning on college for yourself or your teen, you will be happy that the Calvert Library Prince Frederick is hosting a series of seminars to help you figure out how best to finance college. Southern Maryland College Access Network (SoMD CAN) director Sonia Wagner will present three free sessions over the course of the next few months. Each session will give you another set of skills to help you understand the complicated process of college Financial Aid.

Sonia Wagner has 20 years of experience in the college Financial Aid field and is always excited to share information with families trying to navigate this complicated process. Her initial experience was as the Director of Student Financial Aid at Katherine Gibbs School in Boston, moving on to Director of Financial Aid at Newbury College in Brookline and consulting at Worcester State University, Smith College and Amherst College in Western Massachusetts. Sonia found her way to Southern Maryland and quickly took up the torch of providing Financial Aid services to students and families in the

tri-county region, specifically Calvert County. Sonia is a founding board member and Executive Director of SoMD CAN. She is a member of NCAN (National College Access Network) and Leadership Southern Maryland. Sonia sits on the Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council and the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Calvert County Board of Education. Her humble beginnings in the deep South and her own trials and errors in obtaining a college education have helped her to make higher education access a reality to as many students and families as she can reach.

The first session was Saturday, October 24. The Financial Aid Fundamentals seminar covered the types of college financial aid available from federal, state, institutions, and local scholarship providers. It was interactive and the audience was able to have all of their questions answered. On Saturday, November 14, the session will be about the Cost of Attending Higher Education. The seminar will expose the true costs of attending an institution of higher education. Financial

Aid Award letters will be dissected and discussed. The series will be wrapped up on Saturday, March 20 with a seminar titled Paying for Higher Education & Education Loan Consolidation. Participants will gain information about resources and funds available for the expense of higher education. This seminar will include a discussion about Student Loan Consolidation – how the student can handle loan debt after college. Each free seminar will be held at the Calvert Library Prince Frederick from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. You can register online or call 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862 for more information.



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Stay Close: A Mother's Story of Her Son's Addiction

For every drug addict there are at least four people affected, a depressing assertion by some experts that is clearly borne out in this soft-spoken, utterly honest account by educator Cataldi.” ~ Publisher's Weekly

“As Virgil toured Dante through hell, so Libby Cataldi can hold your hand through a parent's ultimate nightmare. A gripping story of a bad time for a good person, and how she conquered it.” ~ Tom Clancy



STAY CLOSE: A Mother's Story of Her Son's Addiction

Addiction does not discriminate. It poisons the most educated, accomplished and loving families – just ask Libby Cataldi.

Cataldi holds a doctorate in education and was, for 17 years, head of The Calverton School in Maryland, which her two sons, Jeff and Jeremy, attended. While she was guiding and disciplining other parents' kids and putting in long days at this private school, Jeff was becoming a drug addict. How could this happen? He made good grades and played sports and even went on to Boston

University – all the while a functional addict.

Gradually, Jeff's drug use, which started when he was in his early teens, turned dangerously to heroin, an addiction that often results in death.

Dr. Cataldi will speak about her book at the Calvert Library Prince Frederick on Sunday, November 22, at 2:00 pm, as part of the Authors by the Bay series, presented by the Calvert Library Foundation. This event is a fundraiser for the Library Foundation. Light refreshments are included. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available in advance at any Calvert Library location. In her harrowing and moving memoir, *Stay Close: a Mother's Story of her Son's Addiction*, Libby Cataldi reveals what a child's drug addiction is like from a mother's point of view and honestly examines what her family did wrong, how they abetted Jeff's addiction when they didn't mean to, how their family was torn apart and how it is now, finally, mending.

She draws on the journals she kept for many years, where she chronicled her family's hell and sought to come to grips with her own role in it. She writes of the “crystal blue, good to be alive days” when Jeff was clean, and of the phone calls that came in the middle of the night or in the midst of preparing the Christmas meal that shocked her back to the reality that Jeff was using again. She takes us along as she researches various rehab centers (most of them only 30

days long – not nearly long enough, she explains), various therapies and strategies for handling an addict. It is when she goes to Italy, her family's native country, for a much-needed rest that she learns the message of *Stagli Vicino* – or *Stay Close*. This, writes Cataldi, means to love with detachment (and to be constant in that love, even when someone is at their most unlovable), to offer verbal support and encouragement – but not money, allowing an addict to recover – something he must do for himself. Jeff has now been sober for more than two years.

Stay Close is also, at times, an addict's account of that downward spiral. Jeff contributes his own point of view and details what was really going on, which was often quite different from what his parents were thinking. An Afterward is provided by Jeff's doctor, Patrick MacAfee, who has worked with addicts for 40 years.

“This book is an effort to bring addiction out of the shadows and into a place of healing,” concludes Cataldi. She knows the shame associated with addiction and she knows how much courage it takes to heal – and to speak out. *Stay Close* is must-reading for families in crisis and for all those who want to better understand addiction, how to fight it and how to live again. Meet Dr. Cataldi at the Calvert Library on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 pm. For more information call (410) 535-0291.

Manga Workshop

Want to learn how to draw *manga*? Illustrator McNevin Hayes will be teaching a *manga* workshop here at the Calvert Library Prince Frederick on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00pm.

Manga is the Japanese-style cartooning which has become so popular in the United States. If you are an artist, young or otherwise, looking to appeal to the teen audience or just expand your horizons, this is the workshop for you.

Registration is required, so sign up soon! Teens and *anime* fans of all ages are welcome. For more information please call Calvert Library at 301-855-1862 or 410-535-0291 or visit us online at <http://calvert.lib.md.us>.

Brain Games

The research seems clear that exercising your brain keeps it limber and sharp. Playing games can actually improve



memory and attention as well as strategic planning. The Calvert Library has picked some especially pleasing games with which to exercise your brain. To build your own “brawny brain” come to Prince Frederick on Saturday mornings for game time from 10-11:30am. (Unofficially, many “mentally

muscular” players have been know to play all day.) Available games include Scrabble, Chess and two versions of Blokus. Bring a friend or make a new one. For more information, call the Calvert Library Prince Frederick at (410) 535-0291 or (301) 855-1862.

Calvert Library 2.0

Did you know that Calvert Library has gone 2.0 Social? Fan us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, check out our online book discussions on Ning, and take a look through all our

photos on Flickr! It’s a great way to always know what’s happening at the Calvert Library.

 Facebook	 Ning
Twitter  Regular Feed Teen Feed Children's Feed	 Flickr

Watch Food, Inc.



Calvert Eats Local meets the third Monday of each month. November 16 is a special meeting that begins at 6:00pm at Calvert Library Prince Frederick. The early start is in order to have plenty of time to

show and discuss *Food, Inc.* Filmmaker Robert Kenner exposes the highly mechanized business that the food industry has become. You may never look at dinner the same way again.

Kid Stuff @ Calvert Library

Friends of Calvert Library Raffle

Need a holiday present or just want to escape to paradise? The Friends of Calvert Library will be raffling gaming system games, Wii Sports Resort and Dissidia for Playstation PSP. Wii game comes with the Wii MotionPlus accessory. Raffle tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets. Drawing will be held Dec. 11, 2009.

Holiday Evening Storytime

Come join Calvert Library in celebrating the holiday season! We will have evening storytimes at all locations. Preschoolers and early elementary children and their parents will enjoy an evening of stories, fingerplays and flannel boards on diverse holiday themes.

Wed. 12/09 7 pm – Calvert Library Prince Frederick

Thurs. 12/10 7 pm – Fairview Branch and Southern Branch

Thurs. 12/10 6:30 pm – Twin Beaches Branch (at Abigail Francisco's School of Classical Dance)

Kids Just Want to Have Fun

Discover something new at Kids Just Want to Have Fun. These events for kindergarten age to 3rd graders give kids an opportunity to have fun at the library. Topics such as baseball, pizza, ice cream or da Vinci give kids hands on experience while learning something new about art, food, sports or the world around them. Calvert Library holds these events weekly in Prince Frederick and monthly at each branch.

It Takes Two

“Something for Everyone” at Calvert Library includes a book club for 3rd to 5th graders. These activity-driven clubs give kids a chance to share a book with an adult. Clubs are monthly and held at each Calvert Library location. Don't have time to read the book? Come anyway, and join in the excitement.

Paws to a Dog

On **Jan 9th, 2 – 4 pm**, Calvert Library goes to the dogs. This event for beginning readers is a great way to improve your reading skills with a trained therapy dog by your side. Dogs provided by the Chesapeake Kennel Club and friends. Registration required. Calvert Library Prince Frederick.

Black History Month Program for Kids

Feb 9th Calvert Library Prince Frederick is planning a special event for the kids in our county. Save the date, and watch for more details to come.

Fossil Hunter

March 20th, 11am Did you know that shark teeth are not the only fossils found locally? In Calvert County you can find stingray, whale, dolphin, sea turtle, and even crocodile fossils from 8 to 20 million years ago. Learn the clues paleontologists use to identify one kind of fossil from another. If you're in grades 2 through 5, join us at Calvert Library Prince Frederick and find out how to identify fossils like the experts.

It Takes 2 Book Clubs Suggested for Grades 3 - 5	CALV 1st Wed 7:00 - 8:00pm	FRVW 3rd Sat 2:30-3:30pm	SOC 1st Mon or Thurs 7:00 - 8:00pm	TWIN 2nd Thurs 6:30 - 7:30pm
Nov	Nov 4 th 39 Clues	Nov 19 th (Thurs., 7pm) Bud, Not Buddy	Nov 5 th 6 th Grade Nick- name Game	Nov 12 th BFG
Jan	Jan 6 th Phantom Toll- booth	Jan 16 th Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jan 4 th Homework Ma- chine	Jan 14 th Flush
Feb	Feb 3 rd BFG	Feb 18 th 39 Clues	Feb 4 th Bud Not Buddy	Feb 11 th 6 th Grade Nick- name Game

Guys read

Are you looking for the perfect holiday gift for your favorite man? The Calvert Library has the perfect event for you! On Wednesday, December 9, authors of the ideal “man” books will be at the Calvert Library Prince Frederick at 7:00 pm to sell and sign their books. You’ll meet Jack D’Ambrosio, author of *Apollos* and *Family Sins*; Pete Hurrey, author of *The Grease Monkey Gourmet*, and Kevin Clark, author of *The Smell of Baseball*.

Pete Hurrey’s *The Grease Monkey Gourmet* is the ultimate guidebook for men—advice on cooking and pearls of wisdom about relationships—resulting in a irresistible recipe of invaluable information.

Hurrey’s “point system” is just one of the many gems that gives solid recommendations on how to communicate with your significant other.

If you’re looking for a more intense read, you might enjoy Jack D’Ambrosio’s *Family Sins*. The Damanos immigrated to the United States from Italy at the

turn of the 20th century. The other family, the Brutons, migrated to Washington, D.C. from the Carolinas. Both families hoped that their children would take advantage of what America offered, but it was not to be. Their offspring turned to crime. The first generation of these two families were to meet, and what followed would decide the course of crime in Washington, DC. D’Ambrosio’s second book, *The Apollos* is semi-autobiographical, detailing the author’s time as one of the co-leaders of this DC gang.

If you are more of a sports fan than a crime fan, you must check out Kevin Clark’s book, *The Smell of Baseball*. Clark has lived in Southern Maryland since 1979 when he was honorably discharged from the United States Navy. He attended St. Mary’s College where he played baseball for two years. He also played baseball in the Charles St. Mary’s baseball league, the Independent league and the Industrial league. He is the author of *Children Growing*

Funny, a collection of poems and quotes.

His newest release, *The Smell of Baseball*, was inspired by Clark’s love for the sport. The story is told through a son’s eyes. The son reflects on his childhood and his father, while playing centerfield for the Baltimore Orioles. The book flashes from present to past, while highlighting certain events that helped to mold him into a major league baseball player. The story plays out during a game at Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox, where the young baseball player re-lives a magical event that took place in this same park 10 years earlier before his father passed away. Clark thinks this is a story for both the avid and the casual baseball fan as it touches on excitement, sentiment and family values.

There will be a short reading from each book so you can find out if it is what you are looking for. There will be a reception, time for questions and answers and time for autographs.

Book Discussions

If you love to read and are looking for like company, check out the Calvert Library book discussion groups. Each library location offers one adult book discussion a month. Prince Frederick and Twin Beaches offer evening discussions beginning at 7:00 pm and

Fairview and Southern Branches offer a 2:00 pm discussion for those who prefer a daytime event. Each group reads a wide variety including fiction, biography, literature, classics and sometimes even poetry. Groups have been known to gather for a meal

together or go see the movie version of a book they might have discussed. Join us!



Voices of a Sustainable Calvert

If you are dismayed by the current disharmony and lack of civility in America, please consider joining our series *Voices of a Sustainable Calvert*.

In partnership with the Community Mediation Center, All Saints Episcopal Church and a number of strong community advocates, the Calvert Library is hosting a series designed to encourage conversation and understanding among the members of Calvert's diverse population. We believe this series will promote a sustainable and peaceful community as well as excellent and insightful conversation.

We introduced the event to the community through the International Day of Peace

event on September 20 that was called "Voices of Faith." The format was that of a discussion circle with several speakers "planted" if you will, throughout the circle. Those speakers were representatives of various religions in our community. The discussion was enlightening, passionate and open.

On November 4, our session was "Voices of Experience." Guffrie Smith, Dr. Isaam Damalouji, Margaret Phipps and Missy Briscoe McNatt shared their experiences related to change in Calvert County. The group talked about:

- The transition of Southern Maryland from a largely rural, agricultural community to a wealthy commuter community.

- The era of desegregation in the public school system; and

- The phenomenon of culturally separate churches, social life and other community activity in our county.

All attendees are encouraged to share their own experiences. Our facilitators are trained by the Community Mediation Center and are committed to promoting a safe exchange that will encourage understanding and relationship building.

On Thursday, December 3 we will host "Voices of Youth." Subsequent topics are "Voices of the Community", "Voices of Land" and "Voices of Water." Join us to build a sustainable community through increased understanding of one another.

National Gaming day

Take part in the largest gaming event of the year! National Gaming Day, Saturday, November 14, will be celebrated at each Calvert Library location. The branches will have card and board games out all day for your enjoyment. The Calvert Library Prince Frederick will have Nintendo Wiis set up from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm as well as cards and board games all day. Come play!

If once a year isn't enough to get your gaming fix, join us for

Open Wii Play every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Calvert Library Prince Frederick.

Bring the family for Family Wii Play on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 pm.

You'll also frequently find the Nintendo Wiis set up on days that school is out, as well as on the Teen and Tween Game Nights each month. Join your fellow

gamers to learn some new tricks and try some new games at the Calvert Library.

Saturday, November 14, 2009

READ, LEARN, PLAY

NATIONAL GAMING DAY

@ your library

History Fair Workshop

Due to phenomenal interest, we will be offering Ramp up Your History Fair Research again on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 pm. This is a special event for all middle school students. Join us for an evening of learning how the resources at Calvert Library can strengthen your History Fair research and have some fun while you learn. To participate, register online at calvert.lib.md.us.

The workshop includes training on using the library's research databases, finding primary and secondary sources, and locating other materials to aid you in producing your 2009-2010 History Fair project. The topic for the year is Innovation in History: Impact and Change.

The program format includes a variety of activities – and light



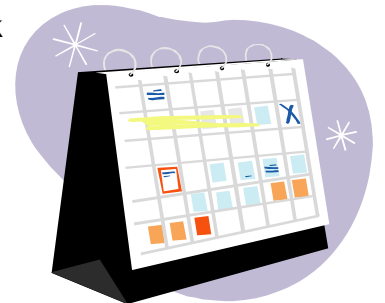
refreshments – to make the information-packed evening especially enjoyable for tweens.

For more information call (410) 535-0291 or (301) 855-1862.

Mark Your calendars!

Other Upcoming events to put on your calendar:

- Festival of Art: Saturday, January 16 at Calvert Library Prince Frederick
- Big Read: On Feb. 1 join the community and read Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*
- Black History Month: On Feb. 25. learn about the Buffalo Soldiers
- Leisure Expo 2010: On Feb. 27, find the perfect way to spend your



Job Search Training

Job Counselor Sandra Holler is providing weekly guidance to those in the job hunt. So far she has helped with resumes, interview tips, job search techniques and has even connected people with potential employers. Most Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 am, she is available

to those who need help. She will be available the first three Tuesdays in November and then take a break through December. She will be back again every Tuesday in January and may host some morning resume classes as well. Ms. Holler will teach a class on Tuesday,

November 17 at 7:00 pm on cover letters. Learn just why a cover letter is so important to your job application and how to write the best one possible. Keep an eye on the library calendar for more.

Calvert Library Launches New Website

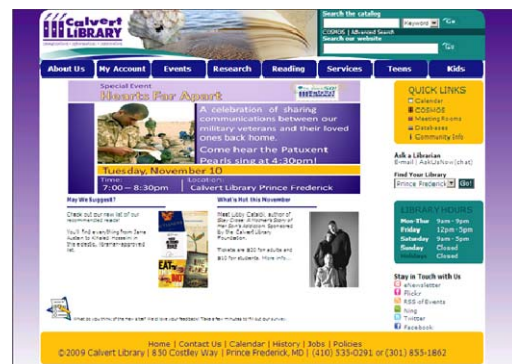
On November 1, the library bid farewell to its website to welcome in a new user-friendly design full of more information, tools and ways to interact with us than ever before! The look of the previous site first appeared back in 2001 and featured a list of links, the Library's logo, and later featured an image of Cal, the former children's mascot. In 2008, the website was

modified only slightly to remove Cal and to add a content slider to advertise upcoming events. Now in 2009, we have reorganized nearly everything and started fresh. The logo and the slider remain, but we've also added so much more! For example, you can now search our catalog from our main page (in the upper right hand side). You can also find out more about

each of our programs under the "Events" tab, find out more about the library in "About Us," and discover all the ways we help our community under "Services." Why not discover more about your favorite library by exploring our new site? Make sure you let us know what you think of the new design by clicking on the survey at the bottom of the page.



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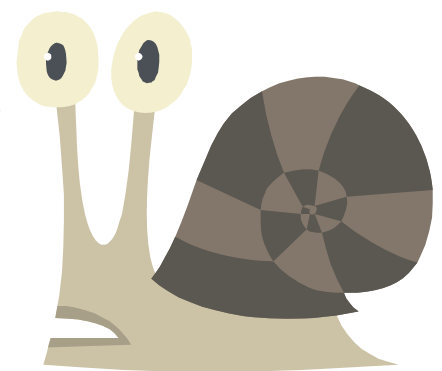
Membership Renewal 2010

Keep A Lookout!

In the next few weeks, we'll be sending out the annual **Friend's Membership Application for January to December 2010**. Please take a moment to complete the application and return it with your annual membership dues.

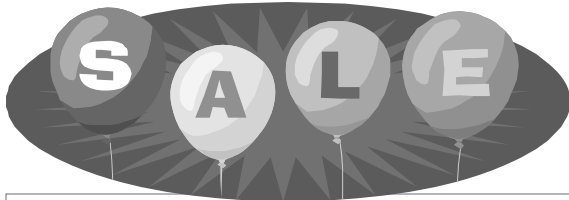
Friends membership is very inexpensive—only \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family and \$35 for a corporate/business membership. Your contribution helps the Calvert Library in so many ways! And you benefit too! Friends members always have an exclusive First Day Preview at all Used Book Sales, with special invitations to Friends events such as Books and Bubbly and the Annual Membership Meeting.

Your dues have funded Supplies for Children's Programs such as "Make a Gingerbread House" and "Fun and Games Around the World", Funding for Tween Programs, CD Players for Story Time, Promotional Items for School Visits.



January Friends Events!

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- Religion & Spirituality
- Romance
- Science and Technology
- Science Fiction and Fantasy
- Self Development
- Sports
- Travel and Adventure

Preview for Friends Members Only

Thursday, January 7

5:00-8:00 pm

Public Sale

Friday, January 8

12:00-4:00 pm

Saturday, January 9

9:00 am-3:00 pm

4TH ANNUAL BOOKS & BUBBLY

a special event sponsored by
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Join the Friends of Calvert Library for an elegant evening of music, food and fun. Sample delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres complimented by champagne and wine offerings.

Friday, January 29

7:00 am to 9:00 pm



Upcoming Friends Events!

Don't Miss January's Gently Used Book Sale

Preview for Friends Members Only

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5:00-8:00 pm

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