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From left – Suzanne Loyd, Constellation Energy senior manager of engineering, as Dolly Parton, Doug Loyd, Critical Start staff engineer, as Kenny Rogers, and Karen Korenman, Stanley Black & Decker engineering vice president as a Pink Lady from “Grease,” at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)

Baltimore Scene by Sloane: Harford County Public Library Gala ‘Epic Rewind’

The volume was pumped up and not a “shhh” could be heard in the Abingdon Library. After all, this was the Harford County Public Library Foundation’s annual gala, which attracted some 650 guests. The fact that the annual bash is held in the library is always part of its appeal, along with live music, food stations manned by area eateries and food vendors, bars, and activities set up around the room. Some guests also came in costume – as 1980s movie or music stars or characters from films of that era — in keeping with this year’s gala theme, “Epic Rewind: 80’s in the Stacks,” honoring the institution’s 80th anniversary.

Another cause of celebration? The \$100,000 raised by the event for Harford County Public Library programs.



From left - Sharon Lipford, library foundation board president/CopperMile Consulting president, Brian Lipford, Key Tech retired founder, Nicole Funk, Deloitte managing director, and Tim Funk, Bass Pro Shops inventory control specialist, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



Books provided the backdrop at the Harford County Public Library Gala. (Sloane Brown)



The Abingdon library was decked out in 80's bright colors for the 80's-themed gala. (Sloane Brown)



Guests got down to the music of 80's tribute band, The New Romance at the Harford County Public Library Gala. (Sloane Brown)



About 650 folks filled the Abingdon Library for the Harford County Public Library Gala. (Sloane Brown)



The photo booth - with 80's themed props - was a big draw at the library gala. (Sloane Brown)



From left - Matthew Scales, Scales Synergy Communications CEO, Rina Scales, Lockheed Martin facility manager, Monica Worrell, APG Federal Credit Union business banking loan officer, and Dan Worrell, Fallen Pine Oyster Company owner, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Greg Felder, Sage Health director of operations, Theresa Felder, Harford Community College president, Barbara Payne, Veolia North American learning and development leader and Christopher Payne, Northrop Grumman missions systems sector director of programs, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Iulia Griffin, The Cactus Group CEO, and Sally Pfabe, Fearless account executive, as different phases of Madonna, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Ryan Delaney, BriteLife Recovery licensed clinical professional counselor, Jackie Hryncewich, Ashley Addiction Treatment donor relations manager - both channeling the 80's in their costumes, Shana Koslowsky, Ashley Addiction Treatment director of marketing, and Ryan Goff, MGH chief marketing officer, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Laura Carlson, Ryan LLC director of accounting, Jonas Vogelhut, library board vice chair/retired US Army colonel, Ashley Voso, Google software engineering manager, and David Voso, union Local #24 electrician, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



Monique Head, library board member/University of Delaware professor of civil engineering, and Kris Head, Grainger branch manager, paid homage to the 90's hip-hop era with the costumes they wore to the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala. (Sloane Brown)



From left - Betsy Campion, Campion Insurance president, Amber Shrodes, Harford County Public Library director of philanthropy and community engagement, and Sara Garbarino, The Arc NCR vice president of advancement, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Mike LaFiandra, federal employee, Carol Wright, library board chair/community volunteer, Eric McLauchlin, PK Law attorney, and Tracey McLauchlin, PK Law attorney, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Jennifer Doyle, Abingdon Elementary School reading specialist, Kent Doyle, Rita's Italian Ice director of media, Carolyn Lambdin, library board member/community volunteer, and Joseph Lambdin, SECU credit committee member, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)



From left - Lyle Sheldon, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health retired president/CEO, Mary Hastner, Harford County Public Library CEO, Jennifer Vido, author/Harford County Bar Foundation executive director, and Durbin Vido, library foundation board member/Brown Advisory principal, at the 20th Annual Harford County Public Library Gala (Sloane Brown)