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Harford County Public Library Foundation's 21st Annual Gala Raises \$100,000 Net

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Erin Huang, owner of LaBellevie, Howard Huang, president & CEO of Ignitec, Inc., and Sandi Tunney, vice president of American Design & Build, attend Harford County Public Library Foundation's 21st annual gala November 1 at the Abingdon Library. (Maximilian Franz/PhotoMax, LLC)

Harford County Public Library Foundation's 21st annual gala, "Epic Rewind: Eighties in the Stacks," raised \$100,000 net the evening of November 1 at the Abingdon Library.

The gala, attended by 650 guests, is the Library's largest fundraiser. Proceeds support the Library's programs for early literacy, STEM resources, internet access and vital community programs across Harford County. The Presenting Sponsors were Klein's ShopRite of Maryland and Saxon's Diamond Centers. For a complete listing of sponsors, visit HCPLonline.org.

This year's gala celebrated Harford County Public Library's 80th anniversary with a 1980s-themed event that provided an unforgettable evening of great food, incredible music and nostalgic decor. Guests danced the night away to the ultimate 80s tribute band, The New Romance, while enjoying a blockbuster menu from Matsuri Sushi, Vagabond Sandwich Company, Evolved Catering & Events, Coffee Coffee, Boards by Dana/The Grazing Room,

Full Circle Boards, Broom's Bloom Dairy, Klein's ShopRite, Island Spice Grille and Lounge, and Pairings Bistro.

"The 21st annual gala was an epic night celebrating the Library's 80th anniversary with awesome music, movies, games, culture and all around fun," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. "A big thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and all who love and support the Library."

In addition to a silent auction, a live auction led by WMAR-2 News' Kristy Breslin and Harford County's Register of Wills Derek Hopkins featured a foodie tour of Charleston, an exclusive locavore dinner for six at Gertrude's Chesapeake Kitchen, Steelers vs. Ravens Club Level experience, local brewery tour for 23 and the opportunity to name a street in the Town of Bel Air for a year.

An exclusive raffle of jewelry donated by Saxon's Diamond Centers enabled a lucky winner to choose from among a diamond tennis bracelet, diamond stud earrings and sapphire diamond ring, each valued over \$10,000.

"We are deeply grateful for the tremendous support from our amazing sponsors, event partners, volunteers and staff. Epic Rewind was an incredible success and testament to the Library's important role in our community," said Amber Shrodes, director of philanthropy and community engagement at Harford County Public Library.

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Mark your calendar now for the 22nd annual gala on Saturday, November 7, 2026.

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Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County offering access to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire. Last year the Library interacted with its residents more than 12 million times – borrowing free materials, visiting branches and the website, using free WiFi, and attending classes and events. In 2024 Harford County Public Library received the Maryland Library Association Excellence in Marketing Award for graphic excellence for the second time. [For more information, visit HCPLonline.org](http://HCPLonline.org).