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CLUB PROMOTES KINDNESS AT BEL AIR LIBRARY

(Belcamp, Maryland – January 29, 2015) Though the traditional season of giving associated with the winter holidays has passed, one Harford County Public Library group continues do good deeds throughout the year. The Bel Air Library’s newly formed Acts of Kindness Club has adopted the simple yet selfless mission of spreading joy to local individuals and organizations.

The aim of the club, whose members are in kindergarten through fifth grade, is “to bring awareness to areas of need in the community,” said Bethany Vangrin, founder of the club and a children’s librarian at the Bel Air Library. “I hope the group is a starting point for the young patrons to get involved,” she commented.

In January, club members crafted Valentine’s Day cards for older residents. Librarian Katherine Clipp will deliver the cards as she makes her rounds on the Silver Reader, Harford County Public Library’s mobile outreach vehicle serving those in senior centers and residences, as well as in long-term care and adult medical day care facilities.

February’s project will promote compassion toward all creatures, great and small, as the club will create blankets, pillows and fleece toys for animals at the Humane Society of Harford County.

Later in the spring, Vangrin said the club plans to take up additional causes such as protecting the environment and supporting emergency services personnel.

The club is actively seeking new members. Those interested in lending a hand can find out more about joining by calling the Bel Air Library at 410-638-3151, visiting the Facebook page of the Bel Air Branch of Harford County Public Library or attending a program.

The Acts of Kindness Club meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Bel Air Library, located at 100 E. Pennsylvania Ave. in Bel Air. More details about activities planned for upcoming programs can be found in Harford County Public Library's calendar of events, *Headlines & Happenings*, available in all Library branches and on hcplonline.org.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The Library serves over 191,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 4.1 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

Photo caption: The Bel Air Library's newly formed Acts of Kindness Club assists individuals and organizations in the community. Front row, from left to right: Tristan Darcey, Max Williams, Jack Williams and Mallory Williams. Back row, from left to right: Alyssa Stamper, Sierra Stamper, Jocelyn Britton, Haylie Brown, Noelle Brown, Andrew Blackburn, Michaela Blackburn and Andrew Slesicki.

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