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HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES "ITCHIN' FOR A CHURCHVILLE KITCHEN" LIVE AUCTION PACKAGE TO BE DEBUTED AT LIBRARY GALA

(**Belcamp, Maryland – October 6, 2015**) The Harford County Public Library's 11th Annual Gala, *House of Books: An Evening in the Stacks,* convenes Saturday, November 7, 2015, at the Abingdon branch of the Harford County Public Library. Foundation President and Library First Lady will welcome guests to an elegant "Oval Office" celebration and discover that the Harford County Public Library is much more than just "A House of Books!"

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is thrilled to team up with Scott Goedeke of Churchville Kitchens to premiere **"Itchin' for a Churchville Kitchen**" this year, valued at **\$66,500**, as part of the Gala's live auction package lineup. Goedeke will personally design a new kitchen based on 25 years of kitchen design experience.

Churchville Kitchens got the ball rolling by offering \$25,000 in design and coordination, KraftMaid cabinetry and hardware. Hank Twist, Sr., HCT Home Remodeling and New Images Remodeling Services, joined the team to provide the installation valued at \$20,000.

The following area businesses have generously donated their time and services to complete the project: Classic Granite & Marble, Inc. (\$6,000), Appliance Distributors Unlimited (\$5,000), Top Notch Floors (\$3,500), Benfield Electric (\$3,500), Hometown Plumbing Services, Inc. (\$2,000), Rooms with a View (\$1,000), and Goode Design (\$500).

Gala attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on other live auction packages including a wine excursion to Sonoma and San Francisco; a week's vacation in Orlando with tickets to Disney World and Universal Studios; romantic dinners; tickets to the Hippodrome; and tickets to outstanding gala events in the community. There's even an opportunity to have a street in Bel Air named after you for a year!!

Last year, due to the generous participation of many local businesses, the Harford County Public Library Foundation was successful in raising more than \$100,000 for the Library. These funds were immediately applied to the Havre de Grace Building Campaign (\$75,000), the annual Summer and Winter Reading Programs, and the award winning Innovation Lab, a digital media lab that provides community members opportunities to be creators of electronic video, audio, publishing and 3D designs. This year our goal is to raise more than \$100,000 to continue support of these great projects as well as other innovative programs. The Gala is the Library's largest fundraiser and is critical to our efforts to serve the citizens and families of Harford County.

To learn more, visit <u>www.EveningInTheStacks.org</u> or call Rebecca Jessop/Nina Depkin at 410-273-5600. The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established to raise funds to augment the financial resources of the Harford County Public Library and to promote awareness of its services.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1: Itchin' for a Churchville Kitchen poster