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### ***Harford County Public Library Foundation Raises More Than \$100,000 at Annual Gala***

*Funds raised will be used for library services and initiatives including STEM*

**Belcamp, Md., November 17, 2017** -- Harford County Public Library Foundation's 13<sup>th</sup> annual gala, "La La Library An Evening in the Stacks," raised more than \$100,000 the evening of November 4 at the Abingdon Library.

The funds raised will be used to support Harford County Public Library's STREAM initiatives, Summer Reading Challenge, Winter Reading, author discussions and speaker series, purchase of new materials and other innovative initiatives.

Special guests included Harford County Executive Barry Glassman and his wife, Debi; Delegate Teresa Reilly; Harford County Councilman Chad Shrodes and his wife, Amber, director of Community Services for Harford County; Alex M. Allman, chair of the Harford County Public Library board of trustees and Mark DiBerardino, president of the Harford County Public Library Foundation.

The evening's theme, "La La Library," focused on the timeless and classic "Old Hollywood" song and dance days. Music was provided by Moods Swings. The honorary chairs of the gala were The Kelly Group's Bryan and Katherine Kelly.

The extensive menu featured hors d'oeuvres and stations provided by Laurrapin Catering and with desserts from Flavor Cupcakery, Jarrettsville Creamery, Klein's ShopRite, LaCakerie and Wegmans. Specialty drinks, microbrews, a bourbon and whiskey bar and gourmet coffee/tea were provided by Jim's BottleWorks and Coffee Coffee.

A live auction was conducted by Derek Hopkins, Harford County's Register of Wills, and was assisted by master of ceremonies Kristy Breslin from *WJZ-TV*.

The auction featured a VIP trip to the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby; a Hearts on Fire, a one-carat diamond necklace; a farm-to-table dinner for 10 at the Liriodendron; tickets to Harford County's top galas and events in 2018; a girls' day out; tickets and parking for the Orioles' opening day in 2018 plus dinner and an overnight stay; a child's birthday party in the Children's Department of the Bel Air Library; and the naming a street in the Town of Bel Air.

Guests enjoyed performances by the Upper Chesapeake Chorus and Ballet Chesapeake.

"This year's gala was a magical evening," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. "Harford County Public Library is so fortunate to have strong support from the community. Thanks to the generosity of our friends at 'La La Library,' we will

continue to support a wide range of programs and resources including new technologies, community outreach and STEM programs plus innovative new spaces and collections that will offer customers of all ages the opportunity to explore, create, discuss and learn."

Presenting sponsors were Klein's Family Markets, Richardson's Flowers & Gifts, Saxon's Diamond Centers, Waste Industries and Wegmans. Headlining Sponsors were *The Daily Record*, Events by I Did it Myself, Frank Hajek & Associates, P.A., Hart to Heart Transportation, *195 Business*, The Kelly Group, Laurrapin Catering, M&T Bank and Web IXI.

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Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established to raise funds to augment the financial resources of Harford County Public Library and to promote awareness of its services.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County. The library serves more than 194,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of more than 4.7 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading in the community. For more information, visit [hcplonline.org](http://hcplonline.org).

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