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Book Your Journey to the Library Gala

Harford County Public Library (HCPL) Foundation will host its 3rd Annual fundraising gala, *Book Your Journey, an Evening in the Stacks*, on Saturday, November 3, 2006. Library supporters and the general public are encouraged to attend this extravagant evening of live music, culinary delights, and auctions.

"This year's gala will certainly be our best yet," said Vanessa Milio, HCPL Foundation Director. "We have been overwhelmed by the generous support of our sponsors and auction donors this year. The gala has quickly become our signature event and generates funds that allow us to support library initiatives throughout the year," said Ms. Milio.

The Abingdon Branch, located at 2510 Tollgate Road, will be transformed for the cocktail attire affair. The journey begins at 7pm. Festivities include live music by Blues Therapy; exclusive catering by Carried Away Gourmet; desserts by Patisserie Lucie; beverages by Bottleworks; coffee bar by Dunkin' Donuts; cheese selections by Broom's Bloom Dairy; silent and live auctions, a raffle and dancing.

"This is a great event for a worthwhile organization; the library system in Harford County benefits all of us," said Bel Air Mayor Terry Hanley. "The gala has become a way for the business community to step up and show their support of the library. I am looking forward to a great evening," Hanley said.

Headlining sponsors for this year's gala include The Aegis, Comcast, The Examiner, and WXCY 103.7 FM. Premiere sponsors include American Communications Equipment, Bank of America, Gessner, Snee, Mahoney & Lutchie, P.A., Kay Deitz Realty, Inc., PNC Bank, Richardson's Flowers and Gifts, and Edmund and Lucie Snodgrass.

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Tickets are \$75 per person and available online at HCPLonline.info; the Library Administrative Office at 410-273-5600, 410-838-3749 or 410-575-6761.

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501© 3 charitable organization dedicated to enhancing Harford County Public Library services. The Foundation raises funds to augment the financial resources of the Library and works to promote awareness of library services. The Foundation facilitates the library's development as a creative environment within the county that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading for all customers. For more information call 410 273 5601 x 2283.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 200,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3,900,000. The mission of Harford County Public Library is to provide access, service and information to the citizens of Harford County anytime, anywhere and to create an environment that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

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Photo caption: HCPL's fundraising gala, Book Your Journey, An Evening in the Stacks will be held on November 3 at the Abingdon Branch, 2510 Tollgate Road.