

Montgomery County Friends of the Library Awards Annual Scholarships

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) has announced that two Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) employees have been selected to receive this year's Moreland-Griffen scholarship in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement and professional contributions to MCPL.

FOLMC grants the annual scholarship, which is given in honor of two former MCPL directors, George B. Moreland and Agnes Griffen, as part of their mission to promote librarianship as a career.

Susan Cohen, who has been a librarian with MCPL for 24 years, works with the disability resource center housed in Rockville Library. She coordinates library services to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and manages the children's resource collection. Cohen earned a B.S. degree in social work from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in deaf education from McDaniel College. She is currently pursuing her Master's of library science at the iSchool at Drexel University. Cohen lives in Potomac with her husband and has two college-aged daughters.

Lennadene Bailey, who has worked for Montgomery County government for more than 24 years, is the finance and budget manager for MCPL, a position she has held for over three years. She oversees budgeting and expenditure control, grant and revenue management, and fiscal and statistical data. She earned her undergraduate degree with cum laude honors from Columbia Union College and has taken several management and leadership development courses.

Bailey is pursuing a Master's of business administration from the University of Maryland, University College. She lives in Gaithersburg and has one daughter.

Ari Brooks, executive director of the Friends, said, "Of the candidates who applied for the scholarships, both Ms. Cohen and Ms. Bailey best articulated how their degrees could benefit our public libraries. We look forward to their contributions to MCPL and wish them much success in their studies."

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County is a 25-year-old non-profit membership organization with 15 chapters dedicated to enhancing and promoting public libraries through fundraising and advocacy efforts. FOLMC operates book stores in Rockville and Wheaton, and supports various literary projects that promote the work of local authors, encourage reading among children and enhance adult life-long learning.

For more information about FOLMC, visit www.folmc.org.