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Howard County Library System
**Community Anniversary Fest To Culminate
HCLS' Landmark 75th Anniversary Year
CELEBRATE 75! - Save the Date - Saturday, October 24**

ELLCOTT CITY, MD -- Howard County Library System (HCLS) will mark 75 years of excellence in education on Saturday, October 24 from 10 am to 2 pm at HCLS Miller Branch with **CELEBRATE 75! a community anniversary fest**. The public is invited to join HCLS President and CEO Valerie Gross, community leaders, and special guests to connect the Library's past with the present and future.

Activities will begin with the unveiling of the contents of the **Chapters-of-Our-Lives Time Capsule**. The ceremony will feature a group of selected middle school student Guardians who will pledge to protect and carry on HCLS' legacy over the next 25 years. The Guardians will contribute both their photo and thoughts on the present and the future to the items sealed in the capsule.

Cutting-edge technologies will be on display throughout the day in the **HiTech Showroom**. Displays, demonstrations, and presentations will afford customers up-close encounters with new technology including 3D printers, augmented reality applications and the newest HiTech instructor Zeus, the Nao Robot. Students from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine will show how paramagnetic nanoparticles are being used to train a person's own immune system to find and fight cancer.

Barry Louis Polisar, a Grammy Award winning musician and author, will provide entertainment. A variety of fun crafts and activities will be featured for all ages. **Poe, the Baltimore Ravens' mascot** will also be on-hand to add to the day's spirited festivities.

CELEBRATE 75! Schedule of Events

- 10 – 11 am - “Chapters-of-Our-Lives” time capsule ceremony
- 11 – 2 pm - Activities include a Lego Challenge, Monarch Butterfly Scavenger Hunt in the Enchanted Garden, Family Retro Board Games, crafts and the HiTech Showroom.
- 11:30 am - Entertainment by Grammy Award winner Barry Louis Polisar. A pioneer in the world of books and music for children, Barry began writing and recording for children in 1975. Decades later, his unique songs and stories are now heard all around the world. CDs and books available for purchase and signing.

HCLS Miller Branch is located at 9421 Frederick Road in Ellicott City, Maryland

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