Howard County Library System Recruiting Sixth Grade Students to Serve as Time Capsule Guardians

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Library System (HCLS) is recruiting 75 County sixth graders to carry on HCLS’ legacy as Guardians of the Chapters-of-Our-Lives Time Capsule. Qualifying applicants will join community leaders on Saturday, October 24 for the unveiling of the capsule and its contents during Celebrate 75, a community-wide celebration to be held at the Miller Branch from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Chapters-of-Our-Lives Time Capsule is a collection of three containers that will safeguard HCLS’ history over the next 75 years. The containers will be filled and sealed consecutively in 25-year intervals beginning in 2015.

During the October 24 Time Capsule ceremony, the Guardians will help fill the first of the three containers and pledge to reconvene in 2040 to pass the role of Guardian on to the next generation.

To be a Guardian, students must:

- Live or attend school in Howard County
- Be in the sixth grade (public, private, or home school)
- Provide written answers to two sets of three questions to be placed in the Time Capsule.
  The first set of answers refer to present day (2015). The second set asks students to project ahead 25 years and answer the same questions as their future selves. The questions are:
  - What are the three ways you spend your time?
  - What are the three most popular trends?
  - What are the three things you like the most about HCLS?
- Attend the Time Capsule Ceremony from 10 to 11 am, as part of the Celebrate 75 event on Saturday, October 24, 2015, and
- Complete and submit an application by September 28, 2015.

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Applications are available at hclibrary.org and all six branches.

The 75-year timeline for the HCLS Chapters-of-Our Lives Time Capsule is as follows:

- **October 24, 2015** – The first generation of Guardians (Class of 2015) will be inducted and the 2015 container will be filled.

- **October 27, 2040** – The Class of 2015 will reconvene to pass the role of Guardian on to the next generation (Class of 2040). Together, the two generations will open and re-seal the 2015 container, and fill the 2040 container.

- **October 24, 2065** – The Class of 2040 will gather to pass the role of Guardian on to the Class of 2065. Together, they will open and re-seal the 2015 and 2040 containers, and fill the 2065 container.

- **October 21, 2090** – The Class of 2065 will gather on the occasion of Howard County Library System’s sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary to open all three containers.

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