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HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
GIFTED WITH TWO WORLD WAR II HISTORICAL VOLUMES
Materials Feature Personal Narratives and First-Hand Memories,
Written by Residents of Brightview Avondell

BELCAMP, MD- August 10, 2018: Brightview Avondell Veterans Committee has gifted Harford County Public Library with two volumes of first-hand accounts of the war years.

Memories: Avondell Residents Remember World War II and *Memories: Avondell Residents Remember World War II; Part 2* contain personal stories, historical memories, and photographs of World War II. More than 25 Avondell residents contributed to these volumes.

Inspired in part by visits from the Silver Reader, Harford County Public Library's senior mobile unit, Avondell resident Bill Hassler organized this project as a way to record personal narratives and reflections from individuals who experienced this time in American history. Both titles can be found at the Bel Air Library, on the Local Author shelf.

"Harford County Public Library is honored to receive these volumes of important historical significance," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. "We're so grateful to the residents of Avondell who took the time and care to record these ever important historical memories for future generations."

The Silver Reader began servicing Harford County's senior community in February 2006 and currently visits close to two dozen locations. Staffed with a full-time librarian, this outreach vehicle travels to assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities, adult medical day care, senior centers and retirement apartment complexes throughout Harford County. For more information about the Silver Reader, call 410-638-3151 extension 2280.

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 the recipient of a 2018 Graphic Design USA American Inhouse Design Award. For more information, visit hcplonline.org.



Pictured in front of the Local Author Shelf at the Bel Air Library are Terri Hanlon, Brightview Avondell vibrant living director; John Murphy and Bill Hassler, Brightview Avondell residents; Mary Hastler, Harford County Public Library CEO; and Katherine Clipp, Harford County Public Library Silver Reader librarian.

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