

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Anne Arundel County Public Library (AACPL) are sad to announce the passing of Library Administrator Marion W. Francis. Ms. Francis came to AACPL in August 2002 and served as its administrator until May 2010, when health problems forced her early retirement.

Ms. Francis left her mark on the Library system by spearheading the effort to establish the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation, Inc., an entity dedicated to raising funds for enhancement of Library service that is now in its fourth year. She was also active in the Annapolis community and shared her love of music and her vocal talents with all who knew her. With her special affinity for show tunes, Ms. Francis took much pride and pleasure in being known as "Marion the Librarian."

She will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

Madam Librarian

from The Music Man

What can I do, my dear, to catch your ear
I love you madly, madly Madam Librarian...Marian
Heaven help us if the library caught on fire
And the Volunteer Hose Brigademen
Had to whisper the news to Marian...Madam
Librarian!
What can I say, my dear, to make it clear
I need you badly, badly, Madam Librarian...Marian
If I stumbled and I busted my what-you-may-call-it
I could lie on your floor
'Till my body had turned to carrion....Madam
Librarian.
Now in the moonlight, a man could sing it
In the moonlight
And a fellow would know that his darling
Had heard ev'ry word of his song
With the moonlight helping along.
But when I try in here to tell you, dear
I love you madly, madly, Madam Librarian...Marian
It's a long lost cause I can never win
For the civilized world accepts as unforgivable sin
Any talking out loud with any librarian
Such as Marian.....Madam Librarian.



Marion W. Francis
February 6, 1946 - June 22, 2010

Per Ms. Francis' request, memorial donations can be made to the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation, Inc., 5 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.