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Carroll County Public Library Receives Grant from The Kahlert Foundation

Carroll County, MD – Greg W. Kahlert, President and CEO of The Kahlert Foundation, visited Carroll County Public Library’s Eldersburg location on Wednesday, August 20, at 10:00 AM, to announce that Carroll County Public Library would be receiving a grant to support future youth-focused library programs. In attendance were Andrea Berstler, Carroll County Public Library’s Executive Director, Nadine Rosendale, Branch Manager of Carroll County Public Library’s Eldersburg location, Stephen A. Wantz, Chair of The Carroll County Public Library Board of Trustees, Beth Gray, fellow member of The Carroll County Public Library Board of Trustees representing Eldersburg, and Kati Townsley, Carroll County Public Library’s Development and Community Engagement Manager.

“At The Kahlert Foundation, we believe that access to education and opportunity begins at a young age—and public libraries are critical to making that access a reality,” said Greg Kahlert. “We’re proud to support Carroll County Public Library and the incredible work they do to inspire, educate, and empower youth throughout the community. This investment reflects our deep commitment to building stronger, more vibrant communities for the future.”

Andrea Berstler highlights the significance of this grant from The Kahlert Foundation: “This generous, two-year investment from the Foundation is more than just financial support. It is a resounding vote of confidence in our library and in the role we play as a cornerstone of this community. This grant not only fuels immediate impact; it helps build a future rooted in literacy, civic engagement, and shared national pride. The Foundation’s belief in our mission ensures that our library remains a place where learning, service, and community come together for generations to come.”

About The Kahlert Foundation

After years of service to various Maryland non-profit organizations, William “Bill” E. Kahlert, decided to act on a dream to do good for the communities that made a significant impact in his family’s life—and in 1991, The Kahlert Foundation was born. Though Bill passed away in 2011, his ever-generous nature lives on through the Foundation under the steadfast leadership of his son, Greg, president & CEO.

The Kahlert Foundation’s mission is to provide grants to non-profit organizations to improve the quality of life and well-being of the community in the areas of healthcare, education, veteran organizations, youth programs, and human services. Their focus is in the states of Maryland and Utah. The Foundation focuses its efforts in Maryland and Utah because both states have played a major role in the lives of the Kahlert family.

For more information about Battle of the Books, including rules, this year's booklists, and more, visit Carroll County Public Library’s Battle of the Books page at <https://library.carr.org/programs/BoB.asp>.

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