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### **The Power of the Vote! @ Your Library**

**Hyattsville, MD** – With the elections on the horizon, reinforcing the importance of voting was an integral contribution of the Hyattsville Branch Children’s Department of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System in our communities. Youth voted for which woman ought to be featured on the new \$10 bill in conjunction with the United States Treasury’s campaign, *The New 10*.

Towards that end, the 15 female candidates meeting the criteria of being famous, deceased, and upholding our nation’s foundational freedoms were displayed on a large bulletin board with their pictures and descriptions. The list included: Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Nelly Bly, Rachel Carson, Dorothy Height, Grace Hopper, Juliette Gordon Low, Wilma Mankiller, Patsy Mink, Rosa Parks, Helen Rodriguez-Trias, Janet Rowley, Sacagawea, Sojourner Truth, and Ida B. Wells.

Our children’s section library display, *She Works Hard for the Money*, received 73 ballots. While each of the candidates received at least one vote, a landslide victory went to Rosa Parks. The letter to Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew with voting results graphics and the children’s rationale behind their votes is attached. The children are excited about contributing their voices to the redesign of this U.S. currency honoring women. This library community looks forward to the unveiling of the new \$10 bill in 2020.

#### **About The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System**

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Library services include: OverDrive, Inc. (audiobook and e-book downloads), FastPencil (self-publishing platform for e-books), hoopla (digital video, music and audiobook downloads), Freegal (music downloads), Zinio (magazine downloads) and Brainfuse (tutoring and workforce development). All services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Library programs include: Storytimes, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Book Discussions, Book Signings, Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Chess Clubs, Read to Rover, Game On and so much more. For additional information visit our website at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

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