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Get creative at the KidsKorner Winter Social Featuring children's author Mona Kerby on Friday, February 12

The Columbia Association (CA) is hosting its KidsKorner Winter Social, featuring children's author Mona Kerby on Friday, February 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Slayton House Theatre in the Village of Wilde Lake. During the event, Ms. Kerby will read her new book, *Owney, The Mail-Pouch Pooch* and discuss the writing process. The social is aimed at children ages 5-10. Registration is free for this event, and food will be provided. In addition, there will be prizes that will be raffled throughout the social. The event focuses on CA's efforts to encourage positive self-esteem in kids – as well as promote reading and writing skills and creativity in children.

KidsKorner Socials are free quarterly events for children that are both entertaining and educational. It gives local kids the opportunity to learn something new, make new friends and learn about CA and the KidsKorner initiative.

KidsKorner began in August 2007 as a supplemental web site to CA's online newsletter at www.CAmonthly.org. The site features contests, recipes, crafts, children's book reviews, local events for kids, games and educational resources. KidsKorner is also a TV segment on CA's television show, "Columbia Matters." The program airs on TV cable channels 96 and 98 on Comcast and channels 41 and 43 on Verizon, as well as online at www.ColumbiaMatters.org. Kids in the community have the opportunity host this segment by e-mailing CATVshow@ColumbiaAssociation.com. Finally, KidsKorner sends an e-Newsletter at the start of every month with updates about exciting opportunities and activities for children. The e-Newsletter is a fantastic resource to stay informed and get kids more involved in their community.

Slayton House Theatre is located at 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. Registration is required by Friday, February 5. Parents must accompany their children for the duration of the event. To register for the KidsKorner Social or to learn more about KidsKorner, please call 401-715-3102 or e-mail CAmonthly@ColumbiaAssociation.com. Please include your name, the names of all guests attending and your phone number when registering. Also, visit Mona Kerby's web site at www.monakerby.com.

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