## ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY & ENCORE LEARNING

## ~~~~~~~SPECIAL EVENT~~~~~~~~ Meet the Speaker Series

## **Honorable Mary Margaret Whipple**

Vice Chair of the Virginia Women's Monument Commission will speak on

## Virginia Women's Monument, *Voices from the Garden*A First in the United States

Who would you like to nominate for the Wall of Honor?



Date: Monday, December 14, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

**Place: Arlington Central Library** 

Former Virginia Senator Mary Margaret Whipple served in public offices from 1976 to 2012. Soon after retiring, she accepted Governor Terry McAuliffe's offer for her to lead efforts to establish the Virginia Women's Monument, *Voices from the Garden.* When finalized, it will be the first monument of its kind in the nation recognizing the full range of women's achievements – a very big "first" for the Commonwealth.

Sen. Whipple will describe the vision and realities involved in creating the monument. "Voices" is envisioned as an oval shaped garden, encompassing twelve bronze statues of significant women from the state, representing four centuries of Virginia history. Someday, names of other noteworthy Virginia women will enclose one side of the monument, while a bench, listing milestones in Virginia women's history, will make up the other side to inspire next generations of women in Virginia.

**Registration:** No registration required. This event is free and all are welcome.

**Directions:** The Arlington Central Library is located at 1015 N. Quincy Street between Washington Boulevard and Fairfax Drive. Parking is free at the Library or take Metro to Virginia Square on the Orange line.

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