

**Press release by the  
Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs,  
Equity Programs Division**

**County Honors John Mayer, the  
2010 Barbara Varon Volunteer Award**

For his various contributions as a volunteer at the George Mason Regional Library John Mayer will be honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors with the 2010 Barbara Varon Volunteer Award during their meeting on October 19th. The award, named in honor of the memory of Barbara Varon, former chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board, was established to recognize a Fairfax County resident's dedication to improving the community through volunteer service.

Since 2007 John Mayer has spent over 440 hours at the George Mason Regional Library volunteering in different capacities. He has taught persons without technology skills to use the Internet during tutorial sessions; and led a weekly English Conversation Group for people who seek to practice and improve their English. John Mayer works with students from Asia, African, Latin and Central America each week. When he is unable to conduct his classes, he makes arrangement for his English Conversation students to continue their practice.

The award nominees must reside in Fairfax County, demonstrate an appreciation for the diversity of the community's population, exhibit patriotism, show evidence of having a positive effect on the community and be known for encouraging others to do the same.

According to the library Branch Manager, Kathryn Rzasa "John Mayer's passion for promoting communication both verbally and electronically, builds, strengthens and enhances our community. He encourages people to be involved in helping each other".

For more information regarding this award, contact Villanigro-Santiago at 703-324-2207, TTY 703-222-5494, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oep/varonaward.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oep/varonaward.htm)

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