

BETHESDA LIBRARY

7400 Arlington Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814



About the Library: Located in the old Bethesda Bank Building at Wisconsin Avenue and Edgemoor Lane, the first Bethesda public library, the Newcomb-Bethesda Library, was established in 1931. The library opened with 600 books and supported itself by bake sales, raffles, and benefits. As the Great Depression deepened efforts to gain public funding were defeated and the library could not meet expenses. The Newcomb-Bethesda Library closed in 1936.

A public library reopened in Bethesda in 1940 in the basement of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. The present day Montgomery County Public Library system was later established, and Bethesda Library joined the county system in 1952. The Bethesda Library moved into its current location at 7400 Arlington Road in 1976. It was closed for renovation in 2001 and reopened in 2003.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 22 Computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Chevy Chase, Davis, Little Falls

Usage Snapshot: In the six months between July and December 2008 there were over 200,000 visits to the Bethesda Library with almost 313,000 books and other materials checked out.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 16, U.S. Congressional District 8

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

8005 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815



About the Library: Chevy Chase Community Library encompasses the best of both worlds with its cozy traditional feel and access to high technology. The library maintains a fiction collection, a comfortable reading room, an inviting children's room with books and toys, and young adult books.

There are a variety of children's programs, including the very popular Toddler Time, which is presented four times a week.

Two adult book clubs meet regularly, one examining the Great Books of World literature, another reading and discussing new releases.

In a fine example of a public/private partnership, the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) Archive and Research Center is housed next to the meeting room on the lower floor of the branch. The CCHS collection of maps and other documents is available to the public on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and by appointment otherwise. The CCHS online presence is at <http://www.chevyCHASEhistory.org/>.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 9 Computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Bethesda, Kensington Park, Noyes Library for Young Children

Usage Snapshot: Chevy Chase Library had a materials circulation of almost 130,000 items and foot traffic of 98,000 visits in the six months between July and December 2008.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 18, U.S. Congressional District 8

DAVIS LIBRARY

6400 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817



About the Library: The Davis Library in North Bethesda is separated from the busy traffic of Democracy Boulevard by a sweeping expanse of lawn, all that is left of the Davis family farm. Montgomery County acquired the farmland and built the 16,000 square foot library in 1964. The architecture is classic for the period with a fieldstone exterior evoking the rural heritage of the property. The entry lobby features a bronze sculpture, “Taking Off” by Marcia Billig, which symbolizes the flight of imagination through reading.

Davis Library is conveniently located near the intersection of the Capital Beltway and Interstate 270. The library serves many commuters as well as residents of the surrounding communities and workers from the nearby National Institutes of Health (NIH), Marriott Corporation headquarters, and other businesses. The Mobile Services Office is on the lower level.

- **Facilities:** Quiet study room, Children’s program room, 2 Meeting Rooms, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 22 computers, Wi-Fi, 2 copier/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Bethesda

Usage Snapshot: More than 277,000 items circulated from the Davis Library during the six month period between July and December of 2008. During that same time period the branch had almost 206,000 visits.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 16, U.S. Congressional District 8

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY
5501 Massachusetts Ave, Bethesda, MD 20816



About the Library: Established in the late 1950's, Little Falls was the first County library to provide service on two floors. The Children's Room on the lower level is bright, colorful and full of good cheer. The Adult area on the upper level is a quieter area for reading and study.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 10 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Bethesda , Chevy Chase, Davis, Potomac

Usage Snapshot: Little Falls had a circulation of 178,000 items in the period between July and December of 2008. During that time the branch hosted almost 210,000 visits from the community of library users.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 16, U.S. Congressional District 8

POTOMAC LIBRARY
10101 Glenolden Dr., Potomac, MD 20854



About the Library: The Potomac Library, surrounded by award-winning gardens, stands in the heart of the Village of Potomac. Welcoming benches and tables draw readers outside in warm weather. The library's open floor plan makes the life-size wooden carved statue of a woman holding a book the focal point of the interior. A favorite cozy spot for children and families of the community is the library's Rainbow Reading Room with a large fish tank, rocking chairs for adults reading to children, and various soft floor sculptures for those young readers looking for a quiet place to discover a new treasure.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 16 computers, Wi-Fi, 2 copier/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Davis, Rockville

Usage Snapshot: Potomac Library had almost 135,000 visits and close to 191,000 items checked out at the branch between July and December 2008.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 15, U.S. Congressional District 8