

KENSINGTON PARK LIBRARY
4201 Knowles Ave., Kensington, MD 20895



About the Library: The Kensington Park Library was completed and opened to the public in 1969 and was renovated in the mid-1990s. The branch's service area includes the towns of Kensington and Garrett Park, as well as areas within Wheaton, Chevy Chase, Bethesda, and Rockville.

- **Facilities:** 2 Meeting Rooms, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 17 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Wheaton

Usage Snapshot: 157,000 items circulated between July and December 2008 at the Kensington Park Library. More than 75,000 visits were logged at the branch during that six month period.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 18, U.S. Congressional District 8

LONG BRANCH LIBRARY
8800 Garland Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910



—photo by Patricia Buck

About the Library: The Long Branch Library serves a densely populated down-county community between Silver Spring and Langley Park with new immigrants and many families with young children.

There is a computer lab with 9 computers that can be used for up to 2 hours (or more if no one is waiting). The Long Branch Library staff offers computer tutorial sessions by appointment.

- **Facilities:** Children's Room, Quiet Study Room, 3 Tutor Rooms, one Group Study Room, 1 Meeting Room, Computer Lab, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 12 computers in the main section of the library, 8 Computers in the Computer Lab for language learning and job searching, Wi-Fi, 2 copier/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Silver Spring, Wheaton, White Oak

The MCPL Library Guide on “Jobs and Careers” lists the Long Branch Library Computer Room as one of its county-wide resources for job hunting. Due to the great demand, people coming to the Long Branch Library who use the Computer Lab, Internet and email are limited to the purposes below.

- Job searching
- Microsoft Office applications: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Access
- MCPL’s language learning tools
- MCPL's Learning Express Library database for test and skills reviews

Usage Snapshot: More than 177,000 items circulated at Long Branch Library in the months between July and December 2008. There were also almost 13,000 visits to the branch during that six month period.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 20, U.S. Congressional District 4

NOYES LIBRARY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
10237 Carroll Pl, Kensington, MD. 20895



About the Library: This charming one-room library, Montgomery County's first and oldest public library building, is now an historic landmark. For more than one hundred years it has existed on its own triangular island surrounded by old trees and turreted Victorian homes.

Once inside, children immediately sense the intimacy of this library, which is just for them. There are programs for babies and toddlers, two and three year olds, preschoolers, and other special events.

Grandparent Kits with books, toys, and media centered on a particular theme are available for adults to check out when they host youngsters' visits.

Nearby Branches: Bethesda , Chevy Chase, Kensington Park

Usage Snapshot: Despite being the tiniest branch in the MCPL, open only three days a week and never in the evenings, the Noyes Library for Young Children had almost 19,000 visits between July and December of 2008. During that time books and materials checked out at the branch totalled more than 22,000 items.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 18, U.S. Congressional District 8

SILVER SPRING LIBRARY
8901 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD. 20910



About the Library: The Silver Spring Library opened in the current building in 1957. It is approximately 13,600 square feet, with the meeting room on the lower level and the Children’s, Adult, Young Adult, Reference, Circulation and Information desks on the upper level. Silver Spring is one of the most ethnically diverse regions of Montgomery County. Public schools in Silver Spring have a significantly higher percentage of ESOL students than the County does on average. At the same time, a large proportion of the adult population in Silver Spring holds one or more college degrees.

The revitalization of downtown Silver Spring has drawn many new businesses to the area. Hundreds of new housing units will be completed within the next few years. Between 2005 and 2020, the population in the Silver Spring Planning Area is projected to increase by 55% , making it one of the fastest growing areas of the county. Silver Spring—with the second smallest community library in the County, housing fewer books than any other community library—looks forward to a new library building.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Children’s Program Room, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 10 computers, Wi-Fi, 2 copiers/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Long Branch, Wheaton, White Oak

Usage Snapshot: Despite its relatively small size and limited collection space, the Silver Spring Library has seen dramatic growth in usage. Almost 182,000 books and materials were checked out between July and December of 2008. The branch had almost 440,000 visits during that same time period.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 20, U.S. Congressional District 4