

ASPEN HILL LIBRARY
4407 Aspen Hill Rd, Rockville, MD 20853



About the Library: Aspen Hill Library was designed by John H. Sullivan of Rockville, MD and built in 1967. The building reflects the architectural design then typical of modular wings that are joined by a central core. Aspen Hill has a Children's Room and large Adult area on the main level with a Community Room on the lower level.

- **Facilities:** Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 25 computers, Early Literacy Workstation, Wi-Fi, 2 copier/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Twinbrook, Wheaton, Olney

Usage Snapshot: In the six months between July and December of 2008 materials circulation at the Aspen Hill Library exceeded 170,000 with over 200,000 visits.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 4, Maryland Legislative District 19, U.S. Congressional District 8

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

DAMASCUS LIBRARY
9701 Main St., Damascus, MD 20872



About the Library: Library service in Damascus started as a bookmobile stop in 1952. A storefront library opened in the Damascus Centre shopping plaza in 1973. The Damascus Library opened in its current location at 9701 Main Street on Sept. 4, 1990, on 8.9 acres.

- **Facilities:** Children's Room, Quiet Study Room, 2 Meeting Rooms, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 14 computers, Wi-Fi, 2 copier/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Gaithersburg, Germantown

Usage Snapshot: At the Damascus Library from July to December 2008 there were 90,000 visits and materials circulation reached more than 130,000 items.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 19, 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

GAITHERSBURG LIBRARY

18330 Montgomery Village Ave. Gaithersburg, MD. 20879



About the Library: Gaithersburg Library, built in 1982, serves the large and diverse city of Gaithersburg. Conveniently located near Lakeforest Mall on the corner of Montgomery Village Avenue and Christopher Avenue, the library houses a large collection of materials for both children and adults and serves as a meeting place for the community. The library offers both children's and adult programs, including the popular Conversation Club for English learners.

- **Facilities:** 2 Meeting Rooms, Quiet Study Room, 2 Individual Study/Tutor Rooms, Language Discovery Center, Computer Lab, 24-hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 33 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Germantown, Quince Orchard

Usage Snapshot: There were more than 700,000 visits to the Gaithersburg Library in the six months between July and December 2008; in that six month time period more than 360,000 items—books and other materials— were checked out.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 3, Maryland Legislative District 39, U.S. Congressional District 8

GERMANTOWN LIBRARY
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD 20874



About the Library: The Germantown Library is one of the newest branches in the MCPL system; it opened in 2007 in the Germantown Business District and is one of the anchors, along with the BlackRock Center for the Arts, of the Germantown cultural community.

With soaring exterior and interior spaces and cozy nooks and crannies, the library building is one of the County's architectural gems.

- **Facilities:** Children's Quiet Study Room, Children's Group Study Room, Discovery Center, Children's Program Room, two Quiet Study Rooms, two Group Study Rooms, two Tutor Rooms, two Meeting Rooms, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 32 computers are available with Internet access, MS Word, and Excel, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Damascus, Gaithersburg, Poolesville, Quince Orchard
- **Usage Snapshot:** The Germantown Library had a circulation of more than 461,000 items between July and December of 2008; during that same six month period the library welcomed almost 460,000 visits from patrons.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 15, U.S. Congressional District 4

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

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

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

MARILYN J. PRAISNER LIBRARY (FAIRLAND)
14910 Old Columbia Pike Burtonsville, MD. 20866



About the Library: The Marilyn J. Praisner Branch Library, located in the suburban setting of Burtonsville, Maryland, shares a “campus” with M-NCPP’s (Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning) Columbia Park and with the Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center. With skylights and a cylindrical teal roof, the red brick building also features distinctive flower gardens donated and maintained by the Friends of the Library, Marilyn J. Praisner Chapter. Inside the branch, natural light from the skylights provides a soft light— ideal for reading. All library functions and facilities are on one floor with a single desk serving both adults and children.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Quiet Study Room, 2 Tutor Rooms, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 20 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** White Oak

Usage Snapshot: Over 191,000 items were circulated at the Marilyn J. Praisner Library from July through December of 2008; during that same time period there were almost 183,000 visits to the branch.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 4, Maryland Legislative District 14, 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

OLNEY LIBRARY

3500 Olney-Laytonsville Rd., Olney, MD 20832



The Olney Library was originally built in 1981. Funding of \$12.6 million was recommended in the FY09-14 Capital Improvement Program budget for renovation design and reconstruction of the building. The branch is currently scheduled to close in the fall of 2010 and reopen in the summer of 2012.

Renovation plans for the library call for installing a new HVAC system and reimagining the exterior of the building by coupling the existing brick facade with glass towers and windows as well as upgrading technology access and adding more space for all library functions.

This renovation will increase the size of the building from 16,825 square feet to nearly 22,000 square feet by constructing one addition in front of the building and another on the driveway side.

- **Facilities:** 2 Meeting Rooms, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** Computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Aspen Hill, Wheaton, White Oak

Usage Snapshot: Between July and December of 2008 there were more than 172,000 visits to the Olney Library. During that six month period circulation figures indicate that almost 230,000 items were checked out at the branch.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 19, U.S. Congressional District 4

POOLESVILLE LIBRARY
19633 Fisher Ave., Poolesville, MD 20837



About the Library: In 1978, Poolesville Library became Montgomery County's 19th branch, opening as the Western County Library, a joint project with Montgomery County Public Schools, housed in the Poolesville Jr./Sr. High School. All library materials, both school and public, were shelved together in the Media Center. Adult fiction and some other materials were sequestered until after school hours when they became available for check out. The public had access to the library after school and on weekends (including Sundays). During this time, the name of the library was changed to Poolesville Library.

On April 15, 1991, the library opened in its current storefront location on Fisher Avenue, where the library could maintain morning hours as well. The new library was built in the Poolesville Towne Center. It is a leased storefront facility of over 6000 square ft. In November 2000-February 2001 the library closed for renovation when it expanded into the vacant space left by the Poolesville Horse and Tack Shop.

- **Facilities:** 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 5 computers, Wi-Fi, copiers/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Germantown

Usage Snapshot: More than 37,000 books and other materials were checked out at the Poolesville Library in the months of July through December, 2008 and there were almost 25,000 visits to the branch in that same period of time.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 15, 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

QUINCE ORCHARD LIBRARY

15831 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878



Montgomery County broke ground for the Quince Orchard Library in June of 1997; the facility was completed two years later. It is across the street from Quince Orchard High School (QOHS) in Gaithersburg.

In partnership with MontgomeryWorks, a service of the County's Department of Economic Development and Workforce Investment Board and the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the branch recently hosted three workshops to help job seekers in the community.

Regular programming at the branch includes an ESL (English as a Second Language) book group, a book discussion group for children grades 4-6, as well as Conversation Clubs in English and in Spanish.

The students at QOHS have always been among the libraries patrons among recent and ongoing programs for teens is "Teen Tech Week."

Children's programming ranges from storytime to Penny Theater to classical music. Special programming that reflects the diversity of the Quince Orchard community has included a celebration of Arab culture for Arab-American Heritage Month.

- **Facilities:** 2 Meeting Rooms, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 20 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Gaithersburg, Rockville

Usage Snapshot: 321,000 books and materials were checked out at the Quince Orchard Library between July and December of 2008 and about 355,000 visits to the library were recorded for that same time period.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 3, Maryland Legislative District 39, U.S. Congressional District 8

ROCKVILLE LIBRARY
21 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850



About this Library: The Rockville Library is one of a group of Montgomery County libraries which have been built recently or are moving forward in the County’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Each one of these libraries acts as a cultural, economic and community focus in an urban “town center”.

The new Rockville Library building opened to the public in December, 2006; the curving facade, exterior landscaping and interior spaces are intended to reflect each other alluding to the I-270 “Technology Corridor” where the human genome was first decoded and echoing the double helix of DNA.

The Rockville Library is one of the most actively used libraries in the system. In January and February of 2009 there were more than 200,000 visits to the branch altogether. The branch is home to the Disability Resource Center as well as the Children’s Resource Center collection. The Montgomery County Public Libraries’ (MCPL) Administrative Offices, Montgomery County’s Geographic Information Systems department, the Literacy Council of Montgomery County and the office of the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. all share the third floor.

- **Facilities:** 2 Meeting Rooms, Quiet Study Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 35 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer, 4 microfiche/microfilm readers
- **Nearby Branches:** Aspen Hill, Twinbrook

Usage Snapshot: Between July of 2008 and December of 2008 there were more than 570,000 visits to the Rockville Library. During that same time period the circulation figure for books and materials checked out at Rockville reached almost 381,000 items.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 3, Maryland Legislative District 17, 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

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TWINBROOK LIBRARY
202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville, MD 20851



The Twinbrook Library building was constructed in the Twinbrook Shopping Center in 1959. It was the first public library in Montgomery County to be located in a shopping center.

When it first opened in 1959, the Twinbrook Library occupied rented space in the basement of the People's Drug Store across Veirs Mill Road from the current facility. It was last renovated in 1999 when an elevator was installed, a new heating and air conditioning system was installed, a new children's area and a quiet study room were added to the floor plan.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 13 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Aspen Hill, Rockville, Kensington Park

Usage Snapshot: At the Twinbrook Library between July and December of 2008 there were more than 152,000 visits and the total number of materials checked out came to in excess of 138,000.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 3, Maryland Legislative District 17, U.S. Congressional District 8

WHEATON LIBRARY
11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902



The Wheaton Library is situated at the corner of Georgia Ave and Arcola. The library offers a full range of library services and a professional staff of 27 to serve the many users that visit the library daily. The present building was constructed in 1962 and was remodeled in 1985. Hanging in the two story atrium is a metal and glass structure “Exploring Machine” by Julio Teich.

The Health Information Center at Wheaton Library is a consumer-health focused collection which provides customers with access to current information on health and wellness topics. Books, journals, newsletters, and pamphlets in the major fields of traditional and alternative medicine are included. Other resources include videos, DVDs and online databases to answer health related questions.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Tutor Rooms, Quiet Study Room, Early Childhood Literacy Wall, Fish Aquarium, 24 hour bookdrop
- **Computers:** 27 Computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Aspen Hill, Silver Spring

Usage Snapshot: Between July and December of 2008 there were more than 290,000 items checked out from and nearly 219,000 visits to the Wheaton Library.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 4, Maryland Legislative District 18, U.S. Congressional District 8

WHITE OAK LIBRARY
11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904



About the Library: The White Oak Library was built in 1967 and renovated in 1989. The building is 16,205 square feet, and it has two levels. The main floor has three service points: Information Desk, Customer Service/Returns Desk, and Children's Services Desk. The lower level has small and large meeting rooms, which can be reserved for use by community groups.

- **Facilities:** 2 Meeting Rooms, book drop
- **Computers:** 14 internet computers and 2 catalog/information/database computers, 2 children's computers, Wi-Fi, 2 copiers/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Fairland, Silver Spring

Usage Snapshot: 179,000 books and other materials circulated at the White Oak Library between July and December of 2008; during the same period there were more than 182,000 visits to the branch.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
22880 Whelan Lane Boyds, Maryland 20841



About the Library: The Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF) Library operates as a branch of the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries, and is open to inmates 41 hours a week and open additional hours to staff and volunteers. The MCCF Library is located within the Correctional Facility in Boyds, MD. It serves the 700+ inmates housed at the jail, as well as Correctional staff, but it is not open to the public.

The Library offers free and equal access to services and resources to help the inmate population find the general and legal information they need to improve and enrich their lives and to enable their successful re-entry into the community. A wide variety of reading material is available; inmates have access to the library on a biweekly basis and may check out up to seven books at a time to take back to their cells. For many inmates this is their first experience at a public library.

The MCCF Library provides inmates with resources to assist with their legal matters, as mandated by both Maryland and Federal law. On the basis of individual requests, inmates are scheduled biweekly for *Law Library* time. During *Law Library* they may research their charges and access materials that may be helpful in preparing motions and pleadings such as bond reduction, reconsideration of sentence, power of attorney, temporary child custody, and other legal topics.

Personal computers are available for general word processing as well as preparation of legal motions from standard templates. Internet access is not available for inmates. A Correctional Library Advisory Committee, consisting of volunteers from the general community, supports library service goals and advocates for service to the incarcerated.

The MCCF Library celebrates over 35 years of partnership between the departments of Libraries and Corrections. The Montgomery County Corrections Department pays for legal materials and reimburses the County library department (MCPL) for staff salaries; MCPL pays for the general collection. It is a wonderful comment on Montgomery County that such a facility exists. It is one of the best jail libraries in the country. It is "The Jail That Reads."

Computers: 3 MCPL Catalog computers; 6 Microsoft Word "only" computers for wordprocessing.

Collection: Approximately 15,000 fiction and nonfiction titles, paperbacks, reference books, encyclopedias and newspapers, including materials in Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. Inmates can also borrow books from any other branch within the MCPL system.

Law Library: WESTLAW is available in addition to numerous legal texts related to Maryland law, Federal law, immigration, drugs and alcohol, appeals, legal forms, family law and prisoners' rights issues.

Special Services: Photocopies of legal materials are provided without charge for up to 25 copies, with \$.10 per page charge for additional copies. Free notary public service is provided by library staff.

Usage Snapshot: 1767 new users were registered in FY08; that number ranks higher than four of the MCPL community libraries. Circulation at the MCCF Library is up more than 20% when comparing the six month period from July through December of 2007 to the same six months of 2008.

Legislative Districts: All Montgomery County Districts— State, Federal, Local



DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Housed at the Rockville Library
21 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850



About the Service Area: The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is the focal point within Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) for library and literacy services to people with disabilities, their families, caretakers and professionals.

The mission of the DRC is to:

- Provide disability-related programming, partnerships, collaborations that bring authors, ideas, technologies and solutions to libraries.
- Be a point of reference for public and library staff about disability information and services.
- Serve as MCPL's connection to Montgomery County and metro-area disability communities through the DRC Library Advisory Committee.
- Build and strengthen relationships with disability organizations and agencies to improve library resources and services.

Services to the public include:

- Library of Congress Talking Books service for individuals with visual, physical and learning disabilities at the Rockville Library.
- Books, videos or DVDs for, by and about people with disabilities.
- Enhanced collection of materials on disabilities in the Children's Resource Collection for parents, teachers and child care providers at the Rockville Library.
- Disability Connections for information on library and community resources.
- Adaptive technology in the Computer Lab at the Rockville Library; volunteer tutors are available for short-term training on adaptive technology.
- Book delivery service to customers who are homebound.
- Staff presentations at meetings and events.

Legislative districts: All Montgomery County Districts— State, Federal, Local

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE COLLECTION

Housed at the Rockville Library
21 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850



About this Library Service Area: The Children's Resource Collection (CRC) contains materials of interest to child care providers, teachers, parents, and those who care for children. Those resources act as an enhanced Parent/Teacher collection that also includes materials of interest to people who run day care centers as a business. At the Rockville Library, all Parent/Teacher materials are incorporated into the CRC.

There are four components to the collection: reference books; circulating books; videos; and periodicals. There is now a section of parenting and child care materials in Spanish. The CRC has also expanded its collection of materials on children with disabilities.

Special Materials: Besides the usual Parent/Teacher collection the Rockville CRC has additional materials on curriculum, especially for preschool education, materials on working with children in groups, materials on the business aspects of child care and training materials for teachers who train child care providers. There is also a collection of mail order catalogs of educational toys, children's furniture, and early childhood resources.

The magazines and journals in the Children's Resource Collection can be used only in the library. They include titles such as *Young Children*, *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, *Child Care Information Exchange*, *Classroom Connect*.

All materials in the CRC are in the Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) catalog. The items show as Branch: ROCK and Location: CRC.

Legislative Districts: All Montgomery County Districts— State, Federal, Local

MOBILE SERVICES

Office sited on Lower Level of the Davis Library
6400 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817



About this Library Service Area: Bookmobiles and Vans have been part of Montgomery County library service (MCPL) since the library system was unified in the nineteen fifties. As MCPL has evolved so has the Mobile Services unit. First intended to serve the County's extensive rural population, Mobile Services soon expanded into the schools, senior centers and elsewhere, always serving the populations least likely to be able to use library branches.

During renovations at the Long Branch and Bethesda branches, the Mobile Services Bookmobile provided interim services to those communities.

At this time the Van only provides services to children in vulnerable areas of the County and to childcare providers. Day care centers are visited in the mornings, where story times are presented to classes while teachers check out books on the Van.

Afternoons are spent bringing the Van to low income housing communities, where books, videos, magazines, picture books, and homework assignment materials are available for check out. The Mobile Van serves communities such as the Judy Center and Parkway Woods.

The Van represents MCPL at many county celebrations— on “truck days” at schools, at the Summer Reading Kickoff and at parades.

Usage Snapshot: Statistics collected in both FY08 and FY09 show that from July 2008 through February 2009 the Mobile Services Van had a more than 16% increase in circulation compared to the year before.

Legislative Districts: All Montgomery County Districts— State, Federal, Local