

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

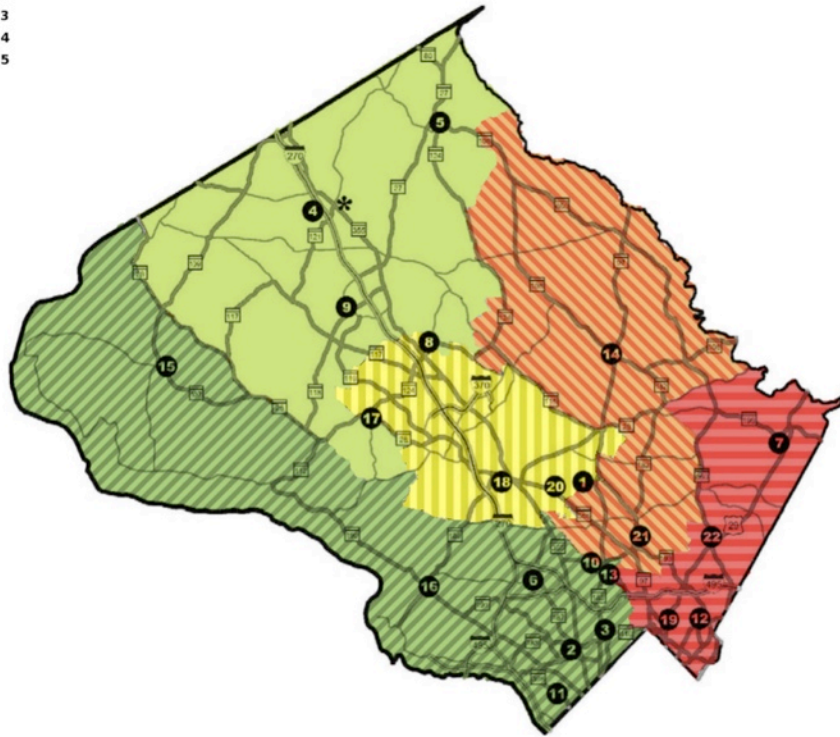
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| | | | (proposed) |

❖ Open on Sundays

* Gaithersburg and Olney branches are closed for renovation during FY13. Gaithersburg branch services will be provided from an interim facility at Lakeforest Mall.

See <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library> for a full listing of Library Hours and Holidays, Services, and Policies.

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SNAPSHOT DAY OCTOBER 5, 2011

Montgomery County Public Libraries Snapshot Day *“A Day in the Life of Our Library System”*



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photo by Frank Altrichter

On Snapshot Day—

- **16,099** visitors came into library branches in Montgomery County
- **5,652** database retrievals occurred
- **3,676** questions were answered by the information staff
- **623** people came to attend “VIP Reads” or to other programs or classes offered that day
- **27** workforce assistance actions were facilitated— resumes, job applications, career guidance or small business help

On Snapshot Day—

- **25,564** items were circulated including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials
- **6232** of the items checked out were items renewed online
- **427** of items circulated were items renewed by telephone
- **415** of those checked out were from the eLibrary— eBooks or eAudio
- **42** Interlibrary Loan items were circulated

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



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **828** visitors came into the Aspen Hill Library.
- **155** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **1034** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 3, Maryland Legislative District 19, U.S.
Congressional District 6

BETHESDA LIBRARY

7400 Arlington Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **841** visitors came into the Bethesda Library.
- **114** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **1088** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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



photo by Deb Schmal

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 a teen corner with comfy chairs.

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 455 visitors came into the Chevy Chase Library.
- 40 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 434 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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

DAMASCUS LIBRARY
9701 Main St, Damascus, MD 20872



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 341 visitors came into the Damascus Library.
- 72 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 593 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 14, U.S. Congressional District 8

DAVIS LIBRARY

6400 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817



photo by Helen Stern/Tove Titlow

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.

- **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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 1263 visitors came into the Davis Library.
- 133 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 1550 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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

GAITHERSBURG LIBRARY

18330 Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
The Gaithersburg Library is currently closed for renovations.



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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 closed for renovation on May 15, 2010; the project completion date is Summer, 2013.

Nearby Branches: Germantown, Quince Orchard



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image by Whitman, Requardt & Associates

Gaithersburg Library renovations in progress

Architect's rendering of finished renovation

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 39, U.S. Congressional District 6

GAITHERSBURG INTERIM LIBRARY

Lakeforest Mall 701 Russell Ave, Suite D201, Gaithersburg, MD 20877



photo by Bette Ann Hubbard

During the Gaithersburg Library renovation a small interim location has opened at the Lakeforest Mall..

Located on the second floor of the mall next to Sears, this facility is approximately 3000 sq. ft. and holds about 25,000 volumes. There are no electrical outlets for laptops in the branch.

There were about twelve thousand visitors a month to the branch during the summer of 2011 and an average of one new library card has been issued there almost every day it has been open.

Gaithersburg Library's community programs are being hosted elsewhere or are suspended for the duration.

- **Computers:** 2 catalog computers, no Wi-Fi (Lakeforest Mall has Wi-Fi), 1 copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Germantown, Quince Orchard

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 347 visitors came into the Gaithersburg Interim Library.
- 29 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 448 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 3, Maryland Legislative District 17, U.S. Congressional District 6

GERMANTOWN LIBRARY

19840 Century Blvd, Germantown, MD 20874



photo by Carolyn LeClaire

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, two Discovery Centers, 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, Excel, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Damascus, Gaithersburg, Poolesville, Quince Orchard

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **1594** visitors came into the Germantown Library.
- **210** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **2558** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 15, U.S. Congressional District 6

KENSINGTON PARK LIBRARY
4201 Knowles Ave, Kensington, MD 20895



photo by Paulette Dickerson

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 678 visitors came into the Kensington Park Library.
- 47 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 746 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY

5501 Massachusetts Ave, Bethesda, MD 20816



photo by Jane Snyder

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 559 visitors came into the Little Falls Library.
- 40 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 631 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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

LONG BRANCH LIBRARY

8800 Garland Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20901



photo by Carl Brandt

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:** 14 computers in the main section of the library, 11 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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 437 visitors came into the Long Branch Library.
- 40 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 464 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 20, U.S. Congressional District 8

MARILYN J. PRAISNER LIBRARY (formerly FAIRLAND)

14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866



photo by Allan Mulligan

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **1116** visitors came into the Marilyn J. Praisner Library.
- **85** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **940** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 14, U.S. Congressional District 3

NOYES LIBRARY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

10237 Carroll Pl, Kensington, MD 20895



photo by Paulette Dickerson

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.

The Noyes Library for Young Children will be open while it is being redesigned and enhanced, thanks to a partnership with the Noyes Library Foundation.

Nearby Branches: Bethesda , Chevy Chase, Kensington Park

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

OLNEY LIBRARY

3500 Olney-Laytonsville Rd, Olney, MD 20832

The Olney Library is closed for renovations.



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries



image by The Lukemire Partnership, Inc.

Olney Library pre-renovation

Architect's rendering of renovation

The Olney Library closed for a major renovation on December 31, 2010. 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.

Renovation plans for the Olney 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.

The renovation is expected to be complete in late 2012.

Nearby Branches: Aspen Hill, Wheaton, White Oak

Legislative Districts: County Council District 4, Maryland Legislative District 19, U.S. Congressional District 3

OLNEY MCPL EXPRESS

Housed at the Longwood Community Center
19300 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20833



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

MCPL Express @ Olney is an interim solution for library service in the Olney community while the Olney Library branch is being renovated.



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

MCPL Express consists of four elements:

- *Lending Library Kiosk* with adult fiction and nonfiction, CD books, children's fiction books, picture books and beginner reader books
- *Media Box Kiosk* with DVDs for adults and children
- *Book Return*
- *Holds Lockers* (coming in mid-April)

Nearby Branches: Aspen Hill, Wheaton, White Oak

Legislative Districts: County Council District 4, Maryland Legislative District 14, U.S. Congressional District 3

POOLESVILLE LIBRARY

19633 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837



photo by Robin Handleman

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, Quince Orchard

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 74 visitors came into the Poolesville Library.
- 10 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 175 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 15, U.S. Congressional District 6

POTOMAC LIBRARY

10101 Glenolden Dr, Potomac, MD 20854



photo by Ronni

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **853** visitors came into the Potomac Library.
- **65** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **991** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 1, Maryland Legislative District 15, U.S. Congressional District 6

QUINCE ORCHARD LIBRARY

15831 Quince Orchard Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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.

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 classical music. In the recent past, special programming to reflect 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:** 13 computers, Wi-Fi, copier/printer
- **Nearby Branches:** Gaithersburg, Rockville

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **873** visitors came into the Quince Orchard Library.
- **103** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **1430** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 2, Maryland Legislative District 39, U.S. Congressional District 6

ROCKVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

21 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

About this Library: The Rockville Memorial 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 Memorial 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 Memorial Library is one of the most actively used libraries in the system. 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, the Office of Community Partnerships, 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 occupy the building's third floor.

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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 1502 visitors came into the Rockville Memorial Library.
- 308 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 1457 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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



photo by Sharyn Bowman

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.

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

The new Silver Spring Library Building is in the Design Development phase.

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 961 visitors came into the Silver Spring Library.
- 77 questions were answered by the information staff.
- 733 items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 20, U.S. Congressional District 8

TWINBROOK LIBRARY

202 Meadow Hall Dr, Rockville, MD 20851



photo by Aileen Klein

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 Twinbook 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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **1342** visitors came into the Twinbrook Library.
- **71** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **730** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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

WHEATON LIBRARY

11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902



photo by Kate Duchelle

The Wheaton Library is situated at the corner of Georgia Ave and Arcola. The library offers a full range of library services to 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 Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. has a bookstore on the lower level of the Wheaton Library building.

- **Facilities:** 1 Meeting Room, Laptop Lane, 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

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **1100** visitors came into the Wheaton Library.
- **118** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **1233** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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



photo by Frank Altrichter

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:** 18 internet computers and 2 catalog/information/database computers, 2 children's computers, Wi-Fi, 2 copiers/printers
- **Nearby Branches:** Fairland, Silver Spring

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **890** visitors came into the White Oak Library.
- **80** questions were answered by the information staff.
- **994** items were checked out that day including books, DVDs, CDs and other materials.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

Legislative Districts: County Council District 5, Maryland Legislative District 20, U.S. Congressional District 3

ASK-A-LIBRARIAN

Online and Telephone Services

<http://montgomerycountymd.libanswers.com/index.php>

Voice: 240-777-0001

TTY: 240-777-0902



The MCPL Ask-a-Librarian homepage has links to a live chat feature, email links for questions, as well as FAQs— the answers to frequently asked questions and topics of interest.

Except on [holidays](#), telephone service is available during these hours:

Monday through Thursday	10 am to 8 pm
Friday and Saturday	10 am to 6 pm
Sunday	1 pm to 5 pm

On Snapshot Day, October 5, 2011, there were 112 information actions through the Ask-a-Librarian service.

When the lights go out at MCPL patrons still have options. Ask-Us-Now consortium librarians are available 24/7.

Ask-Us-Now is a global, cooperative service staffed by reference librarians from Maryland, as well as other states and countries:

<http://www.askusnow.info/>

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

VIRTUAL, REMOTE AND ELECTRONIC SERVICES

Online at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>



Library services offered online include language learning, streaming music, streaming video, test preparation and children's web resources in addition to catalog services and materials renewals.

MCPL has Library Guides on many topics including job hunting. There are online book clubs, newsletters, and pages directed to special segments of the County population such as kids, teens, and seniors.

On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- **6232** items were renewed online.
- **427** items were renewed by telephone.
- **415** electronic items were checked out that day including eBooks, eAudios and other electronic materials.
- **42** Interlibrary Loan items were circulated.
- **7** questions were answered by Telephone Reference.
- There were database retrievals.
- There were catalog requests.
- Besides the actions above, library staff across the system offline and online helped patrons with resumes, job applications, career guidance and small business help.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

22880 Whelan Lane, Boyds, Maryland 20841



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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 word processing.

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.



On Snapshot Day— October 5, 2011

- 45 inmates came into the MCCF Library.
- 212 items were checked out that day.

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

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

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:

- 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 Memorial Library.
- Disability Connections for information on library and community resources.
- Adaptive technology in the Computer Lab at the Rockville Memorial 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 Memorial 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 Memorial 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*, *Zero to Three*, *Working Mother*, *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, *Family Fun*, *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



photo by Montgomery County Public Libraries

About this Library Service Area:

The Bookmobiles and Vans were part of Montgomery County library service (MCPL) since the library system was unified in the nineteen fifties. As MCPL evolved so did 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.

By FY09, the Van only provided services to children in vulnerable areas of the County and to childcare providers. Day care centers were visited in the mornings, where story times were presented to classes while teachers checked out books on the Van.

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

The Van also represented MCPL at many county celebrations— on “truck days” at schools, at the Summer Reading Kickoffs 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.

THERE ARE NO VAN OR BOOKMOBILE-BASED SERVICES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AT THIS TIME.

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