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
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
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 reimaging 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