

**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.

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## CHILDREN'S RESOURCE COLLECTION

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**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.

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## 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.

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