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

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

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

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

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

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