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

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SILVER SPRING LIBRARY
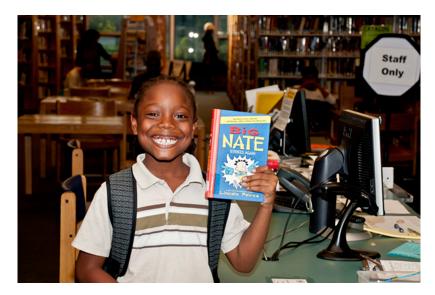8901 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910

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

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