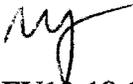


HHS COMMITTEE #1
February 15, 2012
Worksession

MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2012

TO: Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Vivian Yao, Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Worksession – Recommended FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and FY13 Capital Budget, Department of Public Libraries**

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will review the Recommended FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the FY13 Capital Budget for the Department of Public Libraries. Parker Hamilton, Director, Department of Public Libraries (DPL) will be present to discuss the CIP with the Committee. In addition, other Executive Branch representatives will attend, including staff from DPL, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Department of General Services (DGS).

I. OVERVIEW

Introduction

For FY13-18; the Executive recommends a total of \$102.7 million for the Department of Public Libraries, an increase of \$17.9 million or 21.2 percent, from the amended FY11-16 program. The Executive states in his recommended budget that the increase "results primarily from the addition of design and construction of the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center project and Silver Spring Library cost increases, offset by the completion of the Gaithersburg and Olney renovations."

The Public Libraries CIP includes seven ongoing projects and does not add or delete any projects. The Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center project is scheduled to be discussed in a joint meeting of the PHED and HHS Committees on March 5, 2012.

The recommended budget explains that the New Strategic Plans for Library Facilities and Information Technology will be completed by summer of 2012 and that these plans will shape the key programmatic and design planning documents for library projects in the FY13-18 CIP. **The Committee may want to request a copy of the new Strategic Plan when it becomes available for review and schedule a worksession to discuss it. The Committee may also be**

interested hearing how the document informs existing facilities and CIP projects already under construction.

The Council received testimony from Paulette Dickerson (©19-21) highlighting the importance of planning for libraries as County hubs and multipurpose facilities.

FY11-16 CIP Projects for Review

The following table shows the six recommended CIP projects under review today with the currently reflected totals and the recommendation for the six-year period:

Project Name	Rec. Total (\$000)	Rec. 6-year (\$000)	Circle
Clarksburg Library	1,694	0	3
Davis Library	2,263	2,263	4
Gaithersburg Library	23,041	10,579	5
Olney Library	12,909	6,335	6
Potomac Library	1,246	898	7
Silver Spring Library	69,529	46,795	8

Of these six projects:

- Three projects will be in construction during FY13: Gaithersburg Library, Olney Library, and Silver Spring Library;
- Two projects have been programmed with planning and design funding during the 6-year CIP period: Davis Library and Potomac Library; and
- One project shows planning and design funding beyond the six-year CIP period: Clarksburg Library.

Operating Budget Impact

The chart below shows the operating budget impact (in \$000s) for the library projects which have construction funding programmed and are scheduled to be completed within the six-year CIP period.

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Gaithersburg Library	535	1,359	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301
Olney Library	237	960	960	960	960	960
Silver Spring Library	0	0	951	2,109	2,109	2,109
Total	772	2,319	3,212	4,370	4,370	4,370

Two library projects – Gaithersburg and Olney -- are expected to have operating budget impacts in FY13 and FY14.

Facility Planning and Facilities Site Section CIP Projects

The County Government Facility Planning CIP project lists the Clarksburg Library as having a planning study underway or being a candidate project to be completed during FY13 and FY14. The Clarksburg Library is also listed as a candidate project in the Facilities Site Selection: MCG project.

State Aid

Two projects (Gaithersburg and Silver Spring) reflect State Aid as a funding source. In 2006, the State Legislature required that beginning in FY08, the Governor must include \$5 million annually in either the State capital or operating budget for library capital projects. Grants from the program require a match from a combination of county, municipal, or private sources. State grants may not pay more than 50 percent of the total cost of the project and may not be less than \$20,000.

II. REVIEW OF PROJECTS

A. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following three projects show construction expenditures scheduled in FY13:

Gaithersburg Library (\$000) (PDF at ©5)

	Total	Total 6 years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Recommend	23,041	10,579	10,451	128	0	0	0	0

*Recommended funding source: \$20.761 million in GO Bonds
\$1.580 million in State Aid
\$700,000 in Current Revenue*

*Recommended FY13 Appropriation: -\$2.359 million
No appropriation is requested or estimated for FY14.*

Project Description: This project provides for the major renovation of the Gaithersburg Library and a 25,000 square feet addition to include expansion of the children's room, meeting rooms, storage and a satellite office the Gilchrist Center.

PDF Highlights: The total cost of the project has been revised downward by about \$2.6 million from the FY11-16 PDF due to a lower than expected contractor bid. The PDF shows a recommended negative appropriation of \$2.359 million for FY13. The PDF includes \$300,000 in current revenue for the branch's collection. The operating budget impact to open the center is projected at \$535,000 in FY13, \$1.359 million in FY14, and 1.301 million annually afterward.

Status Update: The construction notice to proceed was issued on December 19, 2011, and the facility is scheduled to re-open in summer 2013. Delays prior to starting construction resulted from design and permitting issues. In addition to services available to the library's users at the County's other branches, the County has been providing services at an interim facility in Lake Forest Mall.

Testimony: The Council received testimony from the Montgomery County Friends of the Library and the Upcounty Citizen's Advisory Board in support of timely completion.

Council staff recommendation:

- **Concur with the County Executive.**

Olney Library (\$000) (PDF at ©6)

	Total	Total 6 years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Recommend	12,909	6,335	6,335	0	0	0	0	0

Recommended funding source: \$12.634 million in GO Bonds and \$275,000 in current revenue.

Requested FY13 appropriation: \$35,000

No appropriation is requested or estimated for FY14.

Project Description: This project provides for a 5,000 square foot addition and full interior renovation of the existing interior space.

PDF Highlights: The PDF provides for a total of \$275,000 in current revenue for the collection. The operating budget impact to open the center is projected at \$237,000 in FY13 and \$960,000 annually afterward.

Status Update: Executive staff reports that the general contractor for the project has been selected and the construction notice to proceed should be issued in mid-to-late February. The facility is scheduled to re-open in late summer 2013. Delays in starting construction after the closing of the library to the public resulted from utility coordination and permitting issues (©14-15). In addition to services available to Olney residents at the County’s other branches, the County will also begin offering interim service in spring 2012 at the Longwood Recreation Center using two self service kiosks, a self pickup locker system for holds and a book return.

Testimony: The Council has received testimony from the Montgomery County Friends of the Library advocating for the timely completion of the project.

Council staff recommendation:

- **Concur with the County Executive.**

Silver Spring Library (\$000) (PDF at ©8)

	Total	Total 6 years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Recommend	69,529	46,795	15,642	17,104	14,049	0	0	0

*Recommended funding source: \$54 million in GO Bonds
 \$13.354 million in PAYGO
 \$1.416 million in State Aid
 \$700,000 in Current Revenue
 \$59,000 in Rental Income*

Requested FY13 appropriation: \$9.329 million

Estimated FY14 appropriation: \$150,000

Project Description: This project provides for the design and construction of a mixed use facility at Wayne Avenue and Fenton Street including a 38,200 net square foot library and 20,000 square feet of art gallery, classroom space, and a coffee bar.

PDF Highlights: Scope changes have been made in the recommended PDF due to fiscal constraints including the following: (1) meeting rooms have been downsized to fit within the overall area of the three floors of the library, and (2) a floor for Health and Human Services office space has been eliminated due to cost. The net reduction in the meeting room area was not known at the time of packet publication, but Executive staff explained that the reduction was acceptable because of the availability of meeting rooms in the new Civic Building.

The PDF includes \$700,000 in current revenue for the collection. The operating budget impact to open the center is projected at \$951,000 in FY15, and \$2.109 million annually afterward.

Status Update: Executive staff reports that for Phase 1 of the project, the "wet" utilities including the WSSC sanitary sewer and the storm sewer are basically complete. The relocation of the "dry" utilities, e.g., Pepco, Verizon, and Comcast, are in progress and should be completed in summer 2012.

For Phase II, the construction document phase is scheduled for completion in summer 2012. After permitting and bidding, the construction contract is scheduled to be awarded in fall 2012. Construction is anticipated to be completed in fall 2014.

Testimony: The Council has received testimony from the Montgomery County Friends of the Library advocating for the timely completion of the project and from Paulette Dickerson expressing the need to retain the additional level in the Silver Spring Library to increase County space for other County services (©20).

Issue for Discussion:

The Committee may be interested in collecting additional information about the costs for restoring the additional level in the building and what other County government services could be served at the location. Executive Branch staff reports that HHS services planned for the space are being provided at existing leased space; the new space was intended to reduce leasing costs; but the CIP funding limits do not allow for the space. Council staff notes that if indeed DHHS no longer needs this centrally-located space, there may be other uses for it, e.g., teen and senior programming as requested in testimony by Safe Silver Spring and the Presidents Council of Silver Spring Civic Associations (©22-23).

It would be unfortunate to move forward without the additional level only to find out after the options for expansion are precluded that the centrally located space could be used for other important County purposes, especially when the cost for the space is a small percentage (2.9%) of the total costs of the project and the cost of developing other centrally located space is much greater.

Council staff recommendation:

- **Weigh the benefits of retaining capacity in the building for HHS or other purposes with the costs. The PDF indicates the savings from value engineering is \$2 million, which presumably would be the cost of restoring the space, but seek confirmation from DGS.**

B. PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDED PROJECTS

The following two projects show design beginning during the six-year CIP period:

Davis Library (\$000) (PDF at ©4)

	Total	Total 6 years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Recommend	2,263	2,263	0	0	0	0	593	1,670

*Recommended funding source is GO Bonds.
No appropriation is requested for FY13 and FY14.*

Project Description: This project provides for the renovation of the 25,750 square feet of existing facility and 9,300 square feet of additional space; however, the feasibility of building replacement instead of total renovation will be explored.

PDF Highlights: The project start has been deferred for fiscal reasons to FY17 from the FY13 time frame in the approved FY11-16 PDF. The design costs for the project have been increased by \$549,000 from the approved amended FY11-16 project.

The New Strategic Plan for Library Facilities and Information Technology will be completed by Summer of 2012, and will shape the key programmatic and design planning documents for the facility. Executive Branch staff explains that “recommendations for meeting community needs with updated technology and building spaces may require different configurations of space, and thus cost.”

Testimony: The Council has received testimony from the Montgomery County Friends of the Library and the Montgomery County Library Board (©26 and 28) highlighting mold and air quality problems and the need for immediate remediation and requesting that the projects be moved up in the budget process.

Current Project Estimate: The "ball park" estimated project costs are \$21-\$23 million. The estimate depends on many factors including escalation, code changes, and project start. The estimate does not assume potential impacts of the Strategic Plan.

Issues for Discussion:

Deteriorating Building Systems: Council staff understands the need to defer the project for fiscal reasons, but is concerned about the deteriorating condition of the building systems and the impact that current mildew, mold, humidity, and other air quality problems may have on the building's inhabitants and the collection.

The PDF explains that "[t]he architectural and mechanical/electrical systems in the building are 48 and 27 years old respectively, and have exhausted their economic life expectancies. . . . Responding to the complaints [from building inhabitants] is becoming more complex and even critical for the Division of Facility Maintenance as the compatible spare parts are not readily available in the market. In the life of a building the HVAC, control, electrical fire protection, and communications systems require replacement at least once every 20 years."

Given the deferred start of design, completion of the building will not likely take place for at least another 8-10 years. Consequently, the Committee may be interested in understanding whether there is any way to remediate the problems or replace critical systems before the larger renovation project begins.

Increased Design Funding: Executive Branch staff explains that the increased expenditures for design are based on escalation/inflation, increased permit fees and increased overhead costs. At the same time, however, it acknowledges that the recommended budget for planning and design may be affected by the new Library Department plans for facility and technology. Council staff believes that increasing the expenditures for design, which is scheduled to begin in FY17, is premature. (Council staff notes that the expenditure schedule for the Potomac Library, which begins design in FY18, is not revised to reflect changes in inflation, permit fees, and overhead costs.) If the project is deferred, the Council will have other chances to review and approve a more accurate estimate for design before the funding is needed.

Council staff recommendation:

- **Before approving deferral of the renovation, consider:**
 - **whether the mechanical systems that regulate the air quality in the building can be remediated adequately in the interim; and**
 - **whether the costs of adequately maintaining operations during the interim outweigh the savings achieved by deferring the project.**
- **If the project is deferred, reduce funding for design by \$549,000 (beginning in FY17) if needed for affordability purposes.**

Potomac Library (\$000) (PDF at ©7)

	Total	Total 6 years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Recommend	1,246	898	0	0	0	0	0	898	348

*Recommended funding source is G.O. Bonds.
No appropriation is requested for FY13 and FY14.*

Project Description: The project provides for a 4,860 square foot addition and full interior renovation of the existing interior space.

PDF Highlights: The project start has been deferred for fiscal reasons to FY18 from the FY14 time frame in the approved FY11-16 PDF. Additional design funding after the FY18 period is reflected in the "Beyond 6 Years" period.

Current Project Estimate: The "ball park" estimated project costs are \$15-\$18 million. The estimate depends on many factors including escalation, code changes, and project start. The estimate does not assume potential impacts of the Strategic Plan.

Council staff recommendation:

- Concur with the County Executive

C. PROJECT WITH NO EXPENDITURES DURING THE SIX-YEAR CIP PERIOD

Clarksburg Library (\$000) (PDF at ©3)

	Total	Total 6 years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 years
Recommend	1,694	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,694

*Recommended funding source is GO Bonds.
No appropriation is requested for FY13 and FY14.*

Project Description: This project provides for the design and construction of a 26,000 gross square foot library of no more than two levels and associated parking in the Clarksburg Town Center.

PDF Highlights: The Executive's recommendation shifts design funding from FY14, FY15, and FY16 into the "Beyond 6 Years" period due to fiscal capacity.

Testimony: The Council has received testimony from Upcounty Citizen's Advisory Board that expresses its understanding about the need to delay the project but urges the Council not to forget about it. The Planning Board, however, endorsed their staff's recommendation to restore funding for design and construction for the library in the current CIP.

Current Project Estimate: The "ball park" estimated project costs are \$25-\$30 million. The estimate depends on many factors including escalation, code changes, and project start.

Council staff recommendation:

- Concur with the County Executive

Public Libraries

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The Public Library offers free and equal access to services and resources to assist the people of Montgomery County in finding ideas and information to sustain and enrich their lives.

The Department of Public Libraries provides library services throughout the County in 21 libraries, which range in size from the Rockville Library (102,670 gross square feet (gsf) on three stories with 64,285 gross square feet dedicated to the library itself) to the leased storefront at Poolesville (6,250 gsf). In addition, the Library Department provides service in an historic landmark building at the Noyes Library for Young Children. The Department also offers services targeted to special communities through the Disability Resource Center in the Rockville Library, and the Corrections Library in the Montgomery County Correction Facility in Clarksburg.

The larger libraries—Bethesda, Germantown, Rockville, Quince Orchard, and Wheaton—are open 56 to 60 hours per week. Fifteen libraries – Aspen Hill, Chevy Chase, Damascus, Davis, Gaithersburg Interim, Kensington Park, Little Falls, Long Branch, Marilyn Praisner, Olney (closed for renovation until Spring 2013), Potomac, Silver Spring, Twinbrook, and White Oak are open 46 to 54 hours per week, with schedules tailored to meet local community needs. The Poolesville Library is open 42 hours per week. Seven libraries (Bethesda, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Marilyn Praisner, Rockville, Silver Spring, and Wheaton) are open Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. during the school year.

Collections range from more than 250,000 volumes at the largest library to 53,000 at the smallest library. Collection size for each library is determined by user demand and the physical size of the building.

New Strategic Plans for Library Facilities and Information Technology will be completed by Summer of 2012. These plans will shape the key programmatic and design planning documents for library projects in this Capital Improvements Program. These plans will recognize the need to adjust to how to best deliver library services given the rapid changes in technology.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Construct a new library in downtown Silver Spring.
- Complete Olney and Gaithersburg library renovations.
- Design renovation of Davis and Potomac libraries.
- Design and construct a combined Library and Community Recreation Center in Wheaton.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

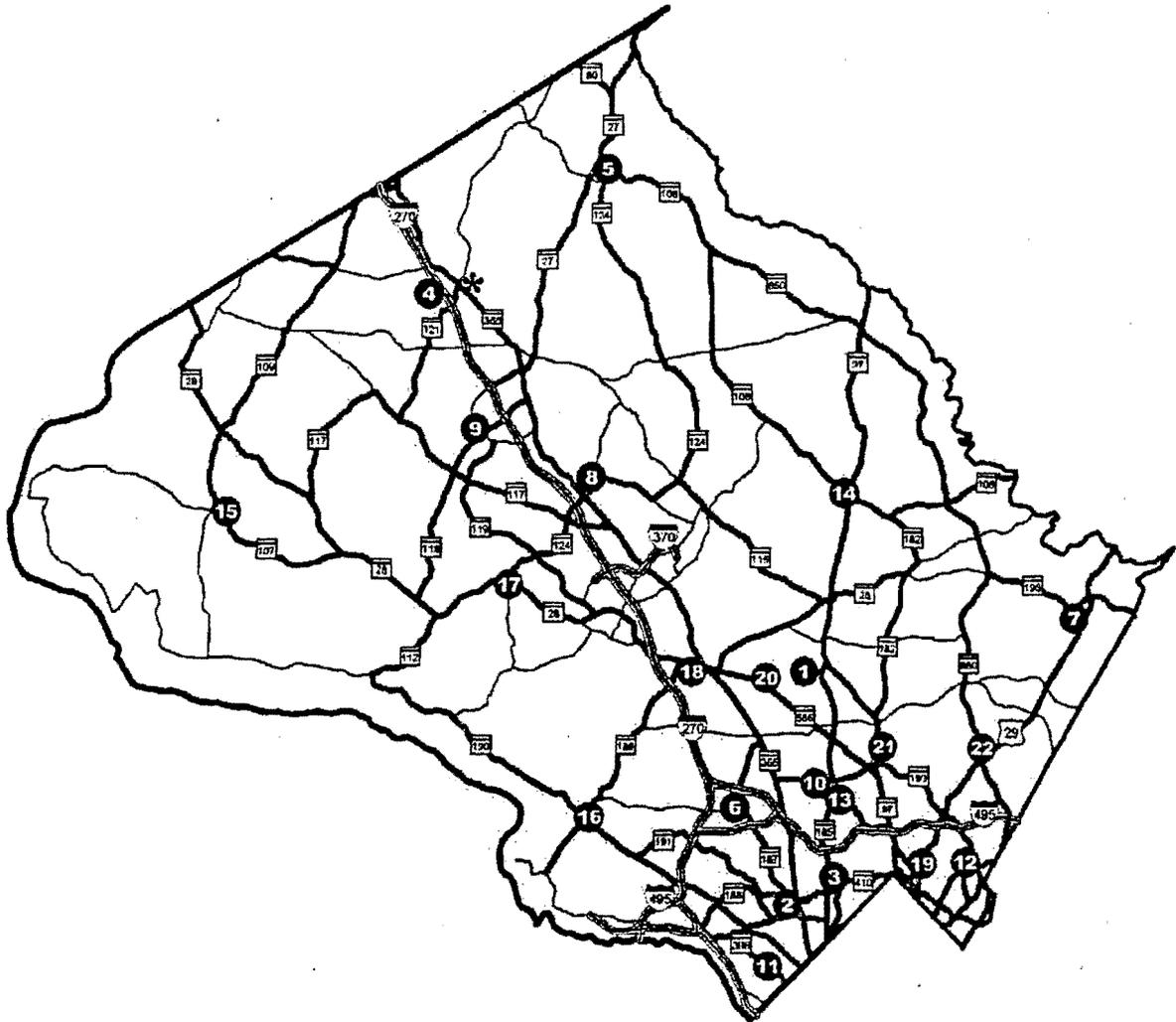
Contact Rita Gale at 240.777.0022 of the Department of Public Libraries or Bruce Meier of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2785 for more information regarding this department's capital budget.

CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

Six ongoing projects totaling \$102.7 million, comprise the six-year capital improvements program for Public Libraries. This represents an increase of \$17.9 million, or 21.2 percent, from the amended FY11-16 program. The cost increase results primarily from the addition of design and construction of the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center project, and Silver Spring Library cost increases, offset by the completion of Gaithersburg and Olney renovations.

The Public Libraries FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program is funded primarily by general obligation bonds. Current revenue is generally used for the acquisition of library materials at new and expanded libraries.

Montgomery County, Maryland Public Libraries



BRANCHES

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Aspen Hill | 7. Marilyn J. Praisner ♦ | 13. Noyes Library for
Young Children | 18. Rockville Memorial ♦ |
| 2. Bethesda ♦ | 8. Gaithersburg ♦ * | 14. Olney * | 19. Silver Spring ♦ |
| 3. Chevy Chase | 9. Germantown ♦ | 15. Poolesville | 20. Twinbrook |
| 4. Corrections Center | 10. Kensington Park | 16. Potomac | 21. Wheaton ♦ |
| 5. Damascus | 11. Little Falls | 17. Quince Orchard | 22. White Oak |
| 6. Davis | 12. Long Branch | | * Clarksburg
(proposed) |

♦ Open on Sundays

* Gaithersburg and Olney branches are closed for renovation during FY12. 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.

Clarksburg Library -- No. 710500

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Clarksburg

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

December 22, 2011
No
None.
Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,694	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,694
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,694	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,694

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	1,694	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,694
Total	1,694	0	1,694								

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the design and construction of a 26,000 gross square foot library, of no more than two levels, and associated parking, located in the Clarksburg Town Center. The option to build a new free-standing library, with approximately 100 parking spaces, with a collection of 110,000 items (space to shelve 75,000 items: 36,000 Adult, 4,000 Young Adult, 30,000 Children, and 5,000 Reference) to serve the population was outlined in the Clarksburg Master Plan.

COST CHANGE

Project start has been deferred due to fiscal capacity.

JUSTIFICATION

The Department's Strategic Facilities Plan (1998-2003) recognizes the need for library services for the residents of Clarksburg. The Clarksburg population is expected to increase from 13,766 in 2010 to almost 40,000 by 2025. The closest library is the Germantown facility that opened in 2007. The Clarksburg Master Plan refers several times to the desirability of a library to serve as a "community magnet" in the Town Center. In addition to being a place for lifelong learning for the entire community, it can be the technological nerve center of the community. Perceived as a safe public place, a library promotes social interaction and provides public meeting space.

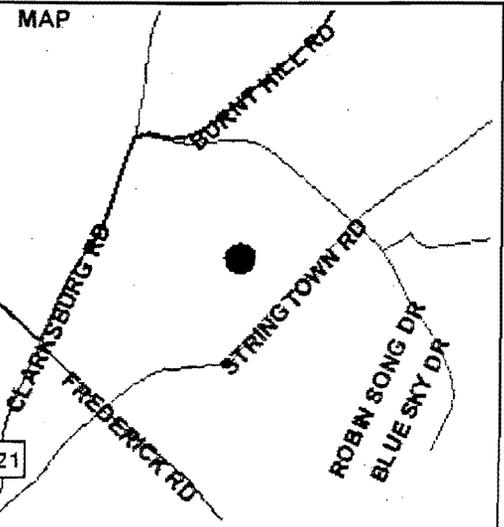
A Needs Assessment for the Clarksburg Library was completed by Public Libraries in September 2001.

FISCAL NOTE

Dedication of 19,000 square feet of land for a library plus an area for parking is a M-NCPPC subdivision requirement of the Town Center developer. The County Council has approved the use of G.O. bonds for this project.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA		
Date First Appropriation	FY	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY12	1,694
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,694
Appropriation Request	FY13	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditures / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION
M-NCPPC
Department of General Services
Department of Technology Services
Department of Permitting Services
WSSC
Clarksburg Town Center Development District
Department of Public Libraries
Upcounty Regional Services Center



Davis Library Renovation -- No. 710703

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 08, 2012
No
None.
Preliminary Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	2,263	0	0	2,263	0	0	0	0	593	1,670	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,263	0	0	2,263	0	0	0	0	593	1,670	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	2,263	0	0	2,263	0	0	0	0	593	1,670	0
Total	2,263	0	0	2,263	0	0	0	0	593	1,670	0

DESCRIPTION

The Davis Library located at 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland, is a two-level, 25,750 square foot structure that was built in 1963. The project includes renovation of 25,750 square feet of existing facility and 9,300 square feet of additional space. The architectural and the mechanical/electrical systems in the building are 48 and 27 years old respectively, and therefore have exhausted their economic life expectancies. These renovations will not only extend the life of the building significantly, but replacement of old mechanical, electrical and other systems with state-of-the-art equipment and components will save energy and therefore reduce the operating cost as well.

New Strategic Plans for Library Facilities and Information Technology will be completed by Summer of 2012. These plans will shape the key programmatic and design planning documents for this facility. These plans will recognize the need to adjust to how to best deliver library services given the rapid changes in technology.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The design phase will commence late fall 2016 (FY17) and is estimated to last for twenty six months.

COST CHANGE

Project start has been deferred due to fiscal capacity.

JUSTIFICATION

The building mechanical and electrical systems were renovated in 1984. Upon receiving numerous complaints from the occupants, a 1999 indoor air quality study indicated that the building has chronic air quality problems which need to be addressed with major renovations. Findings from the study indicate several deficiencies exist in the systems; these deficiencies can only be addressed by redesigning and replacing all systems in their entirety. The Division of Facility Maintenance, Department of General Services has noticed that the number of complaints from the building occupants has increased in terms of indoor air quality, temperature, humidity, mildew growth, and discomfort in recent years resulting in higher maintenance costs and downtime. Responding to the complaints is becoming more complex and even critical for the Division of Facility Maintenance as the compatible spare parts are not readily available in the market. In the life of a building, the HVAC, control, electrical, fire protection, and communication systems require replacement at least once every 20 years. The Department of Libraries also recommends an additional 9,300 gross square feet be added to the existing structure to address anticipated population growth in the service area, including the White Flint Sector Plan, anticipated space needs and the addition of a HVAC system to the main system to meet the additional heating and cooling loads.

OTHER

During the concept design phase, the feasibility of a building replacement instead of a total renovation will be explored due to the many inherent problems with the existing building. The Davis Library will be closed during construction.

FISCAL NOTE

Final construction costs will be determined during the design development stage. Expenditures and funding were shifted out four years to reflect current implementation plan.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY12	1,714
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,714
Appropriation Request	FY13	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditures / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Department of General Services
Department of Public Libraries
Department of Permitting Services
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services

MAP



Gaithersburg Library Renovation -- No. 710300

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Gaithersburg

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 08, 2012
No
None.
Bids Let

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	3,257	2,101	486	670	542	128	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,266	0	1,266	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	15,369	31	8,039	7,299	7,299	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3,149	39	500	2,610	2,610	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23,041	2,171	10,291	10,579	10,451	128	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Current Revenue: General	700	0	400	300	300	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	20,761	1,730	8,752	10,279	10,151	128	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	1,580	441	1,139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23,041	2,171	10,291	10,579	10,451	128	0	0	0	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				677	32	129	129	129	129	129
Energy				572	27	109	109	109	109	109
Program-Staff				5,760	419	1,101	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060
Program-Other				89	57	20	3	3	3	3
Net Impact				7,098	535	1,359	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301
WorkYears					14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.3

DESCRIPTION

This project calls for a major renovation and redesign of the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland, a 36,814 square foot structure opened in 1981. Renovation of this 30 year old facility includes replacement of HVAC, lighting, electrical, plumbing, security, fire alarm, communications, roof, and windows; reconfiguration of the library interior, partial demolition and the addition of 25,000 square feet for expansion of the children's room; a second floor that will hold the elevator, meeting rooms, mechanical rooms, storage, and a satellite office of the Gilchrist Center; redesign of bathrooms to meet accessibility requirements; masonry work to correct on-going cracking of the exterior walls; re-paving of the parking lot; other site work; and furniture replacement. The additional space will be added to the main level of the current structure along the front, back, and sides without impacting the number of current parking spaces.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Construction is underway and expected to be completed in spring 2013.

JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Public Libraries' Strategic Facility Plan identified the Gaithersburg Library for renovation in 2001, 20 years after it opened to the public. The Gaithersburg Library continues to be one of the busiest in the County with a circulation of 640,000 items and foot traffic of about 742,000 in FY10, the year it closed for renovation.

OTHER

Other cost includes \$300,000 for the collection.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

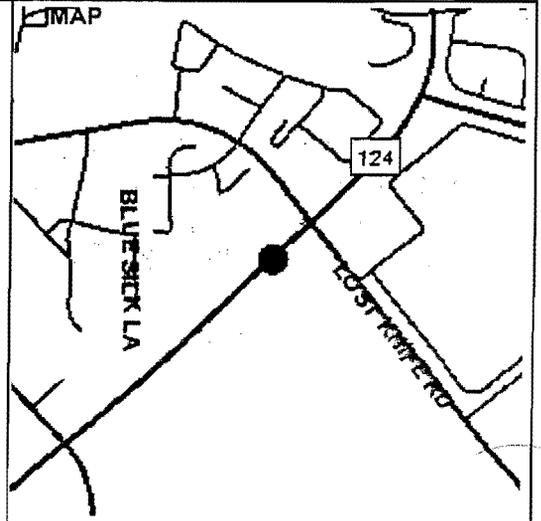
- A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.
- The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA		
Date First Appropriation	FY07	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY12	25,639
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		25,639
Appropriation Request	FY13	-2,359
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		25,400
Expenditures / Encumbrances		2,507
Unencumbered Balance		22,893
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

M-NCPPC
Department of General Services
Department of Technology Services
Department of Permitting Services
Department of Public Libraries
Upcounty Regional Services Center
WSSC

Special Projects Legislation was approved
May 25, 2006 (Bill No. 11-06)



Olney Library Renovation and Addition -- No. 710301

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Olney

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 03, 2012
No
None.
Bids Let

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,969	985	391	593	593	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,361	0	1,361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	8,136	2	3,789	4,345	4,345	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,443	8	38	1,397	1,397	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,909	995	5,579	6,335	6,335	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Current Revenue: General	275	0	215	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	12,634	995	5,364	6,275	6,275	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12,909	995	5,579	6,335	6,335	0	0	0	0	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				227	7	44	44	44	44	44	44
Energy				186	6	36	36	36	36	36	36
Program-Staff				4,610	220	878	878	878	878	878	878
Program-Other				14	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Net Impact				5,037	237	960	960	960	960	960	960
WorkYears						13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8

DESCRIPTION

The project provides for a 5,000 square foot addition and full interior renovation of the existing interior space to the Olney Library, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney, Maryland. The renovation and addition include HVAC replacement, updating all building systems according to applicable building and energy codes, replacement of the building's storefront and windows, related pedestrian safety and walkway improvements, and exterior lighting and stormwater management improvements.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Construction is expected to start winter 2012 and will be completed in spring 2013.

JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Public Libraries' Strategic Facilities Plan identified the Olney Library for renovation in 2002, 20 years after it opened to the public. The Olney community has grown considerably since the construction of this 16,825 square foot facility in 1981. The library circulated approximately 459,000 items and had about 319,000 visits by the public in FY10. The library is in need of additional space to continue to provide a full range of public library services, such as, reference information, an increasingly popular adult circulation, enrichment and children's programs, supplemental school curriculum materials, a homework center, linkage to the internet, and other resources. The existing facility is in need of space reconfiguration, functional, mechanical, safety, and building code modifications.

FISCAL NOTE

Other cost includes \$275,000 for the collection.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

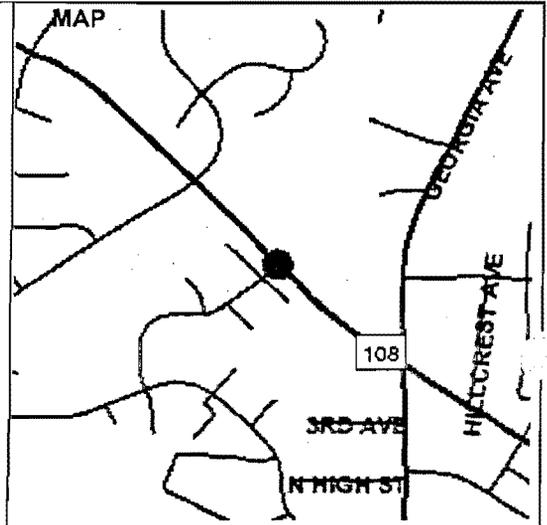
Date First Appropriation	FY07	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY12	12,909
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		12,909
Appropriation Request	FY13	35
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		12,874
Expenditures / Encumbrances		1,344
Unencumbered Balance		11,530
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Department of General Services
Department of Technology Services
Department of Public Libraries
M-NCPPC
WSSC
Department of Permitting Services
Upcounty Regional Services Center

Special Capital Projects Legislation [Bill No. 25-10] was adopted by Council June 15, 2010.

MAP



Potomac Library Renovation -- No. 710701

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Potomac-Travilah

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 08, 2012
No
None.
Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,246	0	0	898	0	0	0	0	0	898	348
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,246	0	0	898	0	0	0	0	0	898	348

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	1,246	0	0	898	0	0	0	0	0	898	348
Total	1,246	0	0	898	0	0	0	0	0	898	348

DESCRIPTION

The Potomac community has increased from 40,402 in 1980 to 44,965 in 2010. The current building at 10101 Glenolden Drive was opened in 1985. The project provides for a 4,860 square foot addition and full interior renovation of the existing interior space. The renovation and addition includes HVAC replacement, bringing all building systems to applicable building and energy codes, replacement of the building's storefront and windows, related pedestrian safety and walkway improvements, and exterior light and stormwater management improvements.

New Strategic Plans for Library Facilities and Information Technology will be completed by Summer of 2012. These plans will shape the key programmatic and design planning documents for this facility. These plans will recognize the need to adjust to how to best deliver library services given the rapid changes in technology.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The design phase will commence summer 2017 (FY18) and is estimated to last for eighteen months.

COST CHANGE

Project start has been deferred due to fiscal capacity.

JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Public Libraries Strategic Facilities Plan states that the Potomac Library should be considered for renovation in 2005, 20 years after it opened to the public. In FY11, the library had circulation of over 341,000 items and almost 224,000 visits by the public. The existing facility is in need of an addition, space reconfiguration, functional, mechanical, safety, and building code modifications.

A study was done by a qualified consultant to determine how and where best to add space to the library.

FISCAL NOTE

Final construction costs will be determined during the design development stage.

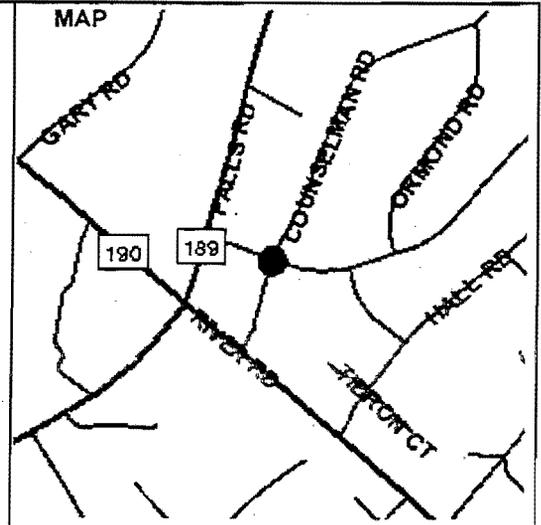
APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY12	1,246
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,246
Appropriation Request	FY13	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditures / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Department of Public Libraries
Department of General Services
Department Technology Services
Department of Permitting Services
M-NCPPC
Bethesda/Chevy Chase Regional Services Center

MAP



Silver Spring Library -- No. 710302

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Silver Spring

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 08, 2012
No
None.
Final Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	7,164	1,902	2,489	2,773	1,251	986	536	0	0	0	0
Land	16,012	16,006	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	3,206	1,233	323	1,650	867	268	515	0	0	0	0
Construction	38,737	254	0	38,483	12,941	15,560	9,982	0	0	0	0
Other	4,410	2	519	3,889	583	290	3,016	0	0	0	0
Total	69,529	19,397	3,337	46,795	15,642	17,104	14,049	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Current Revenue: General	700	0	0	700	150	150	400	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	54,000	5,215	2,690	46,095	15,492	16,954	13,649	0	0	0	0
PAYGO	13,354	13,354	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Income - General	59	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	1,416	769	647	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	69,529	19,397	3,337	46,795	15,642	17,104	14,049	0	0	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				1,107	0	0	111	332	332	332
Energy				1,017	0	0	102	305	305	305
Program-Staff				5,135	0	0	728	1,469	1,469	1,469
Program-Other				19	0	0	10	3	3	3
Net Impact				7,278	0	0	951	2,109	2,109	2,109
WorkYears					0.0	0.0	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the design and construction of a mixed use facility at Wayne Avenue and Fenton Street which includes a new modern 38,200 net square foot (up to 58,000 GSF) library, designed to better serve its demographically and ethnically diverse residents, and its growing business community; as well as 20,000 square feet of art gallery, classroom space and a coffee bar. The library will be built within the Central Business District and is centrally located for the entire community.

The project includes the relocation of a storm water line, a sewer line and other utilities, and reconstruction of part of Wayne Avenue and Fenton Street to allow for the construction of the Library and the future Purple Line transit system.

A floor for Health and Human Services office space previously included in the project has been eliminated due to cost (\$2.0 million).

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The project will be bid in two packages. The site and utility package was bid in summer 2010 and site work is underway. The building package is currently in design development and will be bid in summer 2012, to be followed by building construction which is estimated to last 24 months.

COST CHANGE

Increase due to cost increases based on approved bid after value engineering, inflation, and based on approved bid. Value engineering resulted in \$1.6 million in reduced construction costs. The Health and Human Services (HHS) office space has been removed, reducing cost by \$2.0 million. Cost for the new library collection (\$700,000) has been added.

JUSTIFICATION

The existing Silver Spring Community Library is the oldest community library in the Montgomery County Library System. It is the second smallest community library and has the smallest collection of non-periodical materials of any community library. Silver Spring is growing in terms of the size and diversity of its residential population, and is experiencing significant expansion of its business community, all of which place greater demands on library services.

OTHER

A Program of Requirements was prepared in March 2005 and revised in April 2010 at the request of the community. The site has been selected and the land acquisition is complete. The Mobile Services Unit was moved to the Davis Library in February 2008.

The current cost estimate is based on a design developed during the early design phase. Refinement of the design has reduced the gross square footage from 65,000 GSF to approximately 58,000 GSF without materially affecting the 38,200 net square foot area that is documented in the POR.

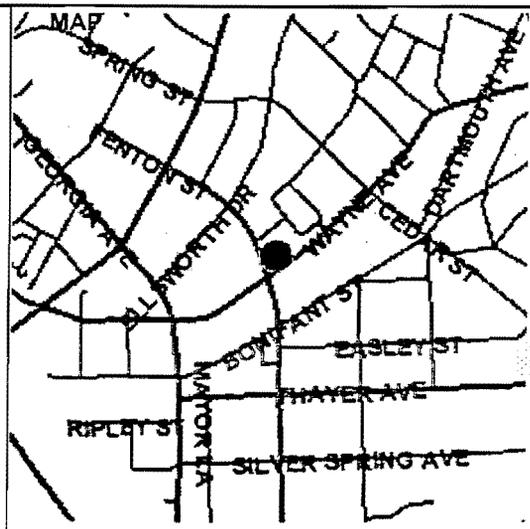
APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY03	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY13	69,529
Current Scope		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		63,747
Appropriation Request	FY13	9,329
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	150
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		59,850
Expenditures / Encumbrances		22,133
Unencumbered Balance		37,517
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

M-NCPPC
Department of General Services
Department of Technology Services
Department of Permitting Services
Department of Public Libraries
Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center
Silver Spring Regional Services Center
Facility Planning: MCG
WSSC
PEPCO
Verizon
Comcast

Special Capital Projects Legislation [Bill No. 24-06] was adopted by Council June 13, 2006.



Silver Spring Library -- No. 710302 (continued)

Other cost includes \$700,000 for the collection.

Based on Council action, it was determined that a pedestrian bridge over Wayne Avenue would not be included.

The library site was selected as the location of the first Purple Line Transit stop east of the Silver Spring Transit Center for the light rail option, which was selected as the locally preferred alternative. As such, the site and the building are being designed and constructed to allow for the construction and operation of the Purple Line once the library is constructed and open for operation.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.
- The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center -- No. 361202

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Culture and Recreation
Libraries
General Services
Kensington-Wheaton

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 08, 2012
No
None.
Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	8,011	0	191	7,820	0	0	2,430	3,000	0	2,390	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	2,170	0	0	2,170	0	0	0	0	0	2,170	0
Construction	23,070	0	0	23,070	0	0	0	0	0	23,070	0
Other	2,732	0	0	2,732	0	0	0	62	0	2,670	0
Total	35,983	0	191	35,792	0	0	2,430	3,062	0	30,300	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Current Revenue: General	300	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	300	0
G.O. Bonds	35,683	0	191	35,492	0	0	2,430	3,062	0	30,000	0
Total	35,983	0	191	35,792	0	0	2,430	3,062	0	30,300	0

DESCRIPTION

This project will provide for the development of a combined facility to include a new Wheaton Library and Wheaton Community Recreation Center. Included in the scope is the development of a Program of Requirements (POR) and conceptual design followed by full design services and construction of the facility.

The Library and the Recreation Center will be comparable to libraries and recreation centers of similar service needs. These building sizes will be analyzed in greater detail to see what efficiencies of area and program can be made due to the shared use of some spaces. These could include lobbies, meeting rooms, restrooms, and parking which could reduce the overall space requirements and the operational costs.

Other issues to be studied include the transfer of the Wheaton Recreation Community Center property from M-NCPPC to the County, providing road access to the residences by relocating existing roads and access, determining how storm water management can be provided, and preparing concept layouts for the building and parking on the new combined site.

New Strategic Plans for Library Facilities and Information Technology will be completed by Summer of 2012. These plans will shape the key programmatic and design planning documents for this facility. These plans will recognize the need to adjust to how to best deliver library services given the rapid changes in technology.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Facility concept study is being planned and expected to be completed in FY12. Design phase estimated to start in late summer 2014 (FY15) and last 18 months.

COST CHANGE

Project budget is based on the past historical costs for a Community Recreation Center and Library project. These costs may change as more is learned regarding the implications of a shared use facility as well as the completion of the Libraries Strategic Facilities and Information Technology Plans.

JUSTIFICATION

The Wheaton Library is one of the busiest libraries in Montgomery County, with over 535,000 items circulated and more than 410,000 visits by the public in FY11. The Friends of the Library book sale is located on the lower level as is a satellite office of the Gilchrist Center. There are serious moisture problems and the building does not meet current mechanical, safety and building codes. The mechanical, elevator and HVAC systems are outdated and worn, and they are not energy efficient. The facility was opened in 1960 and was renovated in 1985. It is in need of space reconfiguration to meet current library information needs.

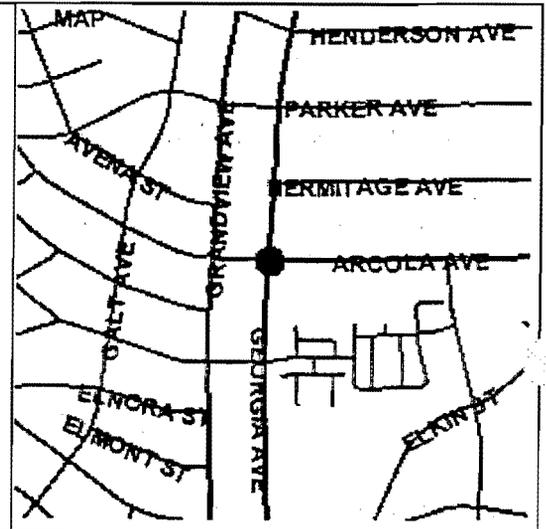
The Department of Recreation has operated the existing Wheaton Recreation Center, owned by the M-NCPPC, for many years. As early as 1997, this facility was designated for replacement with a larger full service facility, originally included in Facility Planning and Site Evaluation projects as the Kemp Mill (later Wheaton/Kemp Mill) Community Recreation Center. In the 2005 update to the Department's facility plan and in the FY07-12 CIP, a "Wheaton Area Recreation Facilities" study was included in the MCG Facility Planning Project #508768 for this purpose. That study included site and structure, stabilization and design development for future renovation, remodeling, and expansion of the Wheaton Community Recreation Center - Rafferty to provide an additional recreation facility to complement the existing facility. After review of the Rafferty component, space limitations, utility and plumbing challenges did not make it feasible to complete the project on its current site. A decision was made to pursue an alternative combined facility.

FISCAL NOTE

The site for the present Wheaton Library is presently owned by the County. The site of the present Wheaton Recreation Community Center is owned by

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA		
Date First Appropriation	FY12	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY12	35,983
Last FY's Cost Estimate		250
Appropriation Request	FY13	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		250
Expenditures / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		250
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	0
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION
 Department of General Services
 Department of Libraries
 Department of Recreation
 Department of Transportation
 M-NCPPC
 State Highways
 Mid-County Regional Services Center
 WSSC
 Pepco



Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center -- No. 361202 (continued)

M-NCPPC. The issues associated with the transfer of the property will be identified during the planning phase.

Other cost includes \$300,000 for the collection.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

LIBRARY CIP QUESTIONS

Clarksburg Library

- Please describe the scope changes in the recommended PDF and the reasons for them. Why does PDF call for a reduction of parking spaces -- from 120 to 100?

The 100 parking spaces number is based on some preliminary space planning for the actual proposed site for the parking garage - assuming the garage will be limited to two levels in order to limit costs, and that there will be some ADA spaces. Other PDF changes deal with timing, not scope.

- When is it anticipated that design work will begin on the project?

As of this CIP submission, there is no scheduled start date for design.

- Please provide a "ballpark"/order of magnitude cost estimate for the project.

The "ballpark" estimated project costs are \$25M-\$30M depending on many factors including: escalation, code changes, and project start.

Davis Library

- Why has design funding increased for the project?

PDS funding was increased due to:

Escalation/inflation because the project has been delayed by five years
Increased Permit Fees
Other Increased Overhead Costs

- Will the recommended amount for planning, design, and supervision be potentially affected by the New Strategic Plans for Library Facilities and Information Technology that will be completed by Summer of 2012?

Yes, the recommended budget for planning and design may be affected by the new Library Department plans for Facilities and Technology because the recommendations for meeting community needs with updated technology and building spaces may require different configurations of space, and thus cost. For example use of RFID for automated checkout and return of materials will increase efficiencies but will require different workroom layouts to accommodate conveyor bins and sorting bins. Provision of flexible space that also allows a variety of meeting type spaces for individuals and groups to use for information sharing and production as well as collaborative projects will also mean that spaces may be reengineered.

- What has changed in the project between the revised PDF in Amendments to the FY11-16 CIP and the recommended FY13-18 CIP that suggests the need for a building replacement instead of a total renovation?

The PDF indicates that a feasibility study of replacing the facility -- in lieu of a full renovation and addition -- will be explored during design. There is no technical change; just an acknowledgement that replacement costs may be comparable to the costs for a full renovation and addition and should be explored as a better long-term solution. PDF costs are based on the full renovation and addition.

- What is the anticipated cost impact of replacing the building instead of renovating it?

The construction cost impact is estimated to be around \$1 million or more. This assumes current library design, and may be impacted by the new Strategic Plans. New construction has a higher cost per square foot, but a new library building would have a more efficient design than the renovation plus addition.

- The PDF suggests that the building systems have severe deficiencies that have significant maintenance costs and downtime attached to them. What are the anticipated annual costs to maintain these systems before renovation/replacement can occur beyond the FY13-18 time frame? Is it likely that these systems will continue to be operational during this period? Will delay in the project increase the likelihood that a complete building replacement will be required instead of a total renovation?

Answer will be provided 2/8.

- Please quantify the anticipated population growth in the service area and the need for the 9,300 gross square foot addition. What will the additional be used for?

The 2005 Davis Library Renovation Program of Requirements included the expansion recommendation to serve increased population in the service area to 59,000 by 2025, seating and collection requirements. The Library Department considers this expanded facility to the primary service point for both North Bethesda and the Grosvenor/White Flint Communities

- Please provide a "ballpark"/order of magnitude cost estimate for the project.

The "ballpark" estimated project costs are \$21M-\$23M depending on many factors including: escalation, code changes, and project start. This estimate does not assume potential impacts of the Strategic Plans.

Gaithersburg Library

- Please provide a status update for the project including the most recent production schedule.

The contractor was given Notice to Proceed (NTP) to start Administrative phase on October 19, 2011. NTP to construction phase was issued on December 19, 2011. Substantial Completion is projected to be in Spring 2013 with re-opening in Summer 2013.

- What accounted for the delay in starting construction after closing the facility?

The project was delayed due to permitting and design issues. The County's Department of Permitting Services required redesign of the stormwater management plans prior to submission for a building permit. The building permit process took longer than anticipated by DGS.

- Please describe what library services have been made available to the community served by the facility after its closure.

Gaithersburg residents have access to full library services at the 18 branches of the Montgomery County Public Libraries including the Quince Orchard and Germantown branches which are each approximately 5 miles from the location of the Gaithersburg branch on Montgomery Village Avenue. The Capital Improvement Budget also provided funding for a 3,000 square foot interim facility which is located in the Lake Forest Mall.

The Gaithersburg interim operates 48 hours a week including four hours on Sundays. It offers customers a collection of 25,000 print and nonprint materials, the ability to pick up and place holds, a self checkout machine, and staff to answer information questions and to check materials out and assist customers with questions about their records. Customers also have 24/7 access to the library's website and catalog to answer questions, place holds, search for information in electronic databases, and pay fines online.

- What accounts for the reduced amount of total expenditures for the project and the negative \$2.359 million appropriation request for FY13?

The project costs were reduced due to a lower-than-expected contractor bid.

- Please describe the scope changes in the recommended PDF and the reasons for them. Changes in the PDF include "partial demolition" and an increase in square footage of the addition.

The referenced changes were for clarification of the final design. There were no specific scope changes in the PDF.

- How many staff and workyears are anticipated to support programming and operations at the renovated library when it opens?

The total work years for the branch will be 19.5, including 12 full time, 15 part time, and 19 temporary (shelving assistant) employees. With the exception of the 9 positions (5.25 work years) which staff the interim branch location at LakeForest Mall, all other positions will be new as the remainder of the Gaithersburg personnel complement was abolished in FY11. The exact complement of the re-opened library will be determined during the operating budget process.

- Should the cumulative appropriation in the PDF be \$25,319 (the cumulative appropriation plus the FY11 and 12 appropriation requests in last approved PDF)?

After the FY11 CIP was approved, it was determined that we did not need \$81,000 of CR appropriation, which was removed.

Olney Library

- Please provide a status update for the project including the most recent production schedule.

The general contractor has been selected and Administrative Notice to Proceed has been issued. Construction Notice to Proceed should begin in mid/late February. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2013 with re-opening in late Summer 2013.

- What accounts for the delay in starting construction after closing the facility?

Under normal budgetary conditions, the Department of Public Libraries would have kept the branch open until a few weeks prior to a firm date for the start of construction. However, due to the Public Libraries' budget reductions, the Library Department reduced staffing at all branches, reduced library service hours, and cut back on library materials, among many other reductions. These decisions included making staffing cuts in coordination with the anticipated closing date for the Olney renovations. However, when the project ran into unanticipated delays due to utility coordination and permitting, it was too late to change the closing dates. The drawings were sent for permit in September 2010 and the permit was not issued until May 2011 due to some late utility coordination. WSSC initially approved the water supply design in May 2010; however, in January 2011,

they requested a re-design, resulting in some additional work by the Architect/Engineer. WSSC needed to approve the new design before DPS would issue a building permit. The new design also required a submission to the State Highway Administration for a permit to cross Route 108 which added time.

- Please describe what library services have been made available to the community served by the facility after its closure.

Olney residents have access to full library services at the 18 branches of the Montgomery County Public Libraries including the Aspen Hill and Wheaton branches which are 6 and 2 miles respectively from the location of the Olney branch on Olney-Laytonsville Road. Customers also have 24/7 access to the library's website and catalog to answer questions, place holds, search for information in electronic databases, and pay fines online. In the spring of 2012, the Department will begin offering interim service at the Longwood Recreation Center, 19300 Georgia Avenue, in Brookeville (about 2 miles from the Olney Library location) using two self service kiosks (with selections of print materials and DVDs), a self pickup locker system for holds, and a book return.

- How many staff and workyears are anticipated to support programming and operations at the renovated library when it opens?

The total work years for the branch will be 13, including 8 full time, 10 part time, and 6 temporary (shelving assistant) employees. With the exception of one full time Librarian I funded by Council in FY11 for Aspen Hill impact staffing from Olney, all other positions will be new as the Olney personnel complement was abolished in the third quarter of FY11. The exact complement of the re-opened library will be determined during the operating budget process.

- Please describe any scope changes in the recommended PDF and the reasons for them.

There were no scope changes other than the request from DPL for an additional \$25,000 for books and media collection. The most recent PDF reflects this change as well as the actual construction bid amount rather than an estimate. The PDS costs have been updated to reflect the actual costs to date, and the additional cost for the new requirement for prevailing wage monitoring. There have been some reductions and elimination of costs which were either not required or were less than anticipated. This is what has allowed us to accommodate the increased amount for collections.

- The PDF reflects an additional \$25,000 in current revenue to support the collection. How did the Department determine the amount of additional collection needed?

The Department determined that approximately 10% of the collection of 100,000 volumes should be updated and replaced with print, nonprint and electronic resources that addressed the changed needs of the demographics of the current Olney community. At an average cost of \$25 per volume, the total of \$275,000 will allow a revision of the collection approximately equivalent to 11,000 physical books.

Potomac Library

- Please describe the scope changes in the recommended PDF and the reasons for them. Why is the Executive recommending a smaller addition of 4,860 sq. ft. down from 5,476 sq. ft.?

The size of the expansion at the last CIP submission was based on recommendations in the POR without any planning. This PDF submission is based on some preliminary

space planning which determined that the same scope can be accommodated in less space.

The Program of Requirements for the Potomac Library was written in 2003 and will have to be updated before design, planning and supervision begins. As noted previously, the changes in technology and space uses based on the final Strategic Plans may require that further scope revisions.

- Please provide a "ballpark"/order of magnitude cost estimate for the project.

The "ballpark" estimated project costs are \$15M-\$18M depending on many factors including: escalation, code changes, and project start. This estimate does not assume potential impacts of the Strategic Plans.

Silver Spring Library

- Please provide a status update for the project including the most recent production schedule for Phase I and Phase II of the project.

Phase 1: The relocation of the "wet" utilities, including WSSC sanitary sewer and the storm sewer is basically complete. The relocation of the "dry" utilities (Pepco, Verizon and Comcast) are in progress should be complete in Summer 2012.

Phase 2: The A/E is the construction document phase which is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2012. After permitting and bidding, the project is scheduled to be awarded to a construction contractor in Fall 2012. Construction completion would be in Fall 2014.

- Please describe the scope changes in the recommended PDF and the reasons for them.

Due to fiscal constraints, the meeting rooms have been downsized in order to fit within the overall area of the three floors of the library rather than to design a floor specifically to accommodate meeting rooms. This revision in the program was deemed acceptable partially because of the availability of meeting rooms in the new Civic Building.

- The recommended FY13-18 PDF shows that HHS office space has been removed for costs reasons. What services were planned for that space and where will they now be delivered?

The services are being provided at existing leased space. The planned creation of County-owned replacement space was hoped to reduce leasing costs but the CIP funding limits do not allow this.

- To what extent, if any, will the change in gross square footage (65,000 to 58,000) reduce the 38,200 net square foot area documented in the POR?

The reduction is primarily in the meeting room area. Having the meeting rooms on their own floor increased the gross area due to the need for additional restrooms on that floor, additional lobby space and circulation to serve just the meeting rooms. By reducing the size of the meeting area and locating it on another library floor, we were able to reduce the gross area more significantly than the net area.

- What portion of the increased costs for the project are due to inflation and what portion is attributable to the approved bid?

There is no approved bid yet (for Phase 2); all Phase 2 costs are based on estimates. The increased costs are due primarily to new cost estimates based on more complete documentation of the project. However, for example, the numbers also represent escalation, additional requirements for prevailing wage monitoring, and increased permitting fees.

- The PDF includes \$700,000 in current revenue to support the collection. How did the Department determine the amount of additional collection needed? Why is funding for the new collection being appropriated in FY13 and FY14? Will these new collection materials be put into circulation at the current Silver Spring Library site?

The new facility is physically larger, built to serve more residents, and will be busier due to its urban location, longer hours, and co-location with the Purple Line. The current collection is older, and requires substantial modification given the many changes in demographics, library materials technology, and the surrounding community since the opening of the original library. \$700,000 will provide for an approximate 25% modification/enhancement of the existing 102,000 item collection, providing the equivalent of 28,000 new book volumes at an average cost of \$25 per volume. The actual materials modification will be composed of a mix of electronic data sources, e-readers, books, media, and other material types or technologies needed to allow the new library to better meet the needs of the community and present library materials via modern technology, print, media, electronic data, and other technological means of delivering library content. It takes a substantial amount of time and effort to plan for such an enhancement, typically two to three years before opening, as was the case for Germantown and Rockville libraries. There are also some follow-up investments made after opening to adjust to expressed customer needs. Any physical materials purchased will not be used in the current facility, but will be stored in anticipation of opening day and the first three months of operation in the new building.

- Should the cumulative appropriation in the PDF be 59,670 (the cumulative appropriation plus the FY12 appropriation request in last approved PDF)?

The current Approved PDF, as amended last year (http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/omb/FY12/appr/cip_pdf/710302.pdf, FY12 Approved Capital Budget and... Volume 2, p.7-67) had Cumulative Appropriation of \$56,590,000 plus FY12 Appropriation of \$3,060,000, totaling the \$59,650,000 of Cumulative Appropriation shown on the Recommended PDF.

Wheaton Library and CRC

- What work has been completed on the project to date?

A feasibility study is under way, informed by a Draft POR. The Library Department is working on new strategic plans for Facilities and Technology, which may have an impact.

- Has the feasibility study been completed on the project, and if not, when will it be conducted and completed?

The feasibility study is expected to be completed late Spring / early Summer 2012.

- What are the estimated costs needed to complete the feasibility study and develop the program of requirements? Are these costs included in the current PDF or part of another PDF, e.g., Facility Planning-MCG?

Estimated cost is \$191k as indicated on the PDF. Costs are in Wheaton Library and CRC PDF.

- The PDF suggests that there are "serious moisture problems" and outdated building systems associated with the Wheaton Library. What are the anticipated annual costs to maintain the existing library and recreation facilities before replacement can occur?

Answer will be provided 2/8.

- Is it possible for design work to be started on the project before FY15?

Fiscal capacity determined the recommended start of the project. Design work could theoretically start after approval of the referenced feasibility study.

- How was the total construction cost estimate calculated? Why is the Executive recommending that construction costs be programmed in the PDF when the POR for the project has not been completed and construction costs are typically not programmed until the design schematics.

The Executive chose to include an estimate of construction costs for this project to demonstrate his commitment to the community. The construction cost estimate is based on the most recent completed or under construction library and recreation projects of similar size; such as the White Oak Community Recreation Center (\$17 million) and the Germantown Library (\$11.5 million).

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There was a time when Montgomery County had ambitious plans for growing Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL). New branches were proposed for communities like Laytonsville and Clarksburg. All county office buildings, including libraries, were to have mini-renovations within ten years of being built and within a twenty year time frame each would be the recipient of a major renovation with new HVAC, carpeting, wiring etc.

Carpeting, furniture replacement and repair, and painting were part of the normal maintenance cycle for County buildings.

There are fiscal realities these days that require austerity. But perhaps the proposed CIP goes a little too far.

Libraries are often underrated as community hubs. They are underrated as business incubators, as meeting spaces, as study spaces, as literacy centers (especially for the pre-school population), as broadband internet providers, as English language resources, as school resource repositories and as summer reading facilitators. Libraries contain the most reliable knowledge base County residents have. They are multi-use facilities even without partnerships.

Having all new County buildings serve many purposes would be an ideal to aspire to. The initial cost of projects would likely be higher but a general policy that encouraged this would save the County and its citizens money and time in the long run. Library buildings are ideal for these projects.

In the recent past there have been some hits and a few misses in that regard.

An example of a miss—at Fairland, now Marilyn J. Praisner, the community center is across the parking lot from the library building. It is just a little too far to share meeting rooms and programs though the two buildings serve the same users.

A good example of a hit is the Rockville Memorial Library building. It is home to the County's Department of Technology Services (DST) offices and the Literacy Council as well as the MCPL administrative offices and the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) offices. These groups and the communities they serve all benefit from the library's proximity.

When the Gaithersburg Library renovation project is complete there will be a satellite office of the Gilchrist Center on the second floor along with more meeting space. Both entities will have benefits from the association that neither could easily afford alone. The community that uses the Center will have the resources of the library close at hand and vice versa.

Wheaton Library, in partnership with National Institutes of Health (NIH), once housed a comprehensive Health Information Center. It was a very good match in terms of communities served and convenience to patrons.

The FOLMC booksale is also in the same building as the Wheaton Library. This is a very good pairing.

The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce uses the Wheaton Library as its meeting place. The Gilchrist Center also has a presence there.

The last major renovation of the Wheaton Library building was so long ago that my soon to be thirty-year old son was an infant.

Rethinking the Library building as part of a new building that contains the library, the Wheaton Community Center, the Gilchrist Center and the FOLMC Booksale makes a lot of sense.

The Davis Library building hasn't been renovated since 1986. A child born that year could be in the third year of medical school today.

Davis was once home to the MCPL administrative offices, later housed the MCPL Special Resources Collection— machines, books and other resources for the disabled and their families. For a short while afterwards the Mobile Services section of MCPL was positioned there.

As at Wheaton, the Davis Library area might be well served by including a community center or other County function within the renovated library building.

This brings us to the Silver Spring Library building. At this point the project has been radically cut back twice. First the two floors of County office space above the library space became one and now it has been revealed that the last of the office floors may be eliminated.

I am not here to argue that the library part of the project needs that extra floor space. The County does. Those floors could be used to move County services out of rented space.

HHS offices are a great match with library services. A better match might include a clinic that did immunizations or health assessments. That way people with young families could take care of health care and then roll down to the library to go to early childhood programs, research jobs or housing or health care issues and do homework, perhaps even attend an English Conversation Club session if they were so inclined.

Since Silver Spring is a transit hub with MARC trains, buses that traverse the County, the Red Line. With the possibility of both the D.C. Trolley and the Purple Line coming through the area, a Library building that houses many County services would be ideally positioned for the foreseeable future.

Lost opportunities? Maybe not. It might still be possible to add funds to the CIP budget to move the Wheaton and Davis projects forward sooner. Maybe the Silver Spring Library building could also be revised upward.

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But why build new structures at all? Many people seem to believe that information resources will move to the web to such a degree that we will no longer need “bricks and mortar” buildings to serve society well. Looking at the vibrancy of the library community that seems unlikely. Looking at the use of “treebooks” vs “ebooks” within MCPL it also seems unlikely. On Snapshot Day 25,564 items from the collection circulated. 415 of those items were from the eLibrary.

Electronic resources are neither free nor dependable. Many internet resources are posted and maintained by eccentrics; many, like Google and Bing, are for profit; the most reliable are often databases that are leased to us for a price. They do not belong to us and we cannot expect them to be a secure resource going forward. Remember Encarta?

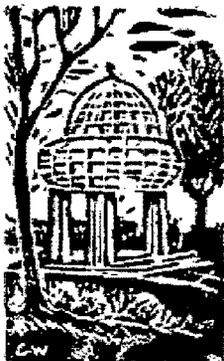
Even ebooks are not available to all library users— most require a dedicated device like a Nook or a Kindle or a general purpose computer that is relatively new with appropriate software installed. Some publishers limit the number of check-outs before the book is withdrawn from use, some do not license to libraries at all. There are wait lists to check them out. The current lending period for ebooks at MCPL is shorter than that of print books.

Libraries are about holding and disseminating information, not about formats— books, data, encyclopedias, music can be offered in many ways. But the buildings are essential to the mission.

Here is my favorite quote from the atrium of the Rockville Memorial Library:
Information is the currency of democracy.

-- Thomas Jefferson

Thank you.



Presidents Council Of Silver Spring Civic Associations

Indian Spring Citizens Association, Linden Civic Association, Long Branch Civic Association, North Hills of Sligo Creek Civic Association, North Woodside-Montgomery Hills Civic Association, Park Hills Civic Association, Seven Oaks-Evanswood Civic Association, Sligo-Branview Civic Association, South Silver Spring Civic Association, Woodside Civic Association, Woodside Forest Civic Association, Woodside Park Civic Association

February 7, 2012

County Executive Isaiah Leggett
Roger Berliner, President, Montgomery County Council
Members, Montgomery County Council

Dear County Executive Leggett, President Berliner, and Councilmembers:

The homeowners and residents of the downtown Silver Spring community represented by PREZCO and the surrounding civic associations have carefully followed your efforts to oversee the debate surrounding efforts to balance Montgomery County's upcoming budget.

My testimony today is based on the decisions we reached last year.

We have reviewed the debates over projects and programs that affect us directly, and we write to you with the consensus we have reached regarding what is minimally necessary to protect and promote community stability, business activity, and property value. In short, the items for which we seek your support are necessary to:

- promote the safety of our neighborhoods and streets, including pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic and parking management;
- encourage more of business development in downtown Silver Spring;
- preserve the cohesiveness of our neighborhood communities through support of our libraries and our green spaces.

Prezco and its member civic associations request your consideration and inclusion of the following items as you prepare to present your

capital and operating budget proposals to the Montgomery County Council for fiscal year 2012-2013.

1. Convert the old Silver Spring library to a recreation center for youths and seniors. The needs of our growing elderly and youth populations will continue to escalate and there will never be a better time, location, or more affordable facility than the old library.
2. We support the bus rapid transit proposals developed by Marc Elrich.
3. Restore funding for the acquisition and design plans for the Metropolitan Branch Trail between Montgomery College and the Silver Spring Metro station. This trail will provide a safe and convenient link for bicyclists and pedestrians traveling to/from and through downtown Silver Spring.
4. Form a public/private partnership with local community organizations to make Sligo Creek Golf Course clubhouse handicapped accessible, and build upon the \$12,000 of local private funds being invested in the course for fiscal year 2012-2013

We appreciate your partnership in the efforts of the downtown Silver Spring communities to preserve our parks, the character of our diverse neighborhoods, and our commercial base during this challenging moment in the county's economic history.

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Testimony of Tony Hausner, Chair, Safe Silver Spring

President Berliner and Members of the County Council

Teen Center

I believe that Silver Spring needs a teen center as soon as possible. There are a number of minority youth programs in the Silver Spring area that are operating at less than optimal conditions because of lack of permanent spaces to conduct their programs. These programs are essential to ensure that these teenagers engage in positive youth development programs.

This recommendation is based on several discussions with youth leaders and the youth members of these youth groups.

Based on these discussions, I am open to the center being located at either the soon to be old Silver Spring library or the current HHS building on Georgia Avenue near Spring Street. I understand that both locations are under consideration. My only hope is that the teen center be made available as soon as possible.

For a variety of reasons, there is merit to combining the teen center programs, with either a senior center or early childhood programs. Either of these combinations could have advantages for all parties concerned.

In developing the teen center operations, there are a variety of possible program options and arrangements for the teens, such as academic, vocational, media, computer center, free space, counseling services, recreational, social, etc., with the options to be determined by the teens.

There is also a need for immediate space for the existing programs. Safe Silver Spring is willing to work with other organizations on the development and implementation of a survey to determine the availability of existing space. One option is that school space is available but these programs cannot afford the current fees.

Bethesda Metro Station

I am now speaking as an individual. As a member of the Purple Line Now board and the Bi-county Purple Line Task Force sponsored by the two County Executives, I strongly encourage you to ensure that the funding of the construction of the South entrance to the Bethesda Metro Station be restored to the original target date in the capital budget.

Statement of Art Brodsky
Member, Montgomery County Library Board
Montgomery County Council Hearing on the FY 2013 Capital Budget
and FY 2013-2018 Capital Improvements Program
February 7, 2012

President Berlin, Vice President Navarro and members of the Council,

I'm Art Brodsky, a member of the Montgomery County Library Board. Thank you for the opportunity to spend a couple of minutes with you tonight to talk about libraries and the Capital Improvements Program.

As a general matter, it was very disappointing to see what had been done to libraries in the CIP, and equally disappointing why it had been done. Most of the work on libraries has been pushed off on the theory that Montgomery County Public Libraries did not have a strategic plan and an information technology plan sufficient to support any design and planning work.

That premise is entirely wrong. MCPL does have a strategic plan, and it is being implemented. The technology plan, which will be completed soon, does not have the items that should delay the start of planning and design for our library buildings. Many of the items in that plan deal with central computer services, such as updating the catalog, allowing for more online services, and RFID identification of materials, that have no or little bearing on an individual branch. These are projects run out of central servers. If a building needs increased Wi-Fi capability, then it's only a matter of another router or two, perhaps some cabling, but nothing that would prevent design and planning work from being done on a structure to be rehabilitated.

The space can be designed to be filled any number of ways -- from book shelves to more computer terminals. And, yes, we will still need books far into the future. And we will need the quiet, safe environments that libraries provide for doing homework or meeting a tutor, for research and reading.

I urge you to move at least some portion of the planning of the library projects into the FY 13 budget so that work can start on repairing structures that are urgently in need of repair.

Two projects in particular warrant your special attention. The first is the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center. The combination would be a fine one. We note that the library and senior center are combined in Damascus, and a library and rec center are combined in the Deanwood section of Washington, D.C. More than that, the Wheaton library is the gateway to the Wheaton business district, and the building is sadly in need of repair and updating, as it is one of the busiest branches in the system. The people of Wheaton deserve a recreation center. It was once thought that the Rafferty Center, left behind when the Our Lady of Good Counsel High School decamped for Olney, would be that rec center. Sadly, it is not. and the Recreation Center across from the library has seen better decades. It had seen better decades when I was in high school. Led Zeppelin may or may not have performed there. Starting the main design and planning for this complex facility in FY 2015 is unconscionable.

The Davis Library also is in a bad way, particularly on the ground floor, where there are problems with mold and with damp and unhealthy air in the meeting rooms which require staff time to combat. The CIP took note of "chronic air quality problems." Starting work in FY 17 on the project does grave disservice to the community. Please consider moving this up as well.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL PREPARED BY
FRANK JOSEPH FOR THE PROPOSED FY 13 CAPTITAL BUDGET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Good evening. My name is Frank Joseph and I live in District 1 of Montgomery County. I currently serve as volunteer President of Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, an organization I have been involved with for more than 6 years.

As Friends, our mission is to support and protect our public libraries so that they continue to serve our community. Libraries provide vital resources to our county residents. We're doing everything we can to support them; and we urge you, as members of the Council, to do the same.

There are several library construction projects outlined in the County Executive's proposed budget, including the completion of the Olney Library renovation by spring 2013; the completion of the Gaithersburg Library renovation and addition by spring 2013; and the new Silver Spring Library completion by fall 2014. It is critical that these projects stay on course for timely completion so that residents don't lose access to full library services and are forced to do without services they need.

That's what's happening in Gaithersburg and Olney right now. While Gaithersburg has an interim branch and Olney library patrons will have a temporary facility in place, the permanent library branches have been closed for an extended period of time. Residents have had to do without library services and programs such as public computer access for job seekers, English conversation clubs for New Americans, and free space for after school tutoring. For the benefit of their residents, finishing Gaithersburg and Olney must be made a priority.

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The new Silver Spring branch will replace a deteriorating facility that the community has outgrown. The Silver Spring community anxiously awaits completion by the scheduled date.

Two other needed library construction projects -- at the Wheaton and Davis branches -- have been delayed. The situation at Wheaton is particularly disappointing, since that community has been waiting for at least 10 years to know whether they will get a new branch or a renovated one. As you recall, last year, the project was removed from the capital budget entirely while community input meetings took place to determine whether it would be relocated to the business district.

The Wheaton library is the community hub. It is where small business owners go to plug in. It is where teens gather and study. The Wheaton community deserves a 21st century library. It is long overdue.

The Davis branch is too small. It cannot keep up with the demands of a community that is slated to see massive growth in the White Flint area alone. And most of the lower level of Davis cannot be used at all due to mold. This problem needs to be remediated at once.

We urge you to move these projects up in the budget process. The Wheaton and Davis communities need fully operational branches. They can no longer be patched.

There'll never be a better time to do it. Construction costs are at a low. Materials and labor will never be cheaper than they are right now. Please add these two projects to the budget. You'll be helping our communities while at the same time saving taxpayer dollars.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Thank you for your time tonight and thank you for your ongoing support of
libraries. Libraries still matter. Build them up. It is in *your* power to do so.