

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Gaithersburg Branch Renovation and Addition Fact Sheet



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ARCHITECTURE:

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SITE: 3 acre plot at corner of Montgomery Village and Christopher Avenues. Previous building was gutted on interior and additional space added around perimeter along with a new second floor.

LIBRARY DESIGN & FEATURES:

- Upgraded and modernized facility with energy efficient glass, heating, and cooling.
- Designed to LEED Gold certification, documentation is being assembled to submit to US Green Building Council
- Use of Vegetative Roofing and pervious pavement to control and filter storm water
- Adult, children's and teen materials collection on main level of library building
- 300 seat second floor meeting room with operable partition wall; small meeting room seating 85
- Landscaped courtyard with exterior seating
- Program room in Children's area
- 2 group study rooms for 6-8 individuals and 4 tutor rooms for 1-2 individuals in Adult Reading Room; 1 tutor room in Children's area for 1-2 individuals
- Computer lab with 12 PCs
- Discovery Center in Children's area
- Separate Teen area with seating and collection
- Ergonomically designed sit/stand workstations for staff at the checkout desk
- Audio loop system
- Coffee bar/café with café type seating
- Satellite office of the Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity

SIZE: 62,505 gross square feet, including a 44,679 gross square foot first floor and a 7,897 gross square foot second floor. The previous Gaithersburg Library was 36,814 square feet on one level.

PARKING:

- 154 parking spaces for cars including 6 ADA accessible parking spaces
- 10 Parking spaces for fuel efficient cars
- 4 designated spaces for motorcycles

BOOKS & MATERIALS:

- Over 100,000 print volumes
- Access to online databases
- Zinio – online access to 100 full color, interactive digital magazines

- 3M Discovery Station – access to 100 3M e-book
- World Language Collection including Farsi

TECHNOLOGY:

- 40 Internet All in One PCs
- 5 catalog All in One PCs
- End of range touch screen catalog
- Digital displays
- Computer Lab with 12 PCs
- Five self checkout workstations
- Two DVD dispensing self checkout machines
- Video Relay Service (VRS) workstation
- 3M e-readers for checkout
- Information kiosk with map layout directory, listing of daily programming and meetings and three information guide PCs for answers to frequently asked questions about the building
- Specialized STEM/Go! Kits for checkout on science-based topics including "Little Explorers Go! Kits" for pre-school children and "Young Voyagers Go! Kits" for elementary aged children
- "Computer bars" in Quiet Study, Teen and Adult collection with power to allow the public to use laptops
- Wi-Fi

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