

April 5, 2025

Dear Council President Stewart and Council Members,

My name is Paulette Wright and I live in the White Oak area of Montgomery County.. I have been a resident of Montgomery County since 1986, and I currently serve as the Chairperson of the White Oak Library Advisory Committee (LAC).

Montgomery County's libraries are one of this county's most valuable assets. The resources, services, and programs that they provide to both kids and adults are immeasurable.

I ask that the Council support the following in the FY 2026 operating budget for Montgomery County Public Libraries:

- An additional \$121,000 to increase the collection acquisitions budget, ensuring that the library can continue meeting the rise in demand for digital materials, including maintaining five Hoopla checkouts per month.
- An additional \$153,000 to increase the world languages collection. This will better serve the communities that speak many different languages in Montgomery County.

Please fully support the County Executive's proposed operating budget for Montgomery County Public Libraries.

Respectfully,

Paulett B. Wright

White Oak LAC