

Dear Council President Stewart and Council Members,

My name is Eric Wallace and I live in Silver Spring. I am a regular patron of the Montgomery County Library system and serve on the advisory committee for the Wheaton library branch.

Montgomery County's library system is a gem. Library resources, services and programs help teach our county's kids to read and help ensure our county's prosperity by providing a place where adults can further educate themselves at little cost. My family and I love to check out books and movies, use electronic resources on Hoopla and attend library events like MoComCon.

I'm asking 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,



Eric Wallace

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