MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
State of the Library
FY2017
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Who We Are
1. Aspen Hill
2. Bethesda
3. Chevy Chase
4. Correctional Facility
5. Damascus
6. Davis
7. Marilyn J. Praisner
8. Gaithersburg
9. Germantown
10. Kensington Park
11. Little Falls
12. Long Branch
13. Noyes Library for Young Children
14. Olney
15. Maggie Nightingale
16. Potomac
17. Quince Orchard
18. Rockville Memorial
19. Silver Spring
20. Twinbrook
21. Wheaton
22. White Oak
* Clarksburg (proposed)
FY2017 At-A-Glance
FY2017 Budget

Total Budget ........................................ $87,706,904

Total Budget by Source

Operating Budget

Local .................................................. $41,606,614
State .................................................. $5,842,000

Capital ............................................... $38,706,000

Grants

Federal .................................................. $52,290
State aid—Capital Projects ....................... $1,500,000

Total Expenditures

Personnel ........................................... $33,283,135
Materials ........................................... $6,690,670
Other ............................................... $1,632,809
What Powers MCPL?

- 11.6 million Materials Borrowed
- 649,912 Registered Borrowers
- 4.6 million Library Visits
- 146,442 hours Collaboration Space Use
- 2 million Information (Reference) Questions Answered
- 387 Personnel (Total FTE)
- 261,299 Program Attendance
- 55,703 Interlibrary Loans Received
- 16,045 Interlibrary Loans Fulfilled
- 10,975 Number of programs
FY2016 vs FY2017

- Materials Borrowed: Up 3.4%
- Registered Borrowers: Up 11%
- Library Visits: Down 6.5%
- Meeting Room Use: Down 1.2%
- Interlibrary Loans Received: Up 9.5%
- Interlibrary Loans Fulfilled: Down 4.4%
- Number of programs: Up 2%
- Information (Reference) Questions Answered: Up 25%
MCPL by the Numbers

- Over 30 Conversation Clubs a Week
- 500 Health, Wellness & Nutrition Programs
- ~50 Events Attended by the Outreach Team Each Month
- 7,500+ Views on Social Media Posts per Day
- Almost 6,000 Questions Answered by Staff a Day
- 5000+ Attended a Program to Help Find a Job or Build Job Skills
- 32,000+ Items Checked Out a Day
- Almost 90,000 People Visit a Branch Every Week
- 4,000+ People Attended a Citizenship Program
- People Logged into MCPL’s Wi-Fi More Than 10 Million Times!
FY2017 Accomplishments
Accomplishments
Literate Montgomery

• Children practiced early learning and school readiness skills on AWE computers at MCPL branches.
• People of all ages got healthier at MCPL’s expanded range of yoga, meditation, nutrition, and health programs.
Accomplishments
Literate Montgomery

• Parents and caregivers can learn about the best ways to encourage Early Literacy skills in young children at our new Jan Jablonski Early Literacy Training Center.

• Teens honed writing skills by attending Library programs across the county at series such as Teen Writers, Poetry and Book clubs.
Accomplishments
Connected Montgomery

• Customers connected with MCPL on a new platform through our podcast, “Library Matters”.
• Customers engaged with each other and notable figures to discuss current events at “Contemporary Conversations @ MCPL” programs.
Accomplishments
Connected Montgomery

• Gaming, Comic Book, Manga, Science Fiction and Fantasy fans connected to new technologies, artists, authors, and to each other at MCPL’s first comic convention, MoComCon.
• Residents are learning the steps involved in citizenship and becoming U.S. citizens at programs in the library.
Accomplishments
Strong and Vibrant Montgomery

• Dozens of customers are studying to earn diplomas through MCPL’s Career Online High School Program. Two students earned diplomas through MCPL’s support of the Career Online High School Program.

• Hundreds of Seniors received free tax help at MCPL programs and one on one counseling sessions.
Accomplishments
Strong and Vibrant Montgomery

• High School students and their parents are better prepared to choose and apply to college after attending MCPL programs on the college application process.
• Customers seeking to improve their employment opportunities benefited from expanded Workforce & Business development programs.
• Customers celebrated the opening of the refreshed Davis branch of MCPL.
• Every elementary school student enrolled in MCPS had the opportunity to receive a library card through Library Link, MCPL’s response to the White House’s ConnectED Library challenge.
• Residents with accessibility issues worked in ways that are comfortable for them with new computer work stations at all MCPL branches.

• Sports fans wrote and dropped off letters at MCPL branches to be delivered to their favorite local Olympic athletes, Jack Conger, Katie Ledecky, Ashley Nee and Helen Maroulis.
FY17 Awards

Four National Association of County Awards
• “What Do I Check Out Next?”—Readers’ Advisory
• “Building Community Bridges during Crisis”—the Flower Branch Apartment Explosion Response
• “Connecting Communities through Social Media”
• “One Student, One School & One Library Card at a Time”—Library Link
Moving Forward
Approved FY18 Budget . . . . . . . $42,725,153

An increase of $1,066,249 or 2.56 percent from the FY17 Approved Budget
FY18 Initiatives

✓ Montgomery County Public Libraries will roll out its Children's Fines and Fees Pilot. As part of this one year pilot project aimed at connecting children to library resources and removing barriers to service, children's materials will no longer accrue overdue fines. Additionally, holds fees on children's materials will no longer be assessed.

✓ Aspen Hill, Davis, and Little Falls libraries are undergoing facility refresh upgrades
FY18 Initiatives

☑ Will expand Public Service Hours at three branches: Kensington Park, Little Falls, and Twinbrook.

• Developing Library of Things which will provide items for checkout such as musical instruments, equipment, and small tools in support of lifelong learning, creativity, and shared access to products.

• Expand Library Link to all middle and high schools.
Questions?
Our Mission
Montgomery County Public Libraries offers free and equal access to services and resources that connect the people of Montgomery County to ideas and information which sustain and enrich their lives.
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