



this way to great ideas

at a glance



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

- 22 monthly book discussions for adults
- Children and teen book discussion groups at 7 branches, including CRABS (Children Raving About Books) at the Oxon Hill Branch since 1967!
- 6 African American literature discussion groups
- Chess clubs at 10 branches
- More than 60 weekly preschool story programs, including programs for infants and toddlers and bilingual story programs
- Summer reading programs for children, teens and adults in 2008 attracted over 14,868 participants
- Special cultural and educational programs: concerts, babysitting workshops for teens, financial planning workshops, African American history, gaming nights, lectures and seminars

SPECIAL RESEARCH COLLECTIONS

- Maryland Room at the Hyattsville Branch: Maryland history and census records
- Selima Room at the Bowie Branch: horse racing and breeding in Maryland
- Sojourner Truth African American Research Collection at the Oxon Hill Branch: African American history and culture
- Tugwell Room at the Greenbelt Branch: planned communities in the United States

THE MISSION
of the
Prince George's
County Memorial
Library System
is to promote and
make available library
resources that will fill
the lifelong learning
needs of individuals and
groups in Prince
George's County.



recent accomplishments

- For teens, PGCMLS has a TeenCenter web page with information on library resources, a teen blog and regular teen events.
- Teen Advisory Boards provide programming input at a number of branches.
- PGCMLS offers streaming music and video.
- Largo-Kettering Branch installed a wool felted triptych tapestry as part of Art in Public Places. Prince George's County artist Barbara Bancroft produced the original artwork.
- Did a year-long series on environmental issues and sustainability, Greening Your Life, in partnership with the Prince George's County initiative.
- The Digital Bookmobile visited the Bowie Branch attracting over 300 customers.
- The booking of branch meeting rooms was moved online. Response has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Staff members, working with a consultant, choose a new Integrated Library System. The new system launched successfully in spring 2009.

SERVICES WORTH NOTING

- English conversation clubs for speakers of other languages at Hyattsville and Oxon Hill
- Internet and wireless access in all branches
- Children's and teen outreach specialists
- Extensive collection of over 60 databases, many accessible from outside the library
- Live Homework Help, a free online tutoring service available in English and Spanish for grades K-12, featuring expert tutors for math, science, social studies and English. You may access this service daily from 2 pm until 12 am via public computers in our branches or from home through our website
- AskUsNow! A 24/7 live online interactive service allowing Maryland residents and students to ask librarians questions, request research guidance and help navigating the Internet
- Computerized communication system for the deaf and hard-of-hearing in all branches
- Homebound library services for individuals who are disabled or ill
- Audio-Visual Services, the largest centralized public library collection in the Washington metro area; includes videos, 16 mm films, descriptive videos, digital video discs, compact discs and the complete collections by the Teaching Company, Criterion and ASL Access Video.



quick facts about

your library

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FY '09 Staff

326 salaried employees, 142 hourly employees

Friends of the Library

Groups at 18 branch libraries

FY '09 Operating budget

26.6 million operating budget

Facilities

18 Community Libraries &
County Correctional Center Library

Registered Borrowers

384,351 (FY '08)

Volumes Owned

2,035,089 (FY '08)

Circulation

4,136,406 (FY '08)

Attendance at Programs

131,291 (FY '08)