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# 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

### Board of Library Trustees

President Michael J. Howard,  
Vice President Rebecca L. Gitter, Sylvia Bolivar,  
Josef B. Brown, Mark Polk, John Peter Thompson,  
Alease J. "Christy" Wright

### Interim Director

Kathleen Teaze

### 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)