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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**CUTS HOURS & CONCENTRATES ON BUSIEST TIMES**

On August 6, 2009, the Board of Library Trustees of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) approved a plan reducing the Library's hours and furloughing staff.

Effective Sunday, September 13, the Bowie, Hyattsville and Oxon Hill branches will be open year-round on Sundays from 1-5 pm. Effective October 4, 2009, most branch library hours will change. Library branches will lose 3-9 hours of service each week, 8 branches lose 0-5 hours each week. Many branches will close Thursday nights at 6 pm. A detailed schedule is attached.

Due to budgetary constraints, the Library will be closed on:

- Monday, October 12, 2009 (Columbus Day)
- Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Sunday, January 3, 2010
- Monday, June 7, 2010

The system-wide closure from Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Sunday, January 3, 2010 and other cuts, will help PGCMLS close the Fiscal Year 2010 \$2.4 million budget gap. During this closure loan periods will be extended and fines will not accrue.

The books/materials and equipment maintenance/repair budgets were reduced and a hiring freeze continues. Salaried library staff will take furlough days and will not receive cost of living adjustments or merit increases. Schedule changes were made after examining use at each individual branch library and allow PGCMLS to provide core library services and quality customer service. Nationally public [library funding is dropping precipitously](#).

Unfortunately, the decreased funding comes when public libraries are experiencing an [unprecedented increase in the demand for services](#). "In these economically challenging times, more and more people are turning to the Library for job search info, public computer use, recession-busting programs, storytimes for their small children and much more. Despite these unavoidable cutbacks, we'll provide the best possible library service for our community at a time when it is most needed," said Interim Library Director Evelyn Tchiyuka.

At the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2010 budgeting process the Board of Library Trustees committed to these budgeting priorities:

- Preserve core library services
- Limit disruption to library customers
- Preserve library employee positions and benefits
- Recognize the current budget constraints of state and county government.

As always, many library services may be accessed at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info) seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day from a home, school or office computer. These services include online tutoring, downloadable audio books, ebooks, language learning service, auto repair manuals, genealogical resources, SAT prep, home improvement manuals and almost 60 reference databases.

**PGCMLS Branch Hours: Effective October 4, 2009**

<b>BRANCH</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>ACCOKEEK</b>	1-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	1-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	Closed	10 am-5 pm	
<b>BADEN</b>	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	Closed	Closed	
<b>BELTSVILLE</b>	1-9 pm	1-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>BLADENSBURG</b>	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	Closed	10 am-5 pm	
<b>BOWIE</b>	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	1-5 pm
<b>FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS</b>	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	Closed	10 am-5 pm	
<b>GLENARDEN</b>	Noon-8 pm	Noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	Closed	10 am-5 pm	
<b>GREENBELT</b>	1-9 pm	1-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>HILLCREST HEIGHTS</b>	Noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	Noon-8 pm	10 am-6 pm	Closed	10 am-5 pm	
<b>HYATTSVILLE</b>	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	1-5 pm
<b>LARGO-KETTERING</b>	1-9 pm	1-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>LAUREL</b>	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>MOUNT RAINIER</b>	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	Closed	Closed	10 am-5 pm	
<b>NEW CARROLLTON</b>	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>OXON HILL</b>	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	1-5 pm
<b>SPAULDINGS</b>	1-9 pm	1-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>SURRATTS-CLINTON</b>	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-9 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-6 pm	10 am-5 pm	
<b>UPPER MARLBORO</b>	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-7 pm	Closed	10 am-5 pm	