



Library Advisory Board Brief

Community Room
Bull Run Library
8051 Ashton Avenue
Manassas, VA 20109

April 24, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

6:30 p.m.

Voice Roll Call

Trustee/District Present: Dodge/Coles, Baker/Gainesville, Howarth/Brentsville, Beattie/Neabsco

Absent: Montgomery/Woodbridge, Shorter/Occoquan, Jackson-Sewell/At-Large, Vacant/Manassas City, Vacant/Potomac

Library/County Staff: J. Patterson/Director, R. Lowe/Deputy Director, K. Gates/Administrative Coordinator, G. Grunow/Bull Run, A. Mohr, Bull Run

Disposition of Minutes

RES 25/4-1 Approval of the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting of the Board.

Approval of Agenda

RES 25/4-2 Agenda was approved as amended. The Advisory Board meeting monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly, further discussion to be put under Unfinished Business at the May 22, 2025 meeting.

Chairman Time – Chair Beattie encouraged all Board members to discuss the proposed meeting schedule with their County Board of Supervisor. Chair Bettie introduced Ms. Delwyn Elizabeth, Makerspace Manager and Gregg Grunow, Branch Manager. Ms. Elizabeth and Mr. Grunow took Board members on a tour of the Makerspace.

Director's Time – Director Patterson reports this summer, Chinn Library will be getting a smaller version of the Bull Run Library Makerspace. Recently attended Potomac Library 50th birthday party where 848 attended. There was cake, alpacas, bunnies, crafts and a raffle. It was a great event. The Prince William County Career Expo was held April 12, 2025. There are 300 open positions within Prince William County Government (PWCG). 1200 attended. Library HR and Library Community Outreach accepted applications and held mock interviews.

Attended an exciting meeting at George Mason University to discuss rebranding as a community partner with PWCG, PWPL and GMU. There may be an opportunity for a space to combine public library and college library programming. GMU will schedule to tour Chinn Park

Library and MAGIC and eventually visit all branches. Will schedule talks about combining library cards to be used at schools, branches and GMU.

PWC Community Fair scheduled for June 28, 2025 at Chinn Park Library. There will be ice cream, food trucks, DJs, raffle, falconry and entertainment.

Solar Bench is up at Hellwig Park so people can charge their devices. Bull Run Branch Manager Gregg Grunow's video has gone viral. It now has 2.8 million views.

Bull Run Maker Faire is June 7, 2025, 11a-3p (Art sale, repair café, guilds, craft vendors, etc.)

Library of Things include

- American Girl Dolls
- SAD lamps
- Nature Backpacks
- Memory Kits
- Bike Repair Kits coming out in May (PWC/DoT)

Get your library card so you don't miss all of these exciting events at the library.

Director Patterson continued the discussion regarding meeting time and frequency. Times and frequency include bi-monthly or quarterly and moving the time from 6:30pm to 6pm.

Board member Baker spoke with Supervisor Weir who asked what is the Board's mission/vision? Would this be contained in the Bylaws? The Board's goal is to support library staff and give managers an opportunity to communicate with the Board. Ms. Baker thinks monthly meetings are too often and she recommends bi-monthly. Ms. Baker requested a copy of the resolution between Prince William County and the Library Board, for review.

Chair Beattie found that most boards meet monthly or bi-monthly. Her preference is bi-monthly and believes meeting quarterly is too infrequent.

Board member Howarth had a similar conversation with Supervisor Gordy.

All agreed this discussion will be continued at the May 22, 2025 meeting.

Trustees' Time

Trustee Dodge – thanked Delwyn for the Makerspace tour.

Trustee Baker – spoke with the Library Foundation President and asked her why the Library Board Liaison member was removed. The Foundation President replied that the Library Director is the Liaison due to the Advisory board no longer a governing board. Ms. Baker understood that. Has not been to Haymarket Gainesville Library lately and unsure how the Friends Group is doing. Ms. Baker asked why are volunteers required to wear lanyards. Deputy Director Lowe states it is a safety measure to give volunteers access to secure staff areas. A date will be scheduled for someone to go to Haymarket to issue volunteer badges.

Director Patterson reports chicks hatched at Manassas City Library and Central Library, in partnership with Cooperative Extension. The public named some of the chicks.

Trustee Howarth – thanked Director Lowe for her report. Regarding the meeting time and making a change, the Board will need to look at their mission and update documents.

Chair Beattie – Kudos to library staff; she appreciates what they do to foster community relationships. Attended Chinn Park book sale. Friends of Chinn still do well with big sales but is good that branches also do events like the maker faire. The hard work of the Friends groups are partly responsible as are donations and grants.

Could we come up with thoughts/ideas for a Friends of the Library recognition?

- Add this to the agenda for May
Branch Coordinator Ross states National Friends of the Library Week is in October.
Could be a good time to recognize the Friends.

With no further business before the board, Chair Beattie declared the meeting adjourned.

Adjourn Meeting

7:50 p.m.

Jennifer Patterson
Library Director

Patti Beattie, Chair
Neabsco District

APRIL: AT A GLANCE

Prince William Public Libraries
Statistics

2025 2024

Circulation

Physical

204,776 ● 167,847

Digital

49,233 ● 50,075

TOTAL

254,009 ● 217,922

Library Visits

Door Count

76,535 ● 79,388

Total Page Views

75,438 ● 80,861

TOTAL

151,973 ● 160,249

Programs

Number of Events

482 ● 479

Attendance

17,975 ● 19,159

Mobile Outreach

Number of Events

27 ● 23

People Reached

856 ● 1,614

Library Cards Issued

62 ● 201

Holds Requests

Physical

22,480 ● 23,246

Digital

20,384 ● 19,058



PRINCE WILLIAM
Public Libraries

Library Visits - Door Count													C U M U L A T I V E		
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
(Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report Automatic Door Counter)															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run	12,436	10,437	9,787	10,521	8,990	7,688	8,115	9,231	11,514	10,806			99,525	97,174	2.4%
Central	4,478	3,477	3,033	3,478	4,541	4,194	4,576	4,771	5,274	5,369			43,191	32,577	32.6%
Chinn Park	23,260	18,312	18,125	19,369	10,515	8,982	13,528	14,314	17,840	18,116			162,361	161,552	0.5%
Haymarket Gainesville	14,628	11,443	10,461	12,188	10,330	8,777	9,602	10,006	10,886	10,668			108,989	108,493	0.5%
Manassas City	4,389	3,773	3,448	3,737	3,114	2,745	2,839	3,062	3,972	3,589			34,668	34,972	-0.9%
Montclair	13,577	11,794	11,664	12,173	9,961	9,238	8,728	9,440	11,664	10,297			108,536	108,145	0.4%
Potomac	9,503	8,112	7,411	7,981	7,041	6,556	6,407	6,710	7,655	7,582			74,958	73,930	1.4%
Dale City	2,113	1,848	1,560	1,833	1,683	1,865	1,392	1,462	1,958	1,884			17,598	17,475	0.7%
Dumfries	2,665	2,379	1,962	1,975	1,709	1,634	1,643	1,710	1,906	2,221			19,804	19,290	2.7%
Independent Hill	1,857	1,516	1,283	1,252	1,152	1,077	1,054	1,029	1,352	1,388			12,960	13,321	-2.7%
Lake Ridge	4,653	3,696	3,277	4,193	4,029	3,803	2,767	2,449	3,099	3,271			35,237	29,206	20.6%
Nokesville	1,179	1,534	1,413	1,528	1,194	1,172	1,102	1,098	1,194	1,344			12,758	13,340	-4.4%
Total	94,738	78,321	73,424	80,228	64,259	57,731	61,753	65,282	78,314	76,535	0	0	730,585	709,475	3.0%

Patron PAC Logins (Source: Polaris)															
Total	29,044	25,897	23,348	22,007	20,771	20,173	22,651	19,521	21,075	20,927		225,414	325,611	-30.8%	

Web Transactions			(Source: OCM Monthly Stat Report)												
OverDrive Unique Users	8,985	8,976	8,752	8,725	8,673	8,898	9,511	9,012	9,357	9,357			90,246	93,317	-3.3%
Facebook Unique Users (Engaged Users)	2,797	1,915	5,316	1,208	2,597	1,421	4,537	3,713	3,200	147,191			173,895	27,820	525.1%
Pinterest Average monthly engaged users	85	81	137	141	186	198	83	129	277	418			1,735	878	97.6%
Instagram Engagement	701	911	872	826	763	764	1,225	1,252	1,118	4,939			13,371	16,375	-18.3%
X (formerly Twitter Engagement)	226	461	392	346	204	360	399	390	343	336			3,457	0	
YouTube Video Views	2,923	3,125	3,500	3,856	4,203	4,347	5,651	6,752	7,264	15,530			57,151	2712	2007.3%
Total	15,717	15,469	18,969	15,102	16,626	15,988	21,406	21,248	21,559	177,771	0	0	339,855	141,102	140.9%

Electronic Resources Visits (Sessions) (Source: Vendor Supplied)															
Total	15,746	13,906	19,204	29,767	15,339	29,168	20,156	14,997	18,943	20,091			197,317	270,416	-27.0%
Library System Total	155,245	133,593	134,945	147,104	116,995	123,060	125,966	121,048	139,891	295,324	0	0	1,493,171	1,446,604	3.2%

													C U M U L A T I V E		
Circulation													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference
(Source: Polaris Statistical Summary Report)															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run	35,548	32,780	29,069	28,779	26,636	26,068	28,248	25,784	28,557	27,178			288,647	244,312	18.1%
Central	13,159	12,174	11,705	12,182	12,370	11,135	11,296	10,879	11,786	11,732			118,418	97,918	20.9%
Chinn Park	51,278	48,114	43,598	41,974	34,187	29,625	36,548	35,509	41,954	40,834			403,621	342,365	17.9%
Haymarket Gainesville	57,089	51,945	45,195	45,777	44,321	43,532	44,378	41,330	47,377	44,477			465,421	361,934	28.6%
Manassas City	13,607	12,713	11,483	11,372	10,830	11,009	10,887	10,821	12,203	11,510			116,435	98,746	17.9%
Montclair	32,267	30,931	26,449	25,743	25,040	24,797	23,877	21,978	25,401	24,861			261,344	191,959	36.1%
Potomac	19,682	18,146	16,112	16,317	15,145	15,456	14,784	13,989	16,382	15,720			161,733	129,293	25.1%
Dale City	5,419	4,858	4,703	4,918	4,572	4,650	4,618	4,173	5,158	4,502			47,571	44,895	6.0%
Dumfries	5,708	5,452	4,978	5,141	4,987	4,970	4,795	4,760	5,218	5,286			51,295	44,739	14.7%
Independent Hill	6,723	5,914	5,390	4,711	4,813	5,037	4,743	4,524	5,180	5,023			52,058	55,337	-5.9%
Lake Ridge	6,934	6,477	6,111	6,085	7,364	8,803	7,018	5,889	6,447	6,603			67,731	45,422	49.1%
Nokesville	7,331	6,702	6,895	6,617	6,133	6,346	5,661	5,388	6,587	6,277			63,937	47,316	35.1%
Total Circulation	254,745	236,206	211,688	209,616	196,398	191,428	196,853	185,024	212,250	204,003	0	0	2,098,211	1,704,236	23.1%

													C U M U L A T I V E		
Circulation - Holds													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
Reserve Requests (Holds) (Source: Polaris Monthly Statistics Report & OverDrive)															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Holds Placed	28,499	25,439	24,751	22,741	21,370	19,534	25,378	22,827	24,866	22,480			237,885	245,303	-3.0%
Holds Filled (Satisfied)	26,570	23,788	22,666	22,670	19,316	20,446	23,574	21,514	22,596	21,260			224,400	230,305	-2.6%
Requests placed in OverDrive eBook (Standard + Mobile)	11,792	10,910	9,399	9,212	9,003	10,413	13,051	10,059	10,481	10,255			104,575	111,790	-6.5%
Requests placed in OverDrive Audiobk (Standard + Mobile)	9,251	9,466	8,775	8,766	8,648	8,717	10,748	8,622	9,780	10,129			92,902	93,546	-0.7%
Total OverDrive requests placed	21,043	20,376	18,174	17,978	17,651	19,130	23,799	18,681	20,261	20,384	0	0	197,477	205,336	-3.8%

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Self Check-Outs		Included in Circulation totals.											Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference
All Libraries and Administrative Support Center (Source: Polaris)															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
ASC	1	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	10			18	15	20.0%
Bull Run	7,763	6,428	6,186	5,514	5,503	5,051	5,976	5,381	5,534	5,166			58,502	61,841	-5.4%
Central	2,655	2,046	1,986	1,901	1,778	1,610	1,970	1,998	1,898	1,897			19,739	20,280	-2.7%
Chinn Park	11,826	9,788	9,265	8,482	5,122	5,662	8,014	7,632	8,653	8,813			83,257	90,810	-8.3%
Haymarket Gainesville	16,093	12,905	10,541	11,496	10,744	9,578	11,849	11,114	12,144	10,713			117,177	119,576	-2.0%
Manassas City	2,766	2,160	1,940	1,833	2,014	1,494	1,841	1,857	1,797	2,080			19,782	20,758	-4.7%
Montclair	8,898	7,551	6,602	6,334	6,168	5,786	5,903	5,367	6,246	5,828			64,683	63,735	1.5%
Potomac	4,109	3,427	3,062	3,013	2,659	2,618	2,807	2,790	2,856	2,789			30,130	33,725	-10.7%
Dale City	392	294	338	265	283	181	276	118	225	263			2,635	3,351	-21.4%
Dumfries	816	600	499	561	456	546	655	736	611	591			6,071	8,117	-25.2%
Independent Hill	117	30	53	105	148	60	99	60	123	118			913	1,028	-11.2%
Lake Ridge	390	457	365	384	861	628	405	334	301	353			4,478	1,384	223.6%
Nokesville	545	563	541	431	375	382	439	489	467	548			4,780	4,642	3.0%
Total	56,371	46,250	41,378	40,319	36,116	33,596	40,235	37,876	40,855	39,169	0	0	412,165	429,262	-4.0%

Circulation/Digital Checkouts (Source: Vendor Reports)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference	FY25
Magzter																
Magazine Checkouts	1,930	1,880	1,740	1,510	1,850	1,740	1,970	1,730	1,500	1,580			17,430	15,870	9.8%	
Freading																
Digital Checkouts	351	272	273	264	279	261	360	257	310	272			2,899	3,358	-13.7%	
hoopla																
Digital Checkouts	17,633	17,363	17,202	17,636	17,448	17,840	19,656	18,336	19,643	15,043			177,800	192,030	-7.4%	
OverDrive																
eBook (Standard + Mobile)	18,604	17,937	16,350	16,022	15,588	16,750	17,642	15,579	16,498	15,958			166,928	179,061	-6.8%	
Audiobook (Standard + Mobile)	15,147	15,409	14,695	15,173	14,611	14,677	16,016	14,442	16,189	16,380			152,739	141,508	7.9%	
OverDrive Total (eBook + Audiobook)	33,751	33,346	31,045	31,195	30,199	31,427	33,658	30,021	32,687	32,338	0	0	319,667	320,569	-0.3%	
Total Library Materials Circ: Digital (E-books, OverDrive eBook + OverDrive Audiobook)	53,665	52,861	50,260	50,605	49,776	51,268	55,644	50,344	54,140	49,233	0	0	517,796	531,827	-2.6%	90,000
% of performance measure target													575.33%			

													CUMULATIVE			Perf Measure Target FY25
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference	
Circulation Totals																
ASC (Source: Polaris Statistical Summary Report)																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Total	381	340	335	311	325	391	281	380	357	385			3,486	3,833	-9.1%	
Curbside Pickups (Source: Monthly Branch Report)																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	3	-100.0%	
Manassas City	2	3	1	2	0	7	1	1	3	0			20	21	-4.8%	
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Potomac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	1	-100.0%	
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			1	5	-80.0%	
Dumfries	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0			9	5	80.0%	
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	10	-90.0%	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Total	5	5	1	5	2	7	1	2	3	0	0	0	31	45	-31.1%	
Read & Returns (Source: Monthly Branch Report)																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	146	-100.0%	
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	7	-100.0%	
Chinn Park	137	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0			151	55	174.5%	
Haymarket Gainesville													0	0	0	
Manassas City													0	0	0	
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	2	-100.0%	
Potomac	33	77	58	46	61	62	53	84	46	77			597	630	-5.2%	
Dale City	16	19	14	16	8	7	4	9	15	6			114	182	-37.4%	
Dumfries	0	2	1	0	6	1	10	0	1	0			21	67	-68.7%	
Independent Hill													0	0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	19	-100.0%	
Nokesville	0												0	0	0	
Total	186	98	73	62	89	70	67	93	62	83	0	0	883	1,108	-20.3%	
ILL Total Items Borrowed and Loaned (Source: ILL Work Unit)																
Items Borrowed	169	152	191	135	174	82	155	168	162	236			1,624	1,021	59.1%	
Items Loaned	67	59	52	63	40	55	48	61	57	69			571	629	-9.2%	
Total	236	211	243	198	214	137	203	229	219	305	0	0	2,195	1,650	33.0%	
Total Library Materials Circulation: Print																
Total Circulation (FS,NLs,ASC,Curbside Pickups,Read & Returns & ILL)	255,553	236,860	212,340	210,192	197,028	192,033	197,405	185,728	212,891	204,776	0	0	2,104,806	1,710,872	23.0%	
Total Circulation (Full Service, NLs, ASC, Read & Returns, Digital & ILL): Print + Digital																
FY25 Circulation System Total	309,218	289,721	262,600	260,797	246,804	243,301	253,049	236,072	267,031	254,009	0	0	2,622,602	2,242,699	16.9%	2,600,000

Registered Patrons

Registered Patrons													CURRENT			Perf Meas Target
(Source: Polaris Statical Summary Report + Find Tool)						Note: # of patrons = latest monthly figures available. This is not cumulative.							Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				FY25
New Patrons	2,003	1,705	1,832	1,649	1,292	1,064	1,268	1,282	1,523	1,397			15,015	15,825	-5.1%	
Deleted Patrons	50	40	41	45	28	27	46	31	37	33			378	430	-12.1%	
Systemwide Total	389,656	392,138	394,593	396,795	398,745	401,068	402,366	404,283	406,131	408,017			408,017	381,319	7.0%	

Manassas Patrons	18,234	18,285	18,332	18,380	18,426	18,476	18,505	18,553	18,658	18,768			18,768	18,080	3.8%	
Residents with Library Cards (population as of 6-30-23: PWC: 492,576)												82.83%				

Web Patrons**OverDrive**

New Patrons	594	612	503	471	440	429	619	493	506	455			5,122	8,747	-41.4%	
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Facebook

New "Daily Likes"	43	39	27	44	10	57	90	161	171	3279			3,921	521	652.6%	
Lifetime Total Likes	14,367	14,406	14,433	14,477	14,487	14,544	14,634	14,795	14,966	18,245			18,245	14,235	28.2%	
Active Users (Includes Fans (Likes) & Non-Fans Daily Total Reach	178,263	61,740	72,786	55,422	29,510	59,547	144,956	151,829	161,633	2,150,088			2,150,088	76,739	2701.8%	

Twitter

New Followers	16	20	15	-33	-93	-12	-23	-29	-3	7			-135	-33	309.1%	
Lifetime total followers	4,581	4,601	4,616	4,583	4,490	4,478	4,455	4,426	4,423	4,430			4,430	4,560	-2.9%	

Pinterest

New Followers	1	-3	1	1	1	0	0	1	-2	0			0	-5	-100.0%	
Lifetime total followers	1,891	1,888	1,889	1,890	1,891	1,891	1,891	1,892	1,890	1,890			1,890	1,891	-0.1%	

Instagram

New Followers	25	16	11	37	18	15	21	23	30	210			406	208	95.2%	
Lifetime total followers	2,860	2,876	2,887	2,924	2,942	2,957	2,978	3,001	3,031	3,241			3,241	2,799	15.8%	

YouTube

Registered Subscribers	752	767	786	793	810	829	856	883	913	966			966	0		
Total Video Watch Time	142	169	227	304	257	316	250	445	456	712			712	0		

Wowbrary

E-Mail Total Active Users	2,207	2,202	2,196	2,188	2,181	2,169	2,163	2,148	2,141	2,123			2,123	2,230	-4.8%	
RSS Feeds Active Users	14	15	14	15	15	17	14	14	17	15			15	20	-25.0%	

Freeding

Total Unique Users	96	90	93	92	85	79	122	89	102	91			91	103	-11.7%	
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New Users	416	373	388	340	299	322	448	346	448	364			3,744	3,705	1.1%	
Total Users	34,727	35,062	35,429	35,749	36,052	36,374	36,788	37,086	37,522	37,834			37,834	33,651	12.4%	

													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
Information Requests (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	FY25
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Bull Run	7,706	7,199	6,096	5,727	4,725	4,162	5,172	5,980	6,781	6,324			59,872	65,082	-8.0%	
Central	3,227	2,744	2,476	2,546	2,174	2,089	2,293	2,678	2,797	3,350			26,374	28,811	-8.5%	
Chinn Park	14,172	12,163	12,426	12,164	7,537	6,025	10,422	10,133	11,067	13,710			109,819	122,615	-10.4%	
Haymarket Gainesville	9,182	7,532	7,114	8,940	7,217	5,845	6,693	6,333	7,116	6,919			72,891	63,028	15.6%	
Manassas City	4,073	2,768	2,624	2,648	1,906	2,013	2,279	2,494	3,177	3,293			27,275	28,876	-5.5%	
Montclair	9,110	7,050	6,412	6,169	5,148	4,834	4,835	4,814	6,203	6,143			60,718	52,424	15.8%	
Potomac	6,171	5,028	4,787	6,067	4,376	4,991	4,471	4,712	4,920	4,587			50,110	56,602	-11.5%	
Dale City	795	1,011	785	890	761	890	652	785	975	1,016			8,560	6,619	29.32%	
Dumfries	2,245	2,636	1,020	2,157	1,780	1,435	1,770	1,590	1,575	1,320			17,528	17,078	2.63%	
Independent Hill	865	852	651	820	690	688	879	573	748	955			7,721	9,525	-18.94%	
Lake Ridge	2,076	1,578	1,237	1,830	1,886	1,732	1,334	1,068	1,472	1,503			15,716	20,051	-21.62%	
Nokesville	1,471	1,445	1,362	1,203	1,035	1,109	675	744	854	922			10,820	12,468	-13.22%	
Total	61,093	52,006	46,990	51,161	39,235	35,813	41,475	41,904	47,685	50,042	0	0	467,404	483,179	-3.26%	
Electronic Resources Sessions (Source: Vendor Supplied)																
Total	29,591	27,141	45,165	58,458	54,797	76,668	54,595	47,121	41,665	42,103			477,304	270,389	76.5%	
AWE Stations																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	2,721	-100.0%	
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	3,886	-100.0%	
Manassas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Montclair	257	197	130	133	155	153	163	131	181	178			1,678	2,502	-32.9%	
Potomac	317	245	207	229	209	115	633	633	229	194			3,011	2,387	26.1%	
Dumfries	359	257	180	148	232	225	160	178	209	229			2,177	2,197	-0.9%	
Total	933	699	517	510	596	493	956	942	619	601	0	0	6,866	13,693	-49.9%	
Web Transactions (Source: OCE)																
Library website page views			72,630			61,534			80,015				214,179	226,410	-5.4%	
Facebook daily total impressions	246,965	67,636	96,510	57,859	31,162	73,982	162,038	181,284	252,550	3,197,347			4,367,333	985,795	343.0%	
Twitter daily total impressions	13,590	34,506	23,800	24,046	16,003	19,367	18,183	15,819	18,655	20,625			204,594	352,869	-42.0%	
Pinterest average monthly views	4,907	4,735	4,951	6,126	7,544	7,557	4,084	4,358	7,914	11,269			63,445	32,712	94.0%	
Instagram impressions	9,720	9,547	10,167	11,118	12,463	12,295	20,977	23,007	17,828	54,098			181,220	116,702	55.3%	
Total	275,182	116,424	208,058	99,149	67,172	174,735	205,282	224,468	376,962	3,283,339	0	0	5,030,771	1,714,488	193.4%	

													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
Information Requests cont'd (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	FY25
Wowbrary (Source: Wowbrary)																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Clicks thru to Catalog	3,602	3,619	2,761	2,921	2,316	6,300	2,680	3,229	3,692	3,692			34,812	40,937	-15.0%	
Electronic Information requests handled																
Total	309,308	147,883	256,501	161,038	124,881	258,196	263,513	275,760	422,938	3,329,735	0	0	5,549,753	2,268,730	144.6%	
Total Information Requests (Total Staff Assisted Requests & Total Patron Electronic Information Transactions)																
System Total	370,401	199,889	303,491	212,199	164,116	294,009	304,988	317,664	470,623	3,379,777	0	0	6,017,157	2,751,909	118.7%	5,000,000
% of Performanace Measures Target	(Electronic)												120.34%			

Electronic Resources SEARCHES for Lib of VA (Bibliostat) - Do Not Include Count with ER Stats Above (Source: Vendor Supplied)													FY25 To Date	FY24 To Date	% of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Total	29,591	27,141	45,165	58,458	54,797	76,668	54,595	47,121	41,665	42,106			477,307	412,673	15.7%

													C U M U L A T I V E		
Passport Services													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Central: Appointments	97	74	58	54	47	91	89	102	42	68			722	824	-12.4%
Central: Photos Issued	41	23	19	36	18	33	35	32	18	38			293	234	25.2%
Haymarket: Appointments	109	106	96	92	109	75	95	106	49	89			926	901	2.8%
Haymarket: Photos Issued	37	54	64	47	53	36	43	27	23	42			426	221	92.8%
Potomac: Appointments	136	122	99	126	90	74	88	69	18	62			884	863	2.4%
Potomac: Photos Issued	32	37	28	42	38	41	31	26	11	28			314	267	17.6%
Total	314	319	287	307	290	226	257	228	101	221	0	0	2,550	2,252	13.23%

													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
Makerspaces															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run: Appointments	24	29	0	31	32	21	29	17	47	16			246	296	-16.9%
Bull Run: Attendance	24	29	0	31	34	22	32	17	47	16			252	342	-26.3%
Central: Appointments	19	23	18	21	23	26	18	8	33	22			211	193	9.3%
Central: Attendance	211	199	147	142	29	103	81	72	124	138			1,246	1,230	1.3%

													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
MAGIC - Chinn Park Library															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Appointments: County	168	186	188	177	133	84	162	198	127	15			1438	1,773	-18.9%
Appointments: Non-County	33	47	58	19	9	19	30	34	20	233			502	264	90.2%

													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
RELIC - Central Library															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Appointments: County	254	247	186	265	242	184	154	352	291	122			2297	1,615	42.2%
Appointments: Non-County	97	42	43	117	43	29	80	46	32	171			700	220	218.2%

Library Events and Activities (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report) Full Service Branches													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Diff	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Preschool (B-5)	14	6	14	17	10	11	13	12	12	14			123	122	0.8%	
Children (5-11)	11	2	12	14	18	9	15	13	20	10			124	100	24.0%	
YA (12-18)	4	0	3	3	2	0	2	5	3	10			32	32	0.0%	
Adult	25	37	31	33	29	21	33	45	51	48			353	300	17.7%	
Bull Run total	54	45	60	67	59	41	63	75	86	82	0	0	632	554	14.1%	
Preschool (B-5)	10	4	4	9	7	5	6	8	8	5			66	80	-17.5%	
Children (5-11)	7	4	7	6	5	5	4	3	5	4			50	49	2.0%	
YA (12-18)	1	1	2	3	4	2	2	4	3	3			25	30	-16.7%	
Adult	5	10	10	7	3	2	3	3	3	22			68	192	-64.6%	
Central total	23	19	23	25	19	14	15	18	19	34	0	0	209	351	-40.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	11	3	15	21	12	6	15	19	19	18			139	154	-9.7%	
Children (5-11)	15	5	4	8	6	6	9	4	7	6			70	67	4.5%	
YA (12-18)	11	6	8	9	6	5	8	6	3	7			69	153	-54.9%	
Adult	37	21	36	34	17	18	23	43	44	36			309	316	-2.2%	
Chinn Park total	74	35	63	72	41	35	55	72	73	67	0	0	587	690	-14.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	10	2	12	18	19	8	16	18	19	24			146	132	10.6%	
Children (5-11)	16	7	5	8	11	11	5	9	7	9			88	102	-13.7%	
YA (12-18)	10	5	5	7	6	6	5	6	10	12			72	48	50.0%	
Adult	18	20	18	26	18	15	10	14	15	24			178	191	-6.8%	
Haymarket Gainesville total	54	34	40	59	54	40	36	47	51	69	0	0	484	473	2.3%	
Preschool (B-5)	4	4	4	6	4	2	5	5	6	5			45	46	-2.2%	
Children (5-11)	5	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	2	6			27	51	-47.1%	
YA (12-18)	5	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	2			21	60	-65.0%	
Adult	4	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	4			20	83	-75.9%	
Manassas City total	18	10	11	10	6	4	11	13	13	17	0	0	113	240	-52.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	7	6	6	11	6	6	7	10	9	13			81	82	-1.2%	
Children (5-11)	11	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	11	14			71	63	12.7%	
YA (12-18)	5	3	6	5	7	5	7	4	5	5			52	47	10.6%	
Adult	17	18	11	14	9	10	11	15	13	14			132	127	3.9%	
Montclair total	40	32	28	35	27	26	30	34	38	46	0	0	336	319	5.3%	
Preschool (B-5)	6	5	10	12	7	8	11	16	15	13			103	109	-5.5%	
Children (5-11)	10	8	3	7	3	2	3	2	3	8			49	71	-31.0%	
YA (12-18)	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3			35	34	2.9%	
Adult	27	30	34	33	25	22	26	21	31	36			285	277	2.9%	
Potomac total	50	46	50	55	38	35	43	43	52	60	0	0	472	491	-3.9%	
Full Service Total	313	221	275	323	244	195	253	302	332	375	0	0	2,833	3,118	-9.1%	

Library Events and Activities (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Diff	FY25
Neighborhood Branches																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Preschool (B-5)	4	5	7	7	6	5	8	6	7	7			62	87	-28.7%	
Children (5-11)	6	3	3	4	7	4	5	3	5	4			44	43	2.3%	
YA (12-18)	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2			18	8	125.0%	
Adult	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	2			18	12	50.0%	
Dale City total	14	12	13	14	15	11	18	13	17	15	0	0	142	150	-5.3%	
Preschool (B-5)	3	6	7	7	4	2	6	7	5	6			53	38	39.5%	
Children (5-11)	11	10	10	5	7	7	8	7	9	13			87	52	67.3%	
YA (12-18)	1	1	1	2	2	7	3	4	6	6			33	7	371.4%	
Adult	2	4	5	7	3	5	6	9	10	9			60	39	53.8%	
Dumfries total	17	21	23	21	16	21	23	27	30	34	0	0	233	136	71.3%	
Preschool (B-5)	7	4	7	7	6	5	5	6	5	7			59	40	47.5%	
Children (5-11)	7	4	7	7	7	4	6	4	6	6			58	34	70.6%	
YA (12-18)	3	5	5	5	4	4	3	3	4	3			39	35	11.4%	
Adult	4	4	6	7	7	7	7	8	9	8			67	44	52.3%	
Independent Hill total	21	17	25	26	24	20	21	21	24	24	0	0	223	153	45.8%	
Preschool (B-5)	6	3	4	8	6	3	4	4	5	6			49	52	-5.8%	
Children (5-11)	6	3	4	4	5	2	3	2	4	2			35	31	12.9%	
YA (12-18)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1			6	8	-25.0%	
Adult	3	4	6	5	4	3	5	6	5	7			48	26	84.6%	
Lake Ridge total	15	10	14	17	16	9	12	14	15	16	0	0	138	117	17.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	3	2	4	6	4	3	5	4	4	4			39	16	143.8%	
Children (5-11)	9	5	5	5	7	4	6	5	5	6			57	66	-13.6%	
YA (12-18)	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1			11	8	37.5%	
Adult	4	3	7	10	6	4	7	10	7	7			65	37	75.7%	
Nokesville total	18	10	17	22	18	12	19	21	17	18	0	0	172	127	35.4%	
Neighborhood Total	85	70	92	100	89	73	93	96	103	107	0	0	908	683	32.9%	
Library Events and Activities Totals	398	291	367	423	333	268	346	398	435	482	0	0	3,741	3,801	-1.6%	5,000
% of Performance Measures Target	7.96%	5.82%	7.34%	8.46%	6.66%	5.36%	6.92%	7.96%	8.70%	9.64%	0.00%	0.00%	74.82%			

Attendees to Library Events (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Full Service Libraries																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Preschool (B-5)	659	234	506	818	437	116	519	472	529	426			4,716	3,829	23.2%	
Children (5-11)	543	34	230	505	327	83	282	148	326	230			2,708	4,226	-35.9%	
YA (12-18)	10	0	13	12	5	0	7	838	24	231			1,140	461	147.3%	
Adult	336	369	270	313	254	214	473	1,346	2,009	1,782			7,366	4,733	55.6%	
Bull Run Total	1,548	637	1,019	1,648	1,023	413	1,281	2,804	2,888	2,669	0	0	15,930	13,249	20.2%	
Preschool (B-5)	280	156	118	330	246	122	267	259	322	195			2,295	2,020	13.6%	
Children (5-11)	363	100	87	89	144	229	181	84	108	137			1,522	1,324	15.0%	
YA (12-18)	68	11	17	22	23	8	12	46	27	34			268	180	48.9%	
Adult	50	129	98	50	19	20	17	35	71	598			1,087	1,592	-31.7%	
Central Total	761	396	320	491	432	379	477	424	528	964	0	0	5,172	5,116	1.1%	
Preschool (B-5)	577	146	713	1,007	567	246	593	824	1,071	1,050			6,794	7,386	-8.0%	
Children (5-11)	1,196	200	82	1,519	451	334	393	120	917	433			5,645	5,650	-0.1%	
YA (12-18)	395	209	257	302	51	72	114	62	20	108			1,590	3,259	-51.2%	
Adult	399	212	346	1,411	228	123	208	799	950	1,744			6,420	5,566	15.3%	
Chinn Park Total	2,567	767	1,398	4,239	1,297	775	1,308	1,805	2,958	3,335	0	0	20,449	21,861	-6.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	653	73	653	993	926	316	430	1,029	965	1,327			7,365	5,001	47.3%	
Children (5-11)	1,259	942	356	729	683	745	527	610	590	604			7,045	4,075	72.9%	
YA (12-18)	181	254	53	88	88	182	69	108	119	161			1,303	518	151.5%	
Adult	302	747	603	971	452	257	139	1,955	194	2,178			7,798	7,604	2.6%	
Haymarket Gainesville Total	2,395	2,016	1,665	2,781	2,149	1,500	1,165	3,702	1,868	4,270	0	0	23,511	17,198	36.7%	
Preschool (B-5)	139	161	110	199	135	61	142	152	217	130			1,446	1,280	13.0%	
Children (5-11)	298	310	48	18	11	20	169	365	100	203			1,542	1,494	3.2%	
YA (12-18)	66	9	42	14	6	0	40	64	45	44			330	712	-53.7%	
Adult	80	17	23	543	0	5	30	38	78	176			990	2,203	-55.1%	
Manassas City	583	497	223	774	152	86	381	619	440	553	0	0	4,308	5,689	-24.3%	
Preschool (B-5)	453	126	253	502	176	255	218	229	290	216			2,718	3,260	-16.6%	
Children (5-11)	1,556	864	1,480	1,319	1,638	1,383	1,127	1,145	1,597	1,477			13,586	5,848	132.3%	
YA (12-18)	113	15	63	53	96	45	64	31	115	34			629	319	97.2%	
Adult	678	819	705	856	240	433	468	463	457	469			5,588	6,450	-13.4%	
Montclair Total	2,800	1,824	2,501	2,730	2,150	2,116	1,877	1,868	2,459	2,196	0	0	22,521	15,877	41.8%	
Preschool (B-5)	466	281	367	567	245	221	256	501	508	304			3,716	4,256	-12.7%	
Children (5-11)	751	387	79	481	123	66	79	36	206	429			2,637	2,013	31.0%	
YA (12-18)	225	182	123	193	270	139	102	143	92	93			1,562	1,492	4.7%	
Adult	374	333	382	621	185	173	311	526	491	984			4,380	3,378	29.7%	
Potomac Total	1,816	1,183	951	1,862	823	599	748	1,206	1,297	1,810	0	0	12,295	11,139	10.4%	
FS Total	12,470	7,320	8,077	14,525	8,026	5,868	7,237	12,428	12,438	15,797	0	0	104,186	90,129	15.6%	

Attendees to Library Events (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report) Neighborhood Libraries													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	FY25
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Preschool (B-5)	259	240	238	138	113	221	159	116	192	146			1,822	2,771	-34.2%	
Children (5-11)	359	148	80	223	475	155	213	127	257	267			2,304	2,164	6.5%	
YA (12-18)	47	40	23	45	32	18	17	19	44	32			317	124	155.6%	
Adult	13	6	11	2	2	8	39	21	59	34			195	378	-48.4%	
Dale City Total	678	434	352	408	622	402	428	283	552	479	0	0	4,638	5,437	-14.7%	
Preschool (B-5)	77	159	165	161	92	30	150	129	123	144			1,230	633	94.3%	
Children (5-11)	399	354	509	84	236	160	331	100	198	357			2,728	1,463	86.5%	
YA (12-18)	40	24	24	18	18	24	21	0	5	24			198	71	178.9%	
Adult	183	145	15	57	4	72	36	180	120	149			961	310	210.0%	
Dumfries Total	699	682	713	320	350	286	538	409	446	674	0	0	5,117	2,477	106.6%	
Preschool (B-5)	142	90	165	178	135	118	70	93	130	148			1,269	644	97.0%	
Children (5-11)	158	92	122	109	82	92	111	59	42	112			979	766	27.8%	
YA (12-18)	15	44	21	19	31	36	29	25	23	26			269	318	-15.4%	
Adult	28	57	68	72	82	117	84	101	103	93			805	817	-1.5%	
Independent Hill Total	343	283	376	378	330	363	294	278	298	379	0	0	3,322	2,545	30.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	170	115	82	167	137	78	51	66	133	118			1,117	1,415	-21.1%	
Children (5-11)	402	184	181	379	187	107	61	14	139	53			1,707	1,286	32.7%	
YA (12-18)	0	0	0	0	73	37	0	62	13	29			214	273	-21.6%	
Adult	185	180	323	166	204	110	113	142	97	185			1,705	1,449	17.7%	
Lake Ridge Total	757	479	586	712	601	332	225	284	382	385	0	0	4,743	4,423	7.2%	
Preschool (B-5)	33	43	94	156	79	74	113	77	85	90			844	240	251.7%	
Children (5-11)	215	69	91	97	131	119	121	109	108	102			1,162	1,061	9.5%	
YA (12-18)	3	0	0	7	3	0	0	6	10	8			37	26	42.3%	
Adult	33	21	55	81	56	29	59	83	72	61			550	411	33.8%	
Nokesville Total	284	133	240	341	269	222	293	275	275	261	0	0	2,593	1,738	49.2%	
NL Totals	2,761	2,011	2,267	2,159	2,172	1,605	1,778	1,529	1,953	2,178	0	0	20,413	16,620	22.8%	
Attendees to Library Events Totals	15,231	9,331	10,344	16,684	10,198	7,473	9,015	13,957	14,391	17,975	0	0	124,599	106,749	16.7%	175,000
% of performance measure target	9%	5%	6%	10%	6%	4%	5%	8%	8%	10%	0%	0%	71.20%			

Library Events and Activities - Outreach and Group Visits													C U M U L A T I V E		
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Diff
Outreach Events	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run	1	4	3	2	0	1	2	1	11	5			30	42	-28.6%
Central	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	3	1	0			11	13	-15.4%
Chinn Park	5	9	14	12	6	6	8	7	8	7			82	113	-27.4%
Haymarket Gainesville	3	9	5	11	7	2	2	5	4	10			58	61	-4.9%
Manassas City	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1			6	41	-85.4%
Montclair	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			4	12	-66.7%
Potomac	1	2	7	4	4	4	2	3	8	0			35	25	40.0%
Dale City	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	1			10	12	-100.0%
Dumfries	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1			4	5	-100.0%
Independent Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	2	-100.0%
Lake Ridge	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1			8	3	-66.7%
Nokesville	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2			14	9	-88.9%
Total:	14	28	39	38	21	17	16	21	41	28	0	0	263	338	-93.8%

													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Diff
Group Visits	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Diff
Bull Run	3	0	1	3	0	2	3	1	1	1			15	23	-34.8%
Central	0	1	1	0	7	4	2	3	3	1			22	5	340.0%
Chinn Park	0	0	4	4	4	5	2	2	4	3			28	23	21.7%
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	1			6	11	-45.5%
Manassas City	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1			4	5	-20.0%
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	2	-100.0%
Potomac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	1	0.0%
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			1	0	
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	4	-100.0%
Total:	3	2	8	7	15	11	7	8	9	7	0	0	77	74	-89.2%
Outreach and Group Visits Total	17	30	47	45	36	28	23	29	50	35	0	0	340	412	-93.0%

Attendees to Outreach and Group Visits													C U M U L A T I V E		
Outreach Attendees													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run	12	218	57	251	0	14	165	8	1,806	392			2,923	4,141	-29.4%
Central	40	0	80	158	0	15	20	177	41	0			531	934	-43.1%
Chinn Park	203	303	674	321	127	75	233	148	330	243			2,657	4,016	-33.8%
Haymarket Gainesville	82	835	384	1,071	246	144	67	1,872	121	2,090			6,912	4,222	63.7%
Manassas City	25	0	60	29	0	0	0	0	86	147			347	5,407	-93.6%
Montclair	0	103	41	150	97	0	0	0	0	0			391	663	-41.0%
Potomac	13	104	244	173	302	100	93	57	326	0			1,412	894	57.9%
Dale City	0	224	218	347	0	0	0	0	220	158			1,167	815	43.2%
Dumfries	0	110	37	0	0	300	0	0	0	229			676	194	248.5%
Independent Hill	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			50	48	4.2%
Lake Ridge	0	23	59	318	0	99	0	54	85	12			650	241	169.7%
Nokesville	36	0	7	18	501	20	20	20	238	119			979	708	38.3%
Totals:	411	1,920	1,911	2,836	1,273	767	598	2,336	3,253	3,390	0	0	18,695	22,283	-16.1%

Group Visit Attendees														Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Bull Run	21	0	5	21	0	11	11	26	10	16			121	417	-71.0%	
Central	0	22	7	0	19	35	22	12	42	11			170	79	115.2%	
Chinn Park	0	0	69	69	67	92	31	32	55	46			461	383	20.4%	
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	117	0	12	0	0	154	0	13			296	429	-31.0%	
Manassas City	0	12	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	60			88	76	15.8%	
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	51	-100.0%	
Potomac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0			39	24	62.5%	
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0			58	0		
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0		
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	52	-100.0%	
Totals:	21	34	198	90	172	138	64	224	146	146	0	0	1,233	1,511	-18.4%	
Outreach and Group Attendees Total	432	1,954	2,109	2,926	1,445	905	662	2,560	3,399	3,536	0	0	19,928	23,794	-89.2%	

Community + Study Room Use: Non-Library (Library-sponsored meetings + events are not counted)													C U M U L A T I V E		
Number of Non-Library Uses:													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run: County	1	3	1	1	3	1	2	0	1	0			13	19	-31.6%
Bull Run: Non-County	131	95	90	97	88	104	76	90	119	114			1004	919	9.2%
Bull Run: Total	132	98	91	98	91	105	78	90	120	114	0	0	1017	938	8.4%
Central: County	3	4	7	5	0	4	5	4	8	11			51	29	75.9%
Central: Non-County	60	56	65	74	53	51	44	48	64	80			595	609	-2.3%
Central: Total	63	60	72	79	53	55	49	52	72	91	0	0	646	638	1.3%
Chinn Park: County	0	5	1	3	1	1	0	2	4	3			20	11	81.8%
Chinn Park: Non-County	86	105	14	147	75	72	110	120	141	128			998	935	6.7%
Chinn Park: Total	86	110	15	150	76	73	110	122	145	131	0	0	1018	946	7.6%
Haymarket Gainesville: County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville: Non-County	169	214	224	206	192	176	150	163	235	230			1959	1,650	18.7%
HG: Total	169	214	224	206	192	176	150	163	235	230	0	0	1959	1,650	18.7%
Manassas City: County	4	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	4			30	158	-81.0%
Manassas City: Non-County	40	38	34	54	35	34	19	31	30	50			365	414	-11.8%
Manassas City: Total	44	49	45	54	35	34	19	31	30	54	0	0	395	572	-30.9%
Montclair: County	0	3	4	4	0	0	1	2	21	3			38	21	81.0%
Montclair: Non-County	389	410	405	386	323	308	287	298	372	374			3552	3,543	0.3%
Montclair: Total	389	413	409	390	323	308	288	300	393	377	0	0	3590	3,564	0.7%
Potomac: County	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0			5	7	-28.6%
Potomac: Non-County	0	3	3	3	3	5	1	22	18	14			72	44	63.6%
Potomac: Total	0	3	3	5	5	6	1	22	18	14	0	0	77	51	51.0%
ASC: County	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	1			8	7	14.3%
ASC: Non-County	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			2	0	
ASC: Total	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	10	7	42.9%
Dumfries: County	12	5	1	3	0	2	4	6	3	5			41	48	-14.6%
Dumfries: Non-County	53	64	47	63	70	54	73	71	72	66			633	607	4.3%
Dumfries: Total	65	69	48	66	70	56	77	77	75	71	0	0	674	655	2.9%
Total County Uses:	20	32	27	18	7	10	14	14	37	27	0	0	206	300	-31.3%
Total Non-County Uses:	929	985	882	1030	839	804	761	843	1051	1056	0	0	9,180	8,721	5.3%
Total County + Non-County Use:	949	1,017	909	1,048	846	814	775	857	1,088	1,083	-	-	9,386	9,021	4.0%

Community + Study Room Use: Non-Library (Library-sponsored meetings + events are not counted)

Number of Attendees for Non-Library Uses:													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25			
Bull Run: County	0	38	8	26	25	20	85	0	12	0			214	195	9.7%
Bull Run: Non-County	431	363	267	388	449	364	305	290	327	316			3,500	3,403	2.9%
Bull Run: Total	431	401	275	414	474	384	390	290	339	316	0	0	3,714	3,598	3.2%
Central: County	87	38	44	92	0	64	78	51	49	178			681	271	151.3%
Central: Non-County	145	195	173	131	214	134	203	249	256	264			1,964	2,003	-1.9%
Central: Total	232	233	217	223	214	198	281	300	305	442	0	0	2,645	2,274	16.3%
Chinn Park: County	0	310	116	77	1215	20	0	17	119	77			1,951	436	347.5%
Chinn Park: Non-County	246	361	326	387	233	113	244	234	228	424			2,796	2,353	18.8%
Chinn Park: Total	246	671	442	464	1448	133	244	251	347	501	0	0	4,747	2,789	70.2%
Haymarket Gainesville: County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville: Non-County	348	463	459	397	429	393	372	453	567	473			4,354	4,099	6.2%
HG: Total	348	463	459	397	429	393	372	453	567	473	0	0	4,354	4,099	6.2%
Manassas City: County	12	20	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	8			54	374	-85.6%
Manassas City: Non-County	76	70	88	128	74	56	33	85	98	135			843	853	-1.2%
Manassas City: Total	88	90	102	128	74	56	33	85	98	143	0	0	897	1,227	-26.9%
Montclair: County	0	59	41	116	0	0	65	55	195	108			639	484	32.0%
Montclair: Non-County	920	1040	1067	954	1012	778	659	719	755	967			8,871	9,106	-2.6%
Montclair: Total	920	1,099	1,108	1,070	1,012	778	724	774	950	1,075	0	0	9,510	9,590	-0.8%
Potomac: County	0	0	0	85	1,129	21	0	0	0	0			1,235	1,118	10.5%
Potomac: Non-County	0	38	61	122	37	118	30	31	164	19			620	723	-14.2%
Potomac: Total	0	38	61	207	1,166	139	30	31	164	19	-	-	1,855	1,841	0.8%
ASC: County	0	20	24	0	40	3	19	0	0	15			121	153	-20.9%
ASC: Non-County	20	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0			45	0	
ASC: Total	20	20	24	0	40	3	44	0	0	15	0	0	166	153	8.5%
Dumfries: County	13	7	3	6	0	3	7	10	5	10			64	83	-22.9%
Dumfries: Non-County	91	104	71	88	109	74	105	104	112	133			991	868	14.2%
Dumfries: Total	104	111	74	94	109	77	112	114	117	143	0	0	1,055	951	10.9%
Total County Attendees:	112	492	250	402	2409	131	254	133	380	396	0	0	4,959	3,114	59.2%
Total Non-County Attendees:	2,277	2,634	2,512	2,595	2,557	2,030	1,976	2,165	2,507	2,731	0	0	23,984	23,408	2.5%
Total County + Non-County Use:	2,389	3,126	2,762	2,997	4,966	2,161	2,230	2,298	2,887	3,127	0	0	28,943	26,522	9.1%

Computer Use													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
# Users Logged On (SAM Statistics)													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Bull Run	733	761	731	798	722	793	698	749	826	872			7,683	6,585	16.7%	
Central	523	494	452	442	379	367	377	429	463	466			4,392	3,920	12.0%	
Chinn Park	887	920	795	842	448	438	672	755	976	959			7,692	7,657	0.5%	
Haymarket Gainesville	487	420	342	363	350	344	299	330	421	435			3,791	3,752	1.0%	
Manassas City	347	293	276	320	256	219	209	213	255	245			2,633	1,942	35.6%	
Montclair	621	585	507	492	460	390	394	375	493	591			4,908	4,473	9.7%	
Potomac	1,017	846	887	957	864	949	784	919	1,161	1,046			9,430	7,955	18.5%	
Dale City	210	201	188	220	192	223	183	164	215	200			1,996	2,127	-6.2%	
Dumfries	256	302	230	294	235	234	225	228	314	340			2,658	2,483	7.0%	
Independent Hill	27	33	23	23	27	24	28	23	25	37			270	207	30.4%	
Lake Ridge	173	182	147	145	165	169	150	123	188	173			1,615	1,018	58.6%	
Nokesville	48	40	51	62	44	32	36	37	36	45			431	404	6.7%	
Total	5,329	5,077	4,629	4,958	4,142	4,182	4,055	4,345	5,373	5,409	0	0	47,499	42,523	11.7%	

# User Sessions (SAM Statistics)													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Bull Run	1,311	1,322	1,248	1,324	1,092	1,183	1,049	1,103	1,304	1,313			12,249	12,667	-3.3%	
Central	953	888	775	771	633	597	622	721	813	849			7,622	7,683	-0.8%	
Chinn Park	1,676	1,754	1,500	1,613	822	761	1,208	1,319	1,695	1,680			14,028	15,688	-10.6%	
Haymarket Gainesville	792	668	547	544	526	544	563	508	722	688			6,102	6,348	-3.9%	
Manassas City	558	435	405	488	388	339	324	327	428	397			4,089	3,505	16.7%	
Montclair	1,009	904	827	834	753	662	677	672	874	897			8,109	7,525	7.8%	
Potomac	1,745	1,509	1,553	1,751	1,607	1,613	1,357	1,546	1,939	1,911			16,531	16,395	0.8%	
Dale City	316	304	289	327	281	295	254	237	325	299			2,927	3,826	-23.5%	
Dumfries	408	479	347	504	348	385	338	329	481	490			4,109	3,960	3.8%	
Independent Hill	37	41	45	33	40	31	38	29	31	55			380	323	17.6%	
Lake Ridge	281	292	223	230	273	266	222	190	293	259			2,529	1,784	41.8%	
Nokesville	71	67	72	77	55	54	54	58	59	75			642	691	-7.1%	
Total	9,157	8,663	7,831	8,496	6,818	6,730	6,706	7,039	8,964	8,913	0	0	79,317	80,395	-1.3%	100,000

WiFi Use													C U M U L A T I V E		
Users: (Source: DoIT)													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run	937	924	1,113	1,156	936	851	867	837	1,080	945			9646	8,471	14%
Central	580	537	734	669	567	556	596	575	642	560			6016	4,551	32%
Chinn Park	1,711	1,471	1,711	1,943	1,191	1,151	1,312	1,522	1,762	1,562			15336	8,390	83%
Haymarket Gainesville	919	910	1,065	1,161	890	748	726	797	1,052	975			9243	8,176	13%
Manassas City	239	238	218	221	205	219	224	277	256	319			2416	2,781	-13%
Montclair	1,291	1,312	1,791	1,884	1,420	1,327	1,335	1,436	1,646	1,498			14940	9,940	50%
Potomac	622	623	521	637	621	519	557	520	561	608			5789	5,316	9%
Dale City	124	61	75	100	74	61	54	38	73	82			742	2,715	-73%
Dumfries	89	81	80	80	56	68	91	97	87	78			807	896	-10%
Independent Hill	112	117	108	119	91	91	98	95	83	42			956	472	103%
Lake Ridge	56	41	45	101	77	75	65	63	80	96			699	621	13%
Nokesville	139	137	134	126	78	42	43	47	46	45			837	551	52%
Total WiFi Users:	6,819	6,452	7,595	8,197	6,206	5,708	5,968	6,304	7,368	6,810	0	0	67,427	52,880	28%

Dwell Time (Average in Minutes): (Source: DoIT)													C U M U L A T I V E		
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Difference
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Bull Run	20.00	17.00	19.00	18.00	17.00	20.00	20.00	18.00	20.00	20.00			189.00	165.00	15%
Central	21.00	19.00	17.00	16.00	15.00	12.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00			162.00	150.00	8%
Chinn Park	22.00	23.00	23.00	21.00	24.00	23.00	20.00	22.00	20.00	21.00			219.00	171.00	28%
Haymarket Gainesville	40.00	38.00	37.00	36.00	32.00	34.00	31.00	32.00	35.00	39.00			354.00	266.00	33%
Manassas City	40.00	48.00	62.00	54.00	43.00	68.00	79.00	70.00	62.00	66.00			592.00	307.00	93%
Montclair	21.00	20.00	19.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	22.00			204.00	184.00	11%
Potomac	25.00	21.00	19.00	24.00	26.00	28.00	26.00	24.00	25.00	24.00			242.00	175.00	38%
Dale City	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	11.00	9.00			85.00	80.00	6%
Dumfries	11.00	12.00	11.00	13.00	12.00	13.00	20.00	20.00	12.00	14.00			138.00	135.00	2%
Independent Hill	116.00	71.00	67.00	77.00	45.00	67.00	74.00	78.00	24.00	13.00			632.00	225.00	181%
Lake Ridge	11.00	15.00	10.00	16.00	16.00	11.00	17.00	17.00	21.00	22.00			156.00	94.00	66%
Nokesville	124.00	65.00	48.00	62.00	82.00	27.00	16.00	26.00	23.00	27.00			500.00	333.00	50%
Average Dwell Time:	459.00	357.00	340.00	366.00	340.00	332.00	344.00	351.00	290.00	294.00	0.00	0.00	289.42	190.42	52%

													C U M U L A T I V E		
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Diff
Training Office (Source: HR Training Manager)															
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25			
Total number of Training Events	71	67	66	68	86	56	78	92	70	91			745	914	-18%
Total number of Staff	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263			
Total number of Staff Attended	107	82	73	141	44	71	55	64	76	53			766	895	-14%
% of Staff Attending Training Events	41%	31%	28%	54%	17%	27%	21%	24%	29%	20%	0%	0%			

													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Meas Target FY25			
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Diff				
Financial Services (Source: FS Administrator)				Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Financial Status Updates				1,218	930	930	1,316	1,002	1,005	927	1,024	1,141	1,536				11,029	11,525	-4.3%
% of performance measure target															83.40%				

Library Facilities Maintenance (Source: Library Facilities Manager)																	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY25	
Work Orders forwarded to B&G	32	43	32	48	37	28	34	48	36	44			382	271	41%		
In-House Work Orders Completed	33	29	32	37	31	14	50	44	39	55			364	345	6%		
Total	65	72	64	85	68	42	84	92	75	99	0	0	746	616	21%	733	
% of performance measure target													101.77%				

Office of Communications and Marketing (Source: OCM Manager)																	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY25	
Web requests + print pieces produced	1,768	1,944	1,730	1,412	1,511	1,529	1,332	1,730	1,935	1,701			16,592	14,299	16.0%	9,000	
% of performance measure target													184.36%				

Office of Programming and Events (Source: OPE Manager)																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY25
System-Wide Program Events Coordinated	23	28	48	87	47	36	65	50	71	45			500	310	61.3%	200
Attendees at System-Wide Program Events	4,338	1,262	1,119	1,403	1,673	658	1,342	1,179	2,430	1,211			16,615	33,746	-50.8%	10,000
Reading Program Participants	1,854	248	27	136	39	1,229	488	87	26	26			4,160	13,793	-69.8%	15,000

Community Outreach Services (Source: COS Manager)																
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY25
Outreach Events and Bookmobile Stops Coordinated	24	22	27	29	18	18	20	23	24	27			232	201	15.4%	250
People Reached at Outreach Events and Bookmobile Stops	765	928	1,191	2,139	289	609	470	641	561	856			8,449	8,420	0.3%	12,000
People Who Signed Up for a Library Card at an Outreach Event or Bookmobile Stop	47	85	201	113	7	10	37	71	69	62			702	1,096	-35.9%	800
Information Requests Handled	116	98	213	129	166	71	169	203	259	311			1,735	10	17250.0%	

Mail Room Transactions (Source: Monthly report from Mailroom)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Materials Transported	5,924	5,738	5,031	5,518	4,908	5,063	5,126	4,981	5,450	5,532			53,271	50,918	4.6%	50,000
% of performance measure target													106.54%			

Materials Services Transactions (Source: Polaris Monthly Statistics Report)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Items Added	10,665	15,284	8,624	9,084	8,478	7,994	6,487	10,001	10,695	11,788			99,100	100,407	-1.3%	
Items Deleted	6,213	6,453	7,405	8,481	8,564	9,198	9,205	6,863	6,956	5,907			75,245	64,141	17.3%	
Bibs Added	3,549	25,565	4,475	3,888	5,635	4,421	11,619	3,898	4,108	8,552			75,710	43,178	75.3%	
Bibs Deleted	7,656	21,539	4,511	4,241	28	6,912	6,186	17,964	9,423	15,408			93,868	50,856	84.6%	
Total Transactions	28,083	68,841	25,015	25,694	22,705	28,525	33,497	38,726	31,182	41,655	0	0	343,923	258,582	33.0%	
% of performance measure target																

Technology Services (Source: Monthly report from Technology Services)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25				
Total Support Requests Received in TSD	379	289	285	279	261	225	280	294	394	517			3,203	38,793	-91.7%	50,000
% of performance measure target													6.41%			

Library Collection Size Annual Totals (Source: Polaris Fiscal Year Turnover Rate Report as of June 30, 2024)					
Systemwide Totals by Collection			Cumulative		
	June 2024		Total June 2024	Total June 2023	Percent of Difference
Physical Books	421,058		421,058	418,821	0.5%
E-Books-Electronic Products	2,092,963		2,092,963	1,728,134	21.1%
Physical Serials	19,553		19,553	22,909	-14.6%
Physical Audio-Visual Materials	38,007		38,007	39,446	-3.6%
Other	3,762		3,762	2,887	30.3%
Microforms	71		71	73	-2.7%
Grand Total / All Library Materials		2,575,414			
Library Branch Totals - All Formats (Number of Items in Polaris)					
	June 2024		Total June 2024	Total June 2023	Percent of Difference
Bull Run	78,086		78,086	84,477	-7.6%
Central	59,644		59,644	62,557	-4.7%
Chinn Park	70,613		70,613	75,100	-6.0%
Community Outreach Services	3,737		3,737	379	886.0%
Haymarket Gainesville	68,970		68,970	69,782	-1.2%
Manassas City	21,800		21,800	22,997	-5.2%
Montclair	44,207		44,207	44,234	-0.1%
Potomac	59,271		59,271	61,677	-3.9%
Total	406,328		406,328	421,203	-3.5%
Dale City	14,010		14,010	14,500	-3.4%
Dumfries	14,391		14,391	13,890	3.6%
Independent Hill	10,862		10,862	9,985	8.8%
Lake Ridge	11,650		11,650	12,605	-7.6%
Nokesville	11,162		11,162	11,009	1.4%
Total	62,075		62,075	61,989	0.1%
Non-branch Collections: ASC	1,879		1,879	1,828	2.8%
Web	285,605		285,605	275,216	3.8%
Total	287,484		287,484	277,044	3.8%
Grand Total		755,887	755,887	760,236	-0.6%

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Circulation

Chinn Park Library closed for renovation of staff area - November 18 through December 8, 2024
 Dale City Library closes at 3:40 p.m. due to a facility issue - December 6, 2024
 All library branches closed at 4:00pm due to inclement weather - January 3, 2025
 No Passport Services at Haymarket Gainesville and Potomac Libraries due to expected inclement weather - February 10, 2025
 Lake Ridge Library closed at Noon due to plumbing issues - February 27, 2025
 All library branches closed at 5:00pm due to inclement weather - February 19, 2025
 Passport Services paused March 1-March 16 to return to appointments-only. Passport services resumed March 17, 2025
 Nokesville Library closed due to interruption in water service and maintenance - March 17-18, 2025
 Dale City Library closed due to fire alarm testing - April 1, 2025

**Information Requests
(Full Service Libraries)**

- _Directional/Servicing Technology and Informational/Point of Use Instruction statistics combined into one report:

Computer Use Statistics

- December 2009: SAM Flextime implemented (extension of patron's time no longer counts as a separate session).

Library Events and Activities

- February 1, 2011: \$2.00 Internet visitor card charge in effect for users without library cards.

Financial Services

- New financial + budget system, Mobius Financials replaces Ascend: July 1, 2021

OCM

New web site launched: May 2021
 December 2016: Pinterest site changed + boards dropped which resulted in a negative number of patrons.
 Beginning in January 2018, Library Web Site Page Views + Session are only reported by the County to OCE on a Quarterly basis.
 OCE (Office of Community Engagement) renamed OCM (Office of Communications and Marketing) - January 1, 2022

OPE Office of Programming and Outreach renamed OPE (Office of Programming and Events) - July 1, 2022

COS Community Outreach Services division established July 1, 2022
 Mobile Library ribbon cutting February 21, 2024

Magisterial Districts

- Brentsville: Nokesville
- Coles: Central, Independent Hill
- Gainesville: Bull Run, Haymarket Gainesville
- Neabsco: Dale City
- Occoquan: Chinn Park, Lake Ridge
- Potomac: Dumfries, Montclair
- Woodbridge: Potomac
- City of Manassas: Manassas City

Technology and Digital Inclusion

PWC Tech Help had 2 participants (4 sessions).

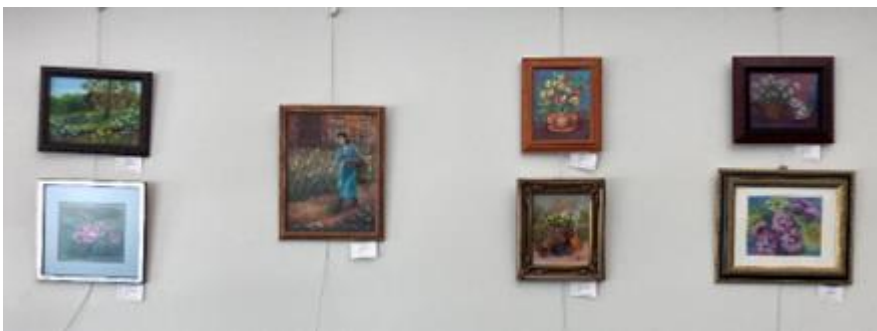
Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Branch Manager, Gregg performed a script of Gen Z jargon written and edited by Teen Librarian, Kat and Teen Volunteer, Shreya for a video produced, filmed and edited by Emily of COM. Information Services Manager, Sara made a cameo appearance. The video was placed on Prince William Public Libraries' social media which became very popular, going viral with 2.9 million views on Face Book alone. A follow up blooper reel video garnered and additional 78,500 views on Face Book. This was a fun team project.



Staff visited the makerspace as part of National Library Week to learn to use the Cricut machines.

Inviting Spaces





February’s lobby art display, Landscapes and Flower Medley, was provided by Maureen Guillot and Maria Briganti.

Community Responsive Enrichment



Patrons visit the makerspace not only to express their creativity but also for very practical purposes like learning to hem a formal gown using the serger and our dress mannequin .



Makers were excited by the debut of the Wood Carving Club. A wood carving demonstration was presented by the Bull Run Carvers, who will be offering lessons monthly through August in the makerspace.

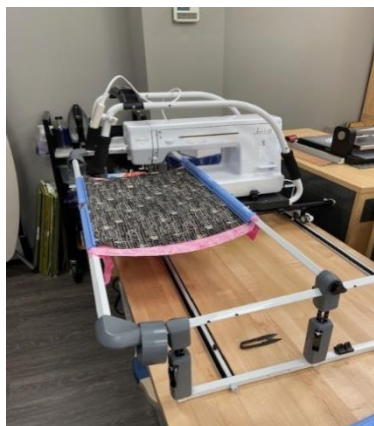


Makers learned to use Cricut to make templates to fashion flowers with paper and then returned for 3 more weekly rounds of floral fun.

Book Clubs – Two book groups met with 23 in total attendance.
 English Conversation group had a total of 125 attending for the month (9 sessions).

Spanish Conversation had 17 attending for the month (3 sessions).
Blind Date with a Book had 112 items from the display checked out.
Friday Bingo attracted 6 participants.
Medicare 101 had 12 participants.
All 40 Spice packets for the Spice Club were handed out.

Accessible Resources and Collections



Makerspace's newest arrival is a real cutie. This month we added and assembled the Grace Cutie Tabletop Quilting Frame and SureStitch Elite Stitch Regulator to pair with the Babylock Jazz II Sewing and Quilting machine.

Outreach and Community Engagement



AARP Tax help had 646 attendees.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

PWPL will provide effective and equitable access to technology within the library for staff and patrons and digital resources beyond the library walls.

During a one-on-one technology tutoring appointment, Adult Services Staff member Sarah Parker assisted a patron who had recently lost her husband. During the interaction the patron let Sarah know that her late husband had handled everything related to technology in their life and she was at a loss as to how to do any of the things that she now needs to do without his assistance. Sarah was able to help the patron setup and learn how to use email, renew her ID, and sign up for a website called Grieveshare. The patron was visibly moved and began to tear up as she expressed her appreciation for all that Sarah was able to help her with. This is a wonderful example of the impact that library staff have on the library's patrons.

Outreach and Community Engagement

PWPL will engage with our evolving community through outreach to reduce barriers to access.

MAGIC attended 5 outreach events in April. Kathy attended the New Employee Orientation and promoted PWPL / MAGIC to the new staff and issued 12 new library cards. Kathy also attended the 1-Million Cups business networking event where she networked with local businesses and promoted the library's business databases and MAGIC services.

CYA staff member Dane Doty visited Lake Ridge Middle and Andr  ea visited Colgan High Schools to promote the library's upcoming Summer Reading Program. John and Andr  ea lead story times for the two preschool classes from the Chinn Aquatic Center.



Figure 1: New Employee Orientation & 1-Million Cups Outreach

Inviting Spaces

PWPL will cultivate accessible, multifunctional spaces to serve as safe, sustainable, and welcoming destinations.



Figure 2: Easter LEGO Display

Staff have utilized the glass display case by the Community Room to highlight items that were created with some of the equipment that will be available in the Chinn Park Makerspace. During the month of April the display was changed, and staff member Leah showcased her Easter themed LEGO set. Children of all ages enjoyed seeing the display.

During the month of April, a total of 2,192 seed packets were taken from the Chinn Park Little Free Seed Library. April focused on homegrown produce including vegetables and herbs. Over 33,000 different types of donated seeds were also made available during the month of April, and the garden club is now looking for new ways to collect donated seeds.

The Garden Club of Lake Ridge has also continued to utilize the seed library as well as the Children's Garden to create new partnerships and opportunities to educate the public about seed saving and gardening. They worked with a Girl Scout Daisy Troop on their Garden Journey Badge, and a Boy Scout Lions Troop on their Ready, Set, Grow belt loop. Both groups visited the seed library and completed hands-on activities with Garden Club members.



Figure 3: Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops visiting the Chinn Park Little Free Seed Library

During the month of April, the Friends of Chinn Park Library temporarily turned the Community Room into a large book sale. Over the course of several days, the Friends pulled in over \$8,000. The book sale always proves to be extremely popular with the library's patrons and is a wonderful way for them to support all of the programming that Chinn Park has to offer.

Community Responsive Enrichment

PWPL will provide inclusive resources, services, and programming to serve and fulfill the needs of our evolving community.



MAGIC answered a total of 248 questions from the County and local business community this month. They had several in-depth questions like Offboarding and Exit Interview process, researching a Vietnam Veteran, and Best Practices for Covering Salt Piles.

On April 12th CYA staff hosted their annual Talking to the Author event with author Tracy Banghart. Ms. Banghart talked about how to write a children's book and brought her daughter, who is a character in her book. They announced the winners of the bookmark contest and handed out the grand prize, an autographed copy of her book. Printed bookmarks will be available in June.



Figure 4 Author Tracy Banghart poses for a photo with the winners



Figure 5 Bee Story Time

This month CYA staff hosted three weekly story times, one for babies, one for preschoolers, and one for toddlers. Other preschool programs included Music & Motion, Yoga, and Spanish Circle Time. On April 2 staff hosted a special Bee themed story time and one staff member brought in her bee keeping gear to show the children. In addition, there were LEGO club and Reading to Dogs for the school-aged children. Shannon Slayer brought us Stroller Strides, a fitness program for moms.

April is National Donate Life month, so the CYA department partnered with Infinite Legacy who provided a themed scavenger hunt and prizes during the first two weeks of April. During spring break, children of all ages participated in the spring scavenger hunt. Also during Spring Break, John hosted a Pete the Cat party for children to come and hear stories and do crafts and other activities. Beginning April 21 and running through May 4, the library system hosted a variety of programs focusing on Graphic novels and Manga for its second annual Lit Con. Chinn Park held a weeklong Star Wars scavenger hunt in the library for children of all ages. Upon completing the hunt, participants received stickers and bookmarks. Participants were also encouraged to wear costumes, especially on May 4.



Figure 6 Pete the Cat Party



Figure 7 After Hours Mini Golf

For the teens, staff hosted their monthly homeschool hangout and teen advisory group. During spring break, they set up a mini golf course in the library and teens came after hours to play the nine-hole course. Also during spring break, the Red Cross conducted a Babysitting Certification course for teens. Ten participants attended and were certified. As a part of Lit Con, teens learned about Japanese bookbinding and created their own books. They also learned some cosplay costume creation techniques during the library's special panel of cosplay experts.

Adult Services staff partnered with the Garden Club of Lake Ridge for another program in April. This time the garden club focused on Starting Plants from Seeds, and followed the presentation with a seed swap out in front of the library. During the presentation participants had a lot of questions about when to start planting seeds, how to protect against pests and animals, and so on. The seed swap was very successful and large number of patrons stopped by the table to learn about planting seeds and were able to take some home for their own gardens.



Figure 8: Seed Swap Event



Figure 10: Raffle Prize Winner

The program Savory Tea Blends provided by OPE was also hosted at Chinn Park during the month of April. This program was very successful and received a lot of positive feedback. During the program, participants learned about the various types of tea along with other herbs and spices that can be combined to make various tea blends. The presenter brought all of the ingredients along with tea cups and saucers, supplies to mix the tea, light refreshments, and a raffle prize. Participants were able to create their own blends during the program to take home with them as well. This was a very engaging and informative program.

Adult Services Staff also offered a variety of other programming throughout the month. Roger brought back the Mock Citizenship Interviews in partnership with CASA and saw a much better turnout. AARP concluded with volunteers having assisted over 1200 patrons with their taxes. Bad Art Night also saw several new patrons along with returning participants during the month of April who were very excited to learn about the program and experiment with new media.



Figure 9: Bad Art Participants

Accessible Resources and Collections

PWPL will continue to expand its collection of materials and resources in various formats that respond to public interest and demand.



Figure 11: Beautiful Books Pageant Display

Staff create a variety of displays to promote the collection and encourage patrons to check out a book that they may not otherwise. During the month of April, Adult Services staff member Beth created a Beautiful Books Pageant Display that highlighted books with beautiful covers, sprayed edges and other unique aesthetic qualities. The display was very popular and encouraged a lot of interaction from patrons.

Circulation staff member Kris came up with a new idea for the library's adult patrons that launched in April. Kris wanted to do something similar to the Teen Book Boxes that had been circulating throughout the system and came up with the idea of a book box for adults. To participate, patrons fill out a form with some information about their favorite books, authors, snacks, and anything else they think may be helpful. Kris then uses this information to create a book box for the patron that includes a recommended library book, free ARC from MSD, and some snacks and other fun items. The box also includes a bookmark made with the X-Tool to promote Chinn Park's upcoming Makerspace. These boxes have proven to be extremely popular with staff and patrons and have also created a lot of collaboration between staff as Kris works with various staff members to find the perfect recommendation for each individual patron. This has been a wonderful new initiative that Kris came up with!



Figure 12: CP Adult Book Box

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

PWPL will foster training and professional development opportunities that support the growth and knowledge of staff to ensure excellent patron experiences in our libraries.



Kathy LaVallee from MAGIC provided training on the two new business databases and the Foundation Directory grant database to the Manassas City Library staff. The staff were very excited to learn about the new resources. Now they will be able to show patrons at their branch how to use the grant and business databases.

As a part of the ongoing effort to expose staff to the various types of programs that may be offered in the Makerspace, Adult Staff member Sarah hosted several of her tabletop dice making sessions for staff. During the program participants learned how to make their own tabletop dice using resin and dice molds. Sarah then took this program to several other branches throughout the system as a part of Lit Con.



Figure 13: Dice Delight

Technology and Digital Inclusion



The **Digital Preservation Lab** is getting busier, with more people signing up for orientations and lab appointments. One of our patrons recently brought in a 4-hour 8mm film to digitize. While it ran, she set up her laptop and worked from the library. We're happy that our updated space made that possible!

Some of the best feedback about our equipment comes straight from the people using it. In the first photo, a patron is showing another patron how simple it is to use the VHS digital recorder during orientation.

Outreach and Community Engagement



Work from **Studio 8601** could be seen in **Seton School's** production of **Music Man** where the Cricut Venture cut vinyl decals for several props.

The **Spring Festival** was a huge success this year! We had over 230 patrons in two hours, 13 volunteers, and 7 community organizations join us at the library, including our furry friends from **My Pet Alpaca**. Special guest Senator Russett Perry received the **VTC Environmental Institute Outstanding Legislator Award** from the **Virginia Turf Council** in RELIC at the beginning of the festival as well.





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Approachable, Adaptive Experts



Adult Services Librarian Rachel hosted another class in her popular *Crafting with Cricut* series. This time, patrons learned how to use heat transfer vinyl and each crafted a unique farmer's market tote.

Stone House Quilters Guild led another quilting event for teens.

Inviting Spaces

Thanks to a grant, **PWC Public Works** made some great updates to Central Library's outdoor space. In April, five new trees were planted. They'll grow to give our visitors nice, shady spots in the future! A new stormwater garden was also added by **MowCow**, filled with plants that thrive on rainwater. Huge thanks to Andrew Uglow for making this possible!





Ms. Narcisa led a group of fifty during Me Gusta Spanish. Little Makers learned about classic artists. Tween STEAM created rollercoasters.

Community Responsive Enrichment



An uptick in appointments continued in April as patrons gear up for summer!

We celebrated international pet day with embroidered pet bandanas where patrons spent the evening sewing and swapping stories about their furry friends.

4H dropped in to engrave custom cutting boards for thank you gifts to teachers.

Craft fuse beads made many patrons smile during the **Pixel Art Party** event and the Community Service Board Peers' April visit.

Our **English Conversation** class continues to grow thanks to our amazing volunteer, Ken Ikeda. Every day, patrons ask us about this service, and we are grateful to be able to offer this program to our community free of charge.



Accessible Resources and Collections



RELIC is an inviting space for its extensive collection, staff support for history and genealogy research, and a community engagement space with our programs and technology resources. As part of the **VA250 Grant** we had a great turnout for the needle felting workshop taught by **Heidi Rugg** of **Barefoot Puppets**. The class created 3D felting pictures of Virginia, flora, fauna, and fungi. We had several walk-ins, and they were given a project to do or to take home. It was an intergenerational, diverse class who signed up for the newsletter for future programs. Plus, the class learned the relevance of wool to the colonial American economy and its significance in the American Revolution.

We also had another program in honor of the **VA250, Embroidery and Cross Stitch**. Library volunteer Faith has been creating beautiful designs for decades from pillows to blankets.

She displayed some of her collection in **RELIC**,

which became very popular for all ages. The program crossed many demographics and taught the history of the artform to modern day times and its connection to colonial America.



Outreach and Community Engagement

Celebrating National Library Week with the Schools

We kicked off the month by celebrating National Library Week with our annual visit to all Haymarket Baptist Preschool classes. Jeanine, Tracy, and Rosanne read to the children, promoted library services, and distributed library cards to the kindergarten classes. Jeanine also visited Gro Preschool for two days, reading to all classes there.

In collaboration with the school librarian at Buckland Mills, Jeanine hosted a library tour for ELL families. During the visit, families were introduced to helpful resources and received library cards.

Rosanne visited Gainesville High School to host a monthly "Craft and Chat" program during school lunches, while Tracy participated in an outreach event at Learning Paths Preschool.



Volunteer Appreciation

Rosanne and Brita, one of our long-time teen volunteers and soon-to-be graduate, attended the County's Volunteer Appreciation event.

Inviting Spaces

Teens and Beanbags

Our teen area received some exciting upgrades this month, including new bean bags—one of them a jumbo version—for fun, comfortable seating. We also added a charging station, a request made by our teen patrons. Both the seating and the charger stand have been enthusiastically received and regularly used since their arrival.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Adult Programs



Basket Weaving 102

A highlight of the month was the musical event, An Afternoon with Valley Vibe, where patrons dropped in to enjoy songs from one of our most popular performers. We have found that crafting programs continue to be popular, which included this month's Basket Weaving 102 program. Another highlight was our contribution to the county-wide Lit Con program. We hosted a variety of programs for all ages and worked together with Teen programming for several. Both Super Art Fight, where performers competed in drawing challenges on dry-erase whiteboards, and Dice Delight, where attendees were able to craft their very own resin dice, were extremely popular and well attended. Some of our repeated programs had a great month of providing entertainment to our local patrons. All our monthly book clubs like Books on Tap,

The New Romantics, and Read by Dawn met with their members to discuss that month's chosen books. We also hosted our continuing gaming program, Dungeons and Dragons for Adults, which met with fellow gamers to enjoy imaginative adventures in fantasy settings. Our monthly craft meetup - Crafty Corner, also met to socialize and work on personal projects, and had great attendance and participation. Overall, April was a great month for both bringing patrons together to provide entertainment and other services.

Teen Programs

Teens participated in two youth-led programs: Zine Club and Teen Book Club. We hosted a variety of Lit Con events this month, including Super Art Fight, Dice Delight, Mod Podge Mania, Fandom Fun Day, and Star Wars Day. In both Youth Services and Teen areas, we featured Lit Con-themed book displays highlighting graphic novels and superheroes. The monthly children's scavenger hunt also followed the superhero theme.

Youth Services Programs

Fit4Mom, one of our community partners, offered a free Stroller Strides class to our patrons this month. Jeanine launched the first of four Garden Book Club sessions for K-2nd graders, tying in with our upcoming garden and seed library initiative. Storytimes have been very busy. Tracy took over Preschool Storytime, and Toddler Time saw a record high attendance of 106. Rosanne's story times, featuring her guitar, continue to be a big hit.



Super Art Fight

Technology and Digital Inclusion

April was a month of work arounds and creative problem solving when it came to PACs and printing from the smart kiosk. Staff went the extra mile to figure out solutions for patrons to ensure that they could print, copy and utilize PACs when the kiosk was down. Matthew from TSD went to great lengths to assist and make sure that the kiosk problems were completely resolved.

Staff learned the new hotspot procedures to ensure that this high demand item would always be put back into circulation as quickly as possible. Hotspots remain the top circulating item for MC.

When making new library cards, MC staff make a point to promote the PWPL app as an easy way to manage patron accounts, place holds and access resources like Pronunciator in the Digital Library. Staff also point out the ease of using the library events calendar and reserving the study room from the app. Fressia translated into Spanish a document for school visits to promote PWPL digital resources for families and children, and that document is also used by staff in the branch to make sure that Spanish speaking library patrons have access to that information as well.

Outreach and Community Engagement



Andrea shares her winning poem.

At the Manassas Museum on April 12, MC hosted the event “Latino Poetry: Places We Call Home,” part of a national public humanities initiative directed by the Library of America. The event was funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which aims to build community around Latino poetry. Its success was the result of a combined PWPL team effort coordinated by Lisa Alamin.

The program opened with readings of original works by local poets in both English and Spanish. Andrea Salmerón, the winner of the PWPL Hispanic Heritage Month Teen Poetry Contest in fall 2024, read first. Josué Ríos read from his recently published 3rd book of poetry.

The main event was a discussion based on selected poems from the grantor's Project Reader. Three panelists led the discussions, then audience members shared their reactions and observations. The final poem was selected by the audience for discussion. Surprisingly, two enthusiastic audience members remained after the event ended to discuss an additional poem with the panelists. The discussion group was effective, respectful, and invited candid interactions.

The event ended on a high note with an interpretive dance, choreographed in response to a poem from the Project Reader, and followed by a short salsa dance class involving all in attendance.

The event was warm and welcoming and invited participation. Special guests included: Michelle Ross, Mirna Turcios, Natalie Potell (Laureate Emerita for PWC) and Manassas City Council Members Ashley Hutson and Tom Osina. Emily Bickers captured many candid moments on film. In addition to MC staff members Fressia, Jenn, Julie and Lena, the panelists and facilitator roles included 2 teachers, Rosie Clark (PWC Risk and Wellness) and Maria Burgos (Director, PWC Office of Equity and Inclusion). The event was the culmination of the grant, but it was also a very memorable and significant opportunity for community dialogue and networking for future collaborative endeavors.



¡Salsa en acción! Salsa in action!



Sharing perspectives on poems.

With the arrival of spring came invitations to participate in school and community events. Clea attended Jennie Dean Elementary's STEM Night and interacted with 147 people. She signed up many families for library cards and informed them about STEM related programs offered at PWPL.

Responding to a question from a Manassas City Council Member, Lena reached out to the Council and Mayor to introduce them to MAGIC staff and the special business, governmental and non-profit services and resources that PWPL offers.

In the branch, Jenn and Clea hosted 60 students and family members from Round Elementary for a Library Night that included crafts, activities, tours and pizza! In coordination with the principal, staff made over 70 library cards for Round students, and we will continue to work on our shared goal to ensure that every student has a public library card.

In April, MC made 139 new library cards and year-to-date has made 453 cards. 56% of those new library patrons are residents of the City of Manassas.

With the coming of Summer Reading, the PWPL translation team is busy working on Spanish versions of the summer program listings and other PWPL promotional materials. Fressia and Julie worked on Spanish translations for 8 hours in April.



MC welcomes students and families from Round Elementary

Lena attended the Workforce and Education Breakfast for the Prince William Chamber of Commerce Foundation to officially accept 2 COHS scholarships with Michaela on April 3. Jenn and Lena also connected with community leaders to learn more about the needs and community initiatives in the area. They met with Meg Carroll, Community Manager at Georgetown South Community, and got a tour of the facility. They also met with Cindi Kacer, who is part of the Manassas City Rotary Impact Club and who invited MC to be a part of the summer camp she is helping to organize for local students.

Jenn hosted Books on Tap book club at Brightworks Brewing Co. A group of 10 discussed *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey.



Cheers to the Friends!

In celebration of Library Worker's Day, the Friends of Manassas City Library stocked the break room with our favorite beverages, which will last for many months to come.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

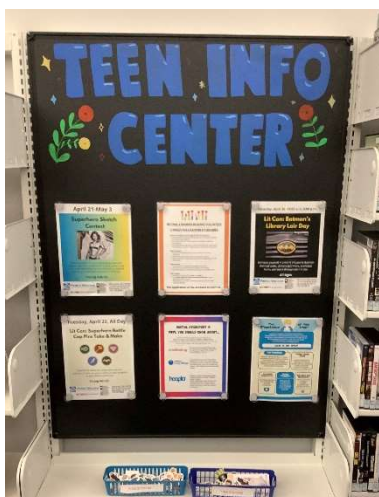
To ensure that important procedures and reminders are easy for staff to refer to, Caylin created "Tips on a Ring" at our 3 service desk station. All staff provided input and Monika assisted with the assembly.

Staff attended and provided training, committee meetings and professional development activities:

- Caylin and Jenn attended Outward Mindset Training with the supervisors' cohort. They also trained staff on the new hotspot process.
- Kathy LaVallee presented MAGIC at our staff meeting to raise awareness of MAGIC services and resources and to demonstrate A to Z Databases and the Foundation Directory.
- Fressia attended a 2-hour training about "Adverse Childhood Experiences," and she observed story time sessions at Chinn Park and Independent Hill to learn new approaches and techniques for presenting a story time for wider age ranges.
- Julie and Fressia updated translation team resources to support new team members.
- Jenn attended the Readers' Advisory Committee and provided interviews for class assignments for two current local MLS students.
- Jenn attended PWPL Grants Training.
- Kelly attended Communico training and viewed multiple trainings on Niche Academy (1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Damaged & Defective Materials in Acquisitions and PWPL Travel Reimbursement).
- Lena attended Leave Benefits Training for PWPL Managers & Supervisors: FMLA and Reasonable Accommodations (County HR, Kevin Glover) and Disciplinary Training: Performance Improvement Plan and Counseling for Library Managers and Supervisors.
- Lena welcomed Lisha Payne from COS to the COHS Committee and provided an overview of procedures. She also presented Customer Service training for PWPL staff at BR.

MC staff uses Teams and cross-training to ensure that we share what we learn, that we pivot with each new change in policies and procedures, and that we practice strong communication with each other and the public.

Inviting Spaces



New and improved Teen Info Center

Clea hung the magnetic chalkboard in the teen area and worked with Julie to decorate it. This is a first step to make our teen area more appealing. Clea also received 2 new bulletin boards for the children's area to promote 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and other children's programs and services.

Lena worked with Branddon's team and TSD to move the PAC counters to increase accessibility and browsing areas. Branddon also removed the end piece of the service desk to open the egress and to make space for staff supply cabinets behind the desk. He also moved the bulletin board to a more public space to use for program promotion. Staff also repositioned a children's shelf to widen the entrance to the children's area.

Making these small changes and improvements has created additional space for patron and staff use and given the branch a fresh look.

Community Responsive Enrichment



¡Es la hora del cuento! It's storytime!

Clea hosted 4 sessions of Toddler Story Time, and Fressia hosted her monthly Spanish Story Time. Both programs have a core group of attendees but also see new families come with each session.

Lena set up COHS interviews with prospective students, facilitated the COHS staff meeting, engaged with students and graduates, and met up with one of the Chamber scholarship recipients to congratulate her.

Clea hosted many popular Lit Con events and activities, and she collaborated with MC staff to help with the preparation of materials and logistics. For display during Lit Con, Monika finished putting together a LEGO Batmobile, gifted to MC by NO. There were planned activities for each age group including Batman Library Lair Day (all ages), a supervillain scavenger hunt, make and takes, drawing activities and contests and a popular "Comic Book Nerd" book display.

Accessible Resources and Collections

MC staff have been experimenting with collection arrangements and creating additional pop-up displays to engage patrons. For example, Clea moved children's puzzles from behind the desk to the children's area to make them more accessible to patrons and to free up space at the service desk. Comparing April 2024 to April 2025, circulation of puzzles increased 400%! Fressia moved the juvenile magazines to the endcap display in the children's non-fiction. In one month, circulation of children's magazines increased 11% and increased 20% compared to April of last year. Fressia also created a pop-up display to mark the passing of Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa, winner of the 2010 Nobel Prize for Literature and many other literary accolades.



Jenn established "Leisure @ Your Library," a new shelving space offering patrons access to the MC Seed Library, puzzles and games, origami, adult coloring and macrame activities. This area will grow and change over time with a variety of passive activities specifically for teens and adults. It will also become our location for the "Library of Things" and provides an additional pop-up display area.

Each year, MC supports the Manassas Museum's summer activity plans for kids by curating reading lists of picture and nonfiction books from the PWPL collection. Lisa created 2 themed lists for "Wildflowers,

Plants, and Gardens" (English/Spanish) and "[Paper] Lanterns or Asian/Asian American History and Culture" (English/Chinese).

Compared to April 2024, MC has seen a 21% circulation increase in April 2025 including these highlights:

- Easies 6%
- Easy Readers 50%
- Juvenile Nonfiction 23%
- Fiction 10%
- Mystery 18%
- Adult Nonfiction 39%
- OverDrive up 47%



Spice Club is a conversation starter with patrons and draws attention to cookbooks!

Technology and Digital Inclusion

The Gaming Lounge was more popular than usual this month due to PWCPs spring break from April 14-21. Families new to the Gaming Lounge got to try out the PlayStation 5 and Nintendo Switch for the first time and try new games. Special thanks to the Buildings and Grounds team for coming out to the branch to fix the lock on the Lounge's gaming cabinet which made providing the service much easier for our staff!

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Adult Services –

Librarian Shannon led a 3D printer training for her colleagues in preparation for helping Bull Run fill their online 3D print requests while the makerspaces are short staffed. Staff learned how to download a file from a survey response, how to slice the file in our 3D printer software and how to start a print.

Youth Services –

What do you do when your painstakingly planned big “Cultivate and Create” author event has a last-minute author cancellation? Pivot of course! Kristen of the Office of Programming Events led the story time and book giveaway while Intern Emily and YSS Heather each led a fun STEM Activity, including planting vegetables and vegetable stamping a community mural, which is now displayed in the children’s department. As an added bonus, one family attending the event, heard the announcement that Seals on Wheels was at the branch and was inspired to get married at the library!



Circulation Services –

Library Assistant Johana Garcia's display "Don't Read While Hungry" served up a deliciously food-themed experience. Library Page Mary's Display about "How Not to Kill Your Houseplant" featured books about succulents and indoor plant care. Library Page Katie's Take-and-Make invited young patrons to create colorful beaded windchimes. The bags were assembled by teen volunteers at TAG and a passive program encouraged young patrons to write about what they loved about libraries for National Libraries Week.



Adult Services –

As Montclair continues to adapt to the new one desk model, additional seating and chairs have been added to the space that once held the information desk to accommodate Montclair's popularity as a study space for teens and adults alike. Fresh paint and baseboards have been added to the new pony wall that separates the children's desk from the rest of the library, allowing for more seating and additional passive programming space.

Youth Services –

In celebration of National Library Week, Katie set up a passive program for kids to write what they love about their library on colorful die cut hearts which were then cheerfully displayed on the windows; arguably the best answer was "my mom!". Continuing the rainbow theme in preparation for summer reading, teen volunteers painted beautiful rainbows across all the windows in the children's department. This month's Exploration Station featured "Mr. Bones", x-rays of a full-sized human skeleton for elementary students to identify the bones of the skeletal system. Over 400 children earned prizes and "caught 'em all" at this month's fan favorite, the Pokemon Scavenger Hunt. Tape Town transformed the whiteboard into a colorful driving paradise with vehicle magnets; no one could have predicted that the whiteboard would become such a hub of learning and activity for our young patrons.



Outreach and Community Engagement

Seals on Wheels stopped by Montclair this month to bring much needed services typically only offered at County Clerk's office in Manassas to the community. With the convenience of the their mobile van, patrons could meet with the County Clerk's office to file marriage license applications, notary applications, and more right outside their local library. The County Clerk even hosted a wedding on that day!

Community Responsive Enrichment

Circulation Services –

The English Conversation group, facilitated by Library Supervisor Elizabeth and Library Page Katie met four times in April with a total attendance of 12. They discussed places they have lived and places they have traveled (or would love to travel), family experiences, fashion, and favorite types of music. Participants came from El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Spain.

At the April meetup, participants of the Stitcher's Circle program showcased their finished projects to the group. Our circulation manager, Nancy facilitates this program with consistent attendance every month. There were 10 participants in April.



Adult Services –



Montclair's new English Conversation Group has continued to grow as circulation staff members Elizabeth and Katie took turns this month hosting the group. Writers' Room, Stitchers Circle and Once Upon a Crime keep going strong as part of Montclair's regular adult programming. Adult services also hosted three passive programs this month including a fun, Spring craft called Forever Flowers. Patrons were given the instructions to create their own tulips, daisies, daffodils or lavender using pipe cleaners. Patrons were also provided with a small clay pot and flower foam for their completed flowers. The program was a hit running out of supplies in less than a week. For the rest of the month, Librarian Shannon set up a paper butterfly passive program with instructions on making a simple origami butterfly and origami paper.



Youth Services –

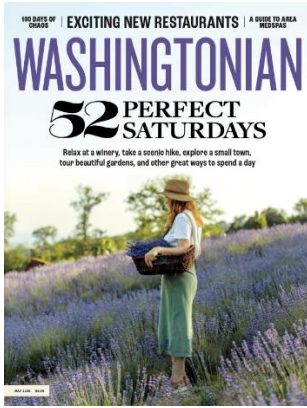
Katie and Heather led a Rainbow themed Science Club with Magic Milk, Skittles, Walking Water, and color changing carnations. Katie and Heather led Teen Advisory Group and teen volunteers made windchime take-and-makes for the children's department, which were well received and all taken within two days. Teens also enjoyed Mod Podge Mania and Dice Delight to celebrate LitCon, and a Mario Kart Tournament. Jacquie had preschoolers and toddlers moving and grooving at four weekly Good Morning Story Times. Sherri always gets a big crowd for Lego Club, which was well attended again in March. Babies and their caregivers got some much-needed social time at Jacquie's Baby Playtime and at Stoller Strides, led by community partner Shannon Slayer.



Accessible Resources and Collections

Circulation Services –

In April, Montclair circulated 24,861 items and created 132 new library cards. Our top 2 items circulated for April:



Adult Services –

Librarian Shannon also participated in the final judging for VLA's 2024-2025 Graphic Novel Diversity Award. The final adult category winner was selected as well as honorable and notable mentions to be announced by the Virginia Library Association later this Spring. The winning title will be added to PWPL's graphic novel collection.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Celebrating Potomac Library's 50 years of service to the community was the highlight of the month. Wow, has technology changed at Potomac throughout the years as is shown in the photos at right from big heavy computers to this month's 3D Maker Space program for staff.



Computers at PO a couple decades ago.



3D Maker Space program for staff this month that Jon created

Outreach and Community Engagement



Alpacas and bunnies

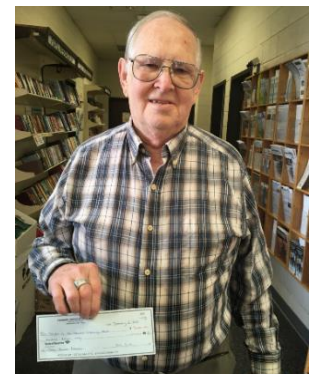


Photo station

We had an amazing 50th Birthday Party celebration thanks to leadership of Catherine and Christine. There were 848 patrons who attended, 160 crafts completed, 120 seed packets that found homes, more than 100 raffle tickets distributed, 7 prizes won, and 168 slices of cake served. More than 200 people pet our visiting alpacas, bunnies, and goats. On a sad note our long-time beloved Friends President Richard Thomson's Funeral Mass was this month.



Good food and good times at the 50th anniversary celebration



Our beloved late Friends President Richard Thomson

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Potomac Library Workers rock!!
The public showed us their appreciation for Library Workers Day.

In April we also had an offsite All Staff Meeting inspired by an American Library Association presentation. Staff from other locations covered our building. PO staff also provided training to other branches.



Positive feedback from the public to honor PO Library Workers – led by Catherine



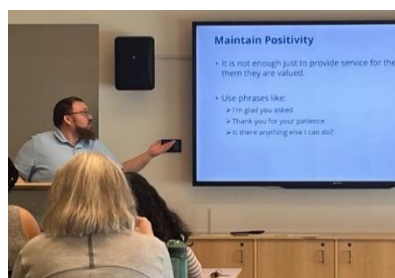
Maggie aka Big Bad Wolf celebrated Library Workers Day



Staff paintings at the offsite meeting



Potomac staff at the offsite all staff meeting – Japanese book binding, teambuilder with beach balls and painting



Customer Service Training by Matt



Pictured above staff who covered our branch during our offsite meeting. Our regular sub, staff from Montclair, Administration, Montclair, Dale City and Outreach.

Inviting Spaces

We are very excited for the partial new carpet replacement we are getting. It will help create an Inviting space for customers and staff. Customers find welcoming programs when coming for passports.



Part of the team that worked on the new carpeting



The new carpeting is going to have a wow factor!



Customers who arrived early for passports were happy to find a children's program they could attend while waiting.

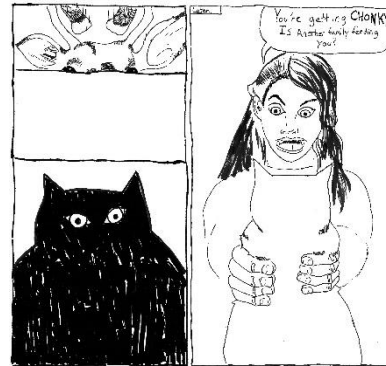
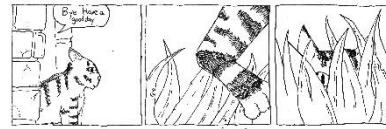
Community Responsive Enrichment



Artist and veteran Cedric Baker created this amazing display



The PO Sister Library Team (left to right: Mellionese, Robin, Joseph, Sue a volunteer from the actual library, Christine and Suzanne) had a special meeting



24-Hour Comic Day Practice Program by Evan

There were many innovative and interesting projects at Potomac Library from an art display, a meeting with an actual volunteer from our Sister Library in Guatemala to a Little Rangers Program for children.

Accessible Resources and Collections



Autism Awareness Display by Amy



Meet & Make Display by Catherine

There were many excellent displays to highlight the collection from Autism Awareness, Meet & Make, Poetry and Remembering Pope Francis.



Remembering Pope Francis Display by Joseph

Outreach and Community Engagement



Dale City staff was invited to Neabsco Elementary School's Autism Awareness Fun Run this month. Even though the weather was a little unfavorable, the event enjoyed a large turnout, and we talked to 158 adults and kids in just under two hours!

Community Responsive Enrichment



Our Miniatures Painting for Beginners program drew an all-ages crowd. Participants learned the basic steps of painting a figurine for their tabletop role-playing game adventures and were able to take their mini home with them.

Family Story Times continue to have fun singing and reading together. Matthew is working with OPE and other branches to test materials from My Music Starts Here, which creates engaging, educational music content for preschoolers. Parents and guardians have been asked to give us feedback on the incorporated content, and so far, the response has been positive.



Technology and Digital Inclusion

Our Technology Services Division refreshed the shared laptop for staff this month. We're very happy that most of the technology in the branch is now on the newer side – it's really helped our ability to assist the public quickly!

Outreach and Community Engagement

Dumfries Library Technician Deb attended "Glow Night" at Swann's Creek Elementary School this week – apparently the glow sticks were abundant! She took the prize wheel with her, so kids could spin the wheel to win a bag containing crafts and other giveaways from our Outreach supply. The prize wheel was a big hit, with over 200 students and parents stopping by the library booth! We're also working on scheduling summer reading visits in May and June with the local schools, and the response has been quite enthusiastic so far!

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Branch Manager John Hood attended the Northern Virginia Family Assistance Seminar this month to share information with the Library Emergency Management team. The seminar discussed the various types of response in the aftermath of a mass casualty incident, and how different county and state departments work together to provide Family Assistance in the aftermath of the event. Workers from across the Northern Virginia area attended, in many diverse lines of work: emergency services personnel, healthcare staff, airport staff, communications, as well as library staff from other counties. The experience was very valuable and will assist us in emergency planning for the library system.

Several Dumfries Library staff members also attended "Understanding ACEs to Increase Wellness and Resilience", a training offered by Community Services on individuals who have experienced childhood trauma (aka Adverse Childhood Experiences) and how it impacts their behavior and quality of life – this training helped us gain greater empathy with members of the public who walk through our doors every day.



PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY

**NO WRONG
DOOR**

Understanding ACEs to Increase
Wellness and Resilience

Inviting Spaces

This month we used memorabilia stored in our branch to create a “Dumfries Library Through the Ages” display! The display contains items that have been archived from the 80’s and 90’s, up to the Explore magazine detailing the relocation of the Dumfries Library in 2017! It’s a fascinating look back at the history of the branch over the last 40 years, and highlighted items that even a longtime Dumfries volunteer had never seen before!



We also got new signs designating our single stall restrooms as All Gender restrooms – the signs look great and really change up the space and have been good for customer service as well!

We are also working on shifting our adult graphic novels so that they have an individual section in the library, like we do with children’s and teen graphic novels – this will help streamline the collection and make these items easier to find for patrons.

We’ve also been hard at work reorganizing our closet of programming supplies in our staff area - it’s amazing how much easier it is to find our supplies, and how much space has been created already.



Community Responsive Enrichment



This month has been all about Lit Con at the Dumfries Library, especially since the idea for the program series originated with our Library Technician Sharon! Lit Con runs from April 21st – May 4th – we kicked off the program with a Graphic Novel Shrink Art Take-And- Make that gives kids materials to make their own shrink plastic keychains and offered a similar Manga themed Take-And-Make the following week. Then on April 26th we offered a big Manga Picture Frame drop-in craft program. Lots of kids showed up to create custom picture frames, with many creative designs! We’re also excited for our Free Comic Book Day program, which wraps up Lit Con in May.

Our Crafternoon programs continue to be popular each week as well, especially a recent Exploration themed Crafternoon following Story Time where kids created their own paper bag space helmets, as well as an art activity that allowed them to create a campfire scene using construction paper. It was awesome to see our usual Story Time crowd huddled around the table working on their crafts, and seeing all the kids leaving the library with space helmets!



Accessible Resources and Collections

Displays this month were National Humor Month, two Lit Con displays – one with program information and buttons, and another highlighting graphic novels from each age group, and a “Celebrate Dance!” display in the children’s area. The displays have all been quite popular, our staff loves to promote literacy to reluctant readers by recommending graphic novels and other books that are great for visual learners!



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Outreach and Community Engagement

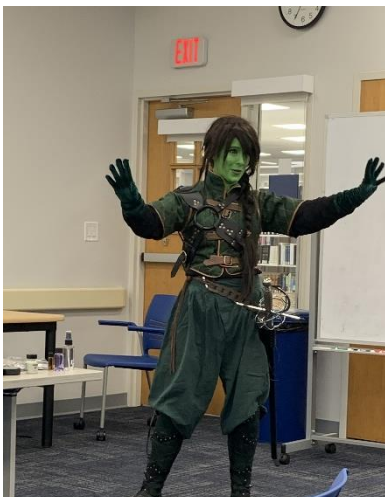
Dungeons & Dragons for (Older) Teens-Virtual



Each month, Heather hosts two virtual Dungeons & Dragons sessions for teens: one for older teens and another for younger teens. These events encourage teens to value the library.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Lit Con: Cosplay Power Hour



During two programs, Heather showcased her makeup and cosplay skills while collaborating with programmers from various branches.

Lego Club



During Lego Club, the children enjoyed building and displaying their Lego creations.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

April brought a host of new gadgets and gizmos to the library. To improve the customer experience, Greer ordered two additional tabletop power strips. The higher joules rating will better protect devices while the higher number (and variety) of outlets will allow for more users per table. The new portable power bank ordered mid-month also came in handy when the branch was flooded with patrons on April 30th who lost power elsewhere in the community. As tables filled up and folks ran out of places to plug in their devices, staff provided the power bank to a patron whose laptop needed a charge.

Meanwhile on the staff side of things, TSD and DOIT replaced three branch laptops as part of the refresh schedule. Everyone was excited and appreciative.

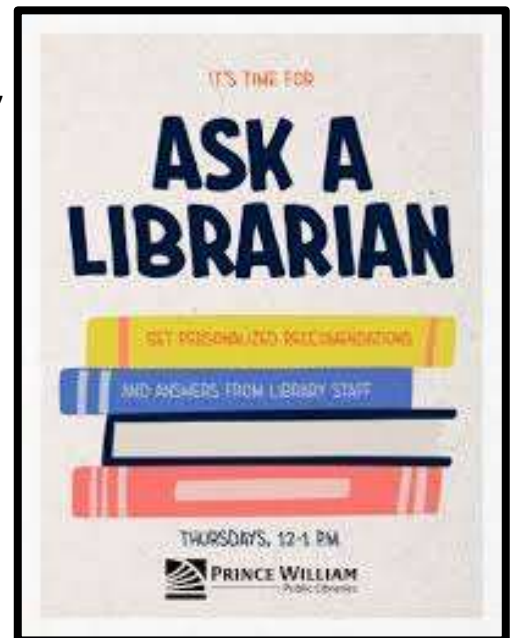


Outreach and Community Engagement

A nearby senior community, Westminster at Lake Ridge, once again reached out to request library representatives schedule another visit. Nichole and Lissette led a presentation on April 14th that focused on digital resources like Libby and Hoopla. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and receive help installing apps on their devices.

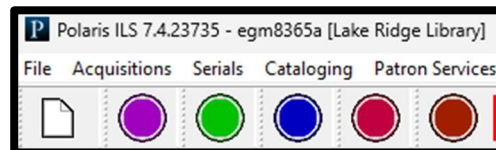
One patron also needed help regarding a very specific local map, so Lissette reached out to RELIC and ensured he had what he wanted within a couple of days. He also learned about curbside service and how to call into the branch for future requests.

Back in the branch, Joanna and Juliana each participated in a Thursday session of “Ask a Librarian” for the Office of Communications and Marketing. They connected with the community by answering questions related to library events, reader’s advisory, LitCon, eBooks, MLIS programs, and more!



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Joanna continued working towards her SharePoint goal with additional training and work sessions with Kim from OCM. She put her new skills to work as she constructed a new look for the branch's SharePoint page.



The team also welcomed Potomac's Circulation Manager Stephanie who offered a helpful review of certain circulation procedures. Staff asked clarifying questions on an array of topics, while visual learners especially enjoyed her PowerPoint which included snippets of procedural steps in Polaris.

Inviting Spaces

In honor of National Library Week, Greer bought balloons for the front desk and highlighted the daily celebrations by posting ALA's flyers around the desk. She also requested a coloring wellness kit from the county's Risk department which aligned well with the theme of National Library Week. The provided poster is so large, staff are still working to complete it several weeks later!

To better accommodate the steady stream of flyers and posters flooding the branch each month, staff ordered a larger whiteboard for the front of the library. The extra space was immediately helpful with patrons noticing the difference immediately.



Finally, staff observed that new signage on chairs in the children's area was having a positive impact. Several adult patrons read the small signs that explain the space's intended audience and willingly moved elsewhere so it could remain available and inviting for little ones and their families.

Community Responsive Enrichment

April was another big month for programming at the library with several regular events drawing larger participation than ever before. Joanna and Gabi led another fun and engaging bilingual storytime while Nichole's take and make craft kits delighted dozens of kiddos.

The branch also tapped into the strengths and generosity of others. One of the Lake Ridge Library's very own volunteers led the April book club discussion, while a few of the featured community puzzles were on loan from a South Carolina library.



Lisette's take and make for adults turned out beautifully thanks to some beautiful beads and other supplies.

Patrons were feeling especially crafty as they took home their own craft kits or participated in Basket Weaving 102 with Kelley from HG. Over the course of several hours, they learned how to create a more intricate basket than before and expressed their delight at leaving with something so nice that they made themselves.

Finally, in celebration of LitCon 2025, patrons of all ages enjoyed the chance to complete a scavenger hunt featuring graphic novel and manga characters. Fun for all!



Accessible Resources and Collections

To showcase various areas of the collection, Juliana once again delivered some creative and eye-catching graphic bibliographies. For the month of April, she focused on LitCon and April Showers, plus she delivered a creative display in celebration of International Design Day. Entitled, "Judge a Book by its Cover," her display featured titles recommended by staff and patrons because of their cover appeal. Ashley also offered an adult display that highlighted "firsts in a series," while Lisette kept the children laughing with her kids display that honored National Humor Month.



Lake Ridge also enjoyed the presence of Michelle from the director's office who spent a few days each week at the branch throughout April. As one of our greatest resources, it was wonderful to enjoy her extra time on site and we appreciate that she strives to remain approachable and accessible to all staff. 😊



Finally, April was National Volunteer Recognition Month so the team found different ways to celebrate the branch's amazing group of volunteers all month long. As one of our biggest resources, the volunteers received the praise and recognition, along with some tasty treats and literary gifts.

Each week a staff member surprised the volunteers with something delicious, including everything from miniature sandwiches and macaroons to coffee and fresh pastries from Paris Baguette. Nichole also put together a stunning display area that shared more about each volunteer, including their areas of specialty and their time with PWPL.

Technology and Digital Inclusion



On April 8, Sunny visited The Nokesville School's STEAM. She brought Science Viewers from OPE which were a hit for parents and kids to connect over vintage technology and learn about the library's new offerings- highlighting PWPL's makerspace and the digital library.

Outreach and Community Engagement

Cup of Cozy book club and Storytime and a Craft both continued to meet at Vita Nova Creatives & Coffee in Nokesville. Books on Tap met at Effingham Winery to discuss *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain and Cedar Run Books on Tap group met to discuss *Sensory: Life on the Spectrum: an autistic comic anthology* edited by Bex Ollerton.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Nokesville Library welcomed Library Director Jennifer Patterson for a branch visit on April 1, and Deputy Director Rebecca Lowe who worked out of the branch for much of the entire month of April. Both visits were a good opportunity for staff to share with Jennifer and Rebecca what they do within the branch, and to get to know library leadership. We are looking forward to seeing Rebecca again when she comes for Nokesville Day next month.

Inviting Spaces

Branch clean up projects to improve accessibility of library spaces continued this month. Deputy Director Rebecca Lowe assisted with a few clean up sessions and offered ideas on a variety of library projects, including scheduling a site visit from OCM to work collaboratively on ideas for refreshing and updating branch signage and marketing projects.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Nokesville Library continued offering weekly Thursday morning toddler and preschool programs, children's take and make crafts, and Lego club and Homeschool Hangout for school-age children. Crochet and Coffee meets monthly with a regular group of attendees and this month Helen offered an Earth Day upcycling craft. Sunny also created a bird watching scavenger hunt in the branch for kids to complete as they came in during spring break.

Technology and Digital Inclusion



New COS staff member, Lisha, has already done her first technology class with the Global Welcome Center in Manassas. It was well received. We will be scheduling more of these in the fall.



Outreach and Community Engagement



Festival/Events attended in the month of April:

May 5th: Community Pop Up Event at Garfield High School

May 12th: Hylton Career Fair

May 17th: Re-Entry Connections Event

May 24th: PWCS Student Environmental Action

May 26th: Anything Pawsible Festival at the Manassas Museum Lawn



We also started our first park visit of the year at Rollins Ford. Several families were excited to hear that we will be there monthly and doing summer reading activities throughout the summer.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

We were excited to be invited to attend an informative meeting at Bookworm Central. The discussion was lively and all about literacy and improving literacy throughout the area.

We also attended the combined Senior Services/Non-Profit Committee with the Chamber. Several speakers were in attendance including the founder of Planning for Senior Life, the executive director of Project Mend-A-House and Habitat for Humanity. All great services for seniors in our community.



Community Responsive Enrichment



This month, seniors enjoyed decorating flowerpots with Modge podge and tissues for a fun spring flower bouquet.

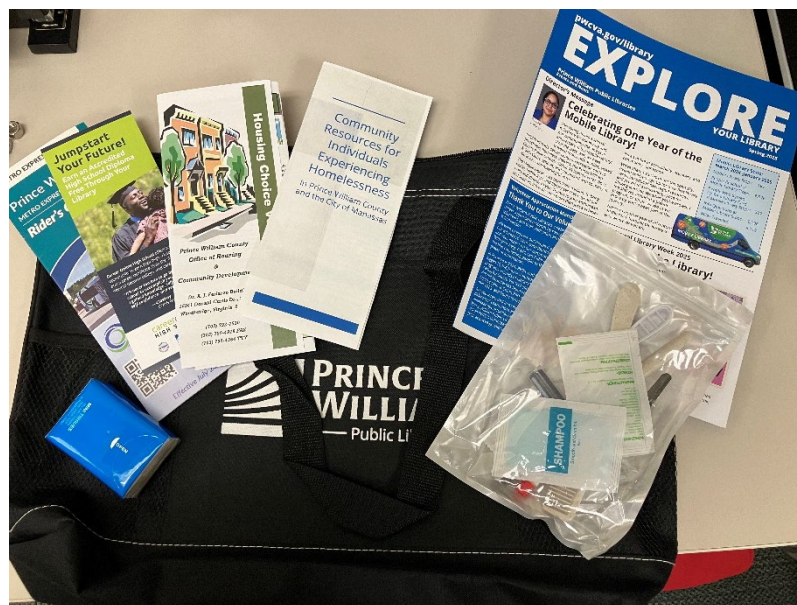
Children had fun playing with magnet tiles this month. Lots of designs were made!



Accessible Resources and Collections

We added a few puzzles to our collection this month and we are excited to get these checked out to our visitors. We have also had a lot of luck getting the majority of our hot spots checked out these last few months.

One of our regular partners, The Adult Detention Center asked us to do another round of re-entry kits. The first round was very well received. We are excited that these are being used by those who are re-entering society.



Accessible Resources and Collections

April was a busy month in MSD. We managed to keep up with the steady flow of new materials requested by our patrons, as we continue to see a high volume of new materials coming in every day. Here's a picture of just one daily delivery from one of our major vendors:



Every one of those boxes is full of new books!

In the meantime, we also managed to assist the Office of Programming and Events with ordering Summer Reading prizes—our Selectors met the request for several hundred books in a variety of categories for different age groups, and our Acquisitions staff got them ordered and delivered to OPE for distribution to the branches. There were so many books that we had to temporally annex the Trustee's Room.



We also ordered, cataloged, processed, and delivered a large quantity of Launchpads, Playaways, and Wonderbooks [see left for a few of the latter] in anticipation of Summer needs for vacationing families and kids home from school. Along with the WhaZoodles we added to the collection earlier this year, these multimedia products are a great way for the library to meet the informational and entertainment needs of our patrons while allowing them to stay away from commercial online products and the accompanying risks that parents and guardians worry about.

April was a very productive month, and May looks like it will be more of the same.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Digital Library Promotion: OCM leveraged a message from a patron who is "job hunting, and the library's resources have been so helpful." OCM's Media Specialist created a social media post promoting the different job tools in the Digital Library.

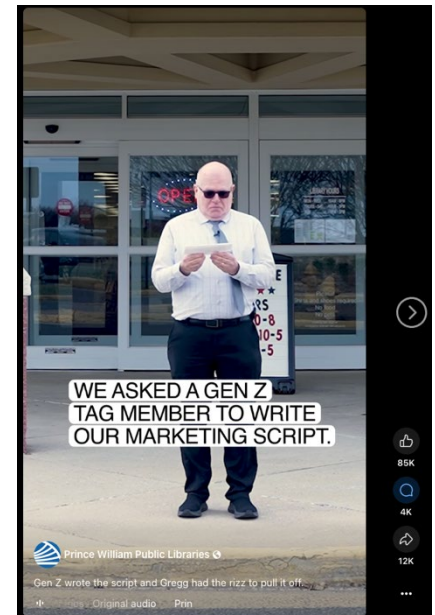
Outreach and Community Engagement

Guest Speaking at VCU: In response to the viral "Gen Z" reel, OCM was contacted by a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University who teaches a course on Media. Gregg and Emily were invited to be guests during his lesson on Gen-Z Slang to discuss the reel's success and PWPL's efforts to appeal to younger generations.

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PWPL Goes Viral! The Gen Z Script reel went viral on social media, resulting in more than 2.9 MILLION views on Facebook. The follow-up blooper reel was viewed more than 70,000 times.

The making of the reel was truly a teen effort: After the librarians and teen volunteer coordinated on the script, we had the perfect person with main character energy in mind: Bull Run Library's Branch Manager had just the right amount of rizz to pull off this trend. Our media specialist's production and editing skills helped bring even more levity and engagement to Gregg's epic performance.



Inviting Spaces

"Important Library Stuff" Podcast Features U.S. Passport Services: OCM produced its April episode to highlight Passport Services to help the public learn about the required forms, how to check the documentation, prepare payment, and make an appointment on pwcva.gov/library.

Accessible Resources and Collections

Lit Con 2025: OCM collaborated with the Office of Programming and Events and public service staff to prepare for Lit Con 2025. Before this year's program, OCM created a new "Lit Con Superhero" graphic, print posters, bookmarks, graphics, and more. It also secured four sponsors that provided additional support. During the two-week event, OCM wrote and distributed an article, implemented digital content and promotion, and was responsible for web content management.



Sponsors:



Technology and Digital Inclusion

Building on the technology access improvements highlighted in the previous report, OPE has successfully collaborated with vendors and TSD over the past two months to procure four new 3D printers. These upgraded printers offer increased power and speed compared to our existing two, along with improved portability.



Additionally, partnering with a local vendor ensures convenient on-site service and comprehensive staff training.

Expanding our programming horizons, OPE is partnering with TSD to acquire Virtual Reality Headsets. These will be included in the department's supplemental programming supplies inventory, allowing branch staff to introduce a dynamic and engaging new dimension to our programming services.

Some examples of VR programming are:

- Immersive historical or cultural tours
- Travel
- STEAM
- Book adaptations
- Games
- Language learning

We look forward to sharing more exciting updates on these exciting new tools.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Exciting news! The department is expanding significantly! Recognizing the increasing demand for our programs and the need for enhanced internal customer service, the Director's Office team supported our request for two new full-time librarian positions, which were approved in the budget. We're eagerly anticipating the near doubling of our team!

These new colleagues will be instrumental in supporting PWPL's mission by developing and leading their own branch programs and collaborating with public service staff to bring external vendors to our locations, allowing us to meet the growing demand for our services and enhance internal customer support

The Culture Connection series at PWPL continued to thrive in March and April, with Japan taking center stage. Central and Potomac Libraries provided the backdrop for immersive events featuring a beautiful Kyoto performance and a subsequent craft activity. Attendees also enjoyed an origami station with helpful library resources, along with a selection of matcha tea and snacks. This ongoing program is a testament to our commitment to celebrating the diverse cultures within Prince William County.

Looking ahead, OPE is excited to announce a new initiative to further develop Culture Connection. Starting in September 2025, we're partnering with an honor student to launch monthly cultural challenges for kids. These game bundles will offer a fun and interactive way to explore different countries.

Building on the theme of engaging events, the second annual Lit Con was held this past month, and we're pleased to share Rachel Johnson's description from Prince William Living:

The popular event highlights the power of visual storytelling and encourages library visitors to explore genres like fantasy, adventure, horror and more. With over 30 events scheduled across Prince William Public Libraries locations, Lit Con offers families, teens and adults a chance to celebrate creativity in an interactive and welcoming space.

To build upon the success of its inaugural year, OPE worked diligently behind the scenes with a committee and the Office of Communications and Marketing to enhance Lit Con. This included restructuring the timeline (moving from a month-long event to a more focused format), rebranding with a new and engaging graphic, contracting vendors, and collaborating with public service staff to develop events that resonated with the theme.



Further enhancing Lit Con's educational impact, OPE collaborated with Prince William County Schools to host a visit with Tom Angleberger, the acclaimed author of the Origami Yoda series, at a Title 1 school. Tom masterfully engaged the middle school students, inspiring them by sharing his creative journey and visually representing their own ideas.

We are committed to continuing this valuable partnership with PWCS for future author engagement.

AROUND TOWN

Mapping the Past: Prince William County's Kings Highway

— April 1, 2025

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Provided by Prince William Public Libraries / Written by Mary Kitiyakara, Senior Librarian/RELIC Manager

RELIC has extensive files, books, pictures, and maps on various topics available for researchers, such as roads and streets in Prince William County. The Local History Tour Group recently visited Neabsco Regional Park. After going through the history of the location in RELIC, a common theme came up: the Kings Highway.

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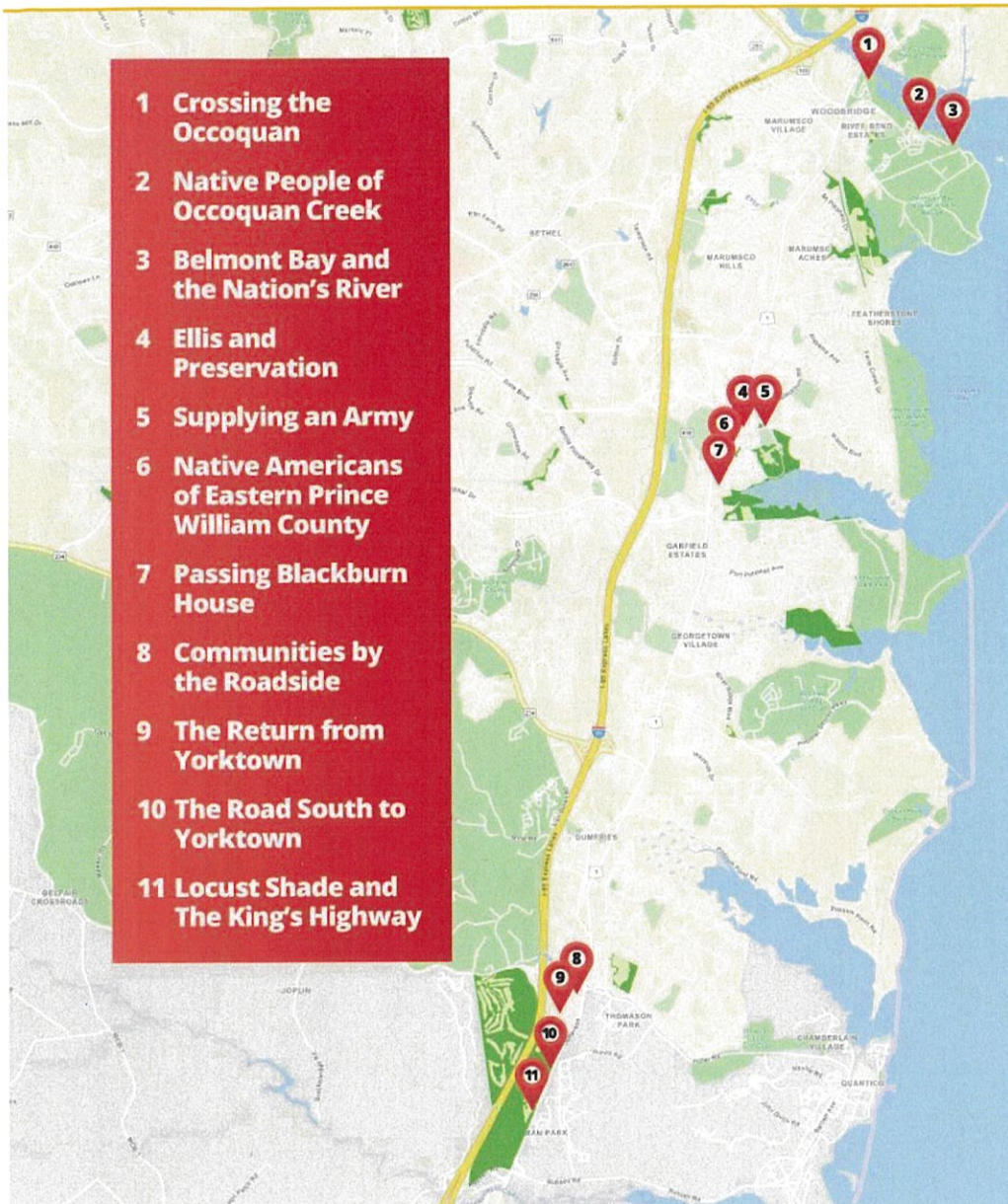
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The history of Kings Highway is just as significant to the history of Prince William and colonial America as some of the historic buildings surrounding it. It has evolved along with the settlements that used it; however, its origins begin with the Indigenous people and their pathways through the coastal interior and waterways. The waterways were used for the transport of goods and people. The interior pathways were efficient for bringing messages to and from various settlements. According to various sources, the name of this pathway was Potomac, but it may have had a name that was more in keeping with the Indigenous people who used it.

During colonial times, these pathways were not useful to the European settlers due to the incompatibility of their forms of transportation, such as carts, wagons, and horses. Communication and transportation between the spread-out colonies were done by using ships that were not meant for short-distance travel, and this sometimes led to sinking or losing their way.

The Kings Highway was ordered by King Charles II. Work began in the mid-17th century and was completed in the 18th century. It was not a perfect solution due to poor maintenance, but it led to colonial Virginia's passing of one of the first road maintenance laws.

AROUND TOWN

Cultivate and Create a Love of Nature at Prince William Public Libraries

— April 1, 2025

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The flowering dogwoods are blooming, the northern cardinals are singing, and Prince William Public Libraries is welcoming spring with new books and other items in their collection, ways to enjoy their spaces, and exciting programs. Here are a few ways PWPL can help you make the most out of spring.

Check Out These Items

Are you hoping to introduce gardening to your little ones this spring? Check out **"Logan's Greenhouse"** by JaNay Brown-Wood. Join Logan as he searches for carrots in his wheelchair-accessible greenhouse in this vibrant exploration of gardening and healthy eating from the *Where in the Garden?* picture book series. Join author JaNay Brown-Wood at Montclair Library on Saturday, April 26, for the chance to win a signed copy!

"The Junior Plant Lover's Handbook: A Green Thumb Guide for Kids" by Molly Williams is another great gardening resource that just hit the shelves. This illustrated guide provides young readers with information about the soil and temperature requirements for growing their own gardens and a glossary of terms.

If you're planning a nice picnic with the family, check out **"Forest Magic for Kids: How to Find Fairies, Make a Secret Fort, and Cook Up an Elfin Picnic."** This colorful book includes 50 activities for kids to get excited about nature and explore the outdoors.

content and doesn't require a WPLP.

Speaking of that road trip, place a hold today on an “[I Love Virginia State Parks](#)” backpack. These backpacks are filled with a free admission pass that can be used at any Virginia State Park, maps, and pocket guides.

Visit PWPL's Outdoor Spaces

If you want to visit one of PWPL's 12 libraries, don't forget to stop by one of the story trails! PWPL currently has four story trails, at Central, Chinn Park, Haymarket Gainesville, and Independent Hill Libraries.

Pollinator Gardens should start seeing some winged visitors in the coming weeks. Be sure to visit the gardens at Bull Run, Central, Haymarket Gainesville, Independent Hill, Montclair, and Nokesville Libraries to see the flora and fauna today!

There's so much to see and do at Prince William Public Libraries this spring. Enjoy the great outdoors (and air-conditioned indoors). Try a new hobby, learn a new skill, or enjoy a nice read. Visit [pwcva.gov/library](#) to plan your next visit.

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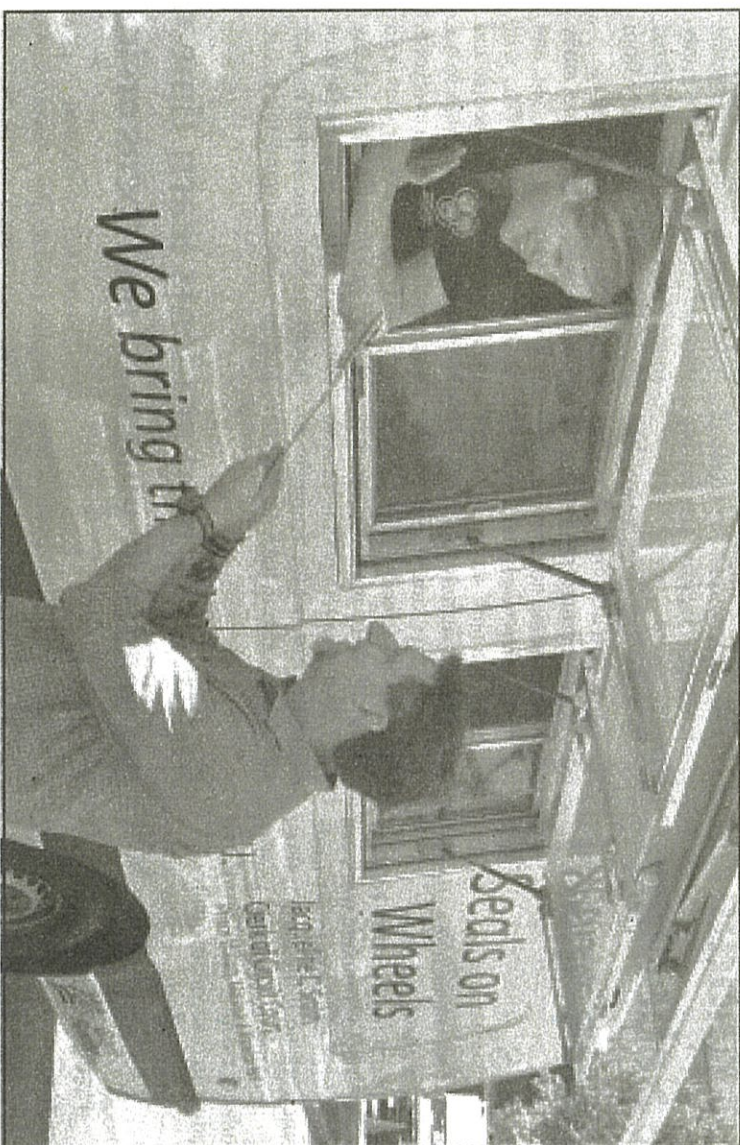
Prince William Circuit Court Clerk Jacqueline C. Smith, Esq. has resumed her popular Seals on Wheels program on March 29.

Clerk Smith parks a specially marked van that is "fully equipped (as a) mobile court services center" at neighborhood libraries and community events, bringing services closer to the people and also at times when the Prince William Circuit Court Clerk's office is closed.

Many frequently requested court services, including marriage licenses, name changes, notary certifications, concealed handgun permits, copies of deeds, court records, and more.

The Clerk's Seals on Wheels upcoming dates and locations:

- April 26 - Montclair Library (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- May 10 - Manassas City Library (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- June 7 - Occoquan Riverfest (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and



Prince William Circuit Court Seals on Wheels van that will be parked at various libraries and community events from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on selected Saturdays. Residents can obtain such court services as marriage licenses, name changes, notary certifications, concealed handgun permits, copies of deeds, court records at this fully equipped mobile court services center. Courtesy Photo

• July 26 - Potomac Library (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

For more information about the P.W.C. Circuit Court Clerk's Seals on Wheels services, please visit Home 1 Seals on Wheels (pwcircuitcourt.com).

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the schedule is subject to change.

For daily updates about Seals on Wheels, please connect with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office on social media at @PWCCircuitCourt (Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X) Prince William Circuit Court Clerk Jacqueline C. Smith, Esq. serves the residents of Prince William County and residents of the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. The Clerk's office is located on the Third Floor of the Prince William County courthouse building at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110. Phone 703-792-6015, email: circuitcourt@pwcgov.org or go to <https://www.pwcva.gov/departments/circuit-court>.



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PRESS RELEASE, PRINCE WILLIAM

Meet Prince William: Q+A with Jennifer Patterson, Library Director

Caitlyn Meisner April 4, 2025 at 8:00am

Meet Prince William
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Welcome back to a Potomac Local News series, “Meet Prince William.”

We’ve started this series so Prince William County residents can get to know the important people working behind the scenes to make the county run smoothly and efficiently. This is an opportunity to learn from experts on the county. Potomac Local has



Today, get to know Jennifer Patterson, the library director. Patterson has been with the county [since September](#) when she assumed her role. Most recently, she was the library services director in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Patterson has also served in various roles in Greensboro, N.C.; Gonzales, La.; and Winston, N.C.

How have your previous roles in libraries across the country helped prepare you for becoming Library Director?

Having served as a library director three times in systems of varying sizes — rural, urban and suburban — I have developed a deep appreciation for community engagement and a strategic mindset for balancing tradition with innovation. Each role I've held has helped shape my servant leadership approach. I've learned how to build meaningful relationships with staff, patrons and stakeholders while honoring the traditions that make each library unique. At the same time, I've gained experience implementing new services and technologies that help libraries evolve. This experience equips me to lead Prince William Public Libraries, where we serve a diverse population through 12 library locations and a Mobile Library. I have successfully navigated the challenges and opportunities that come with serving different populations, ensuring that library services remain relevant, inclusive and impactful.

If there's one thing you'd like the community to understand about the role of the library in today's society, what would it be?

The public library is more than just a place for books: It's a vital community hub that provides access to information, technology and opportunities for lifelong learning. Today, libraries bridge the digital divide, support workforce development, promote literacy for all ages and offer a welcoming space for connection and discovery.

At their core, libraries are about equity: ensuring everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, has the resources they need to succeed. Whether it's a student seeking homework help, a job seeker learning new skills or an older adult attending a community program, the library is there to meet people where they are and empower them to grow. I want the community to view their library as a place that evolves with them — always ready to serve, adapt and inspire.



One of the most pressing challenges facing Prince William Public Libraries is ensuring equitable access to library services across a rapidly growing and diverse community. With 12 locations and a mobile library, we already serve a wide range of needs, but as the county expands, so does the demand for more library services in areas where physical branches may not yet exist.

I see this challenge as an opportunity to reimagine how we can deliver library services. By leveraging technology and innovative service models, we can expand our reach beyond traditional library walls. Pop-up libraries in high-traffic community spaces, strategically placed library vending machines that offer popular materials on demand, and enhanced digital resources will help bridge service gaps. Additionally, offering mobile and virtual services — such as expanded e-book and audiobook collections, online programming, and virtual reference services — ensures that residents can access library resources anytime, anywhere. By planning creatively and remaining adaptable, Prince William Public Libraries can continue to meet the community's needs while positioning itself as a leader in modern library service delivery.

What programs, initiatives or projects are you most excited about for the library in the next few years?

I'm excited to share that PWPL will launch its Level Up Challenge this fall. Level Up is a new program designed to engage with and foster a love of reading for students in grades K–12. PWPL's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a wonderful way to introduce our youngest readers to pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation, a key to school and learning success. While 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten remains popular, PWPL does not have a comprehensive literacy program after children enter kindergarten.

PWPL's Summer Reading and Winter Reading programs also help bring readers of all ages into our libraries to enjoy our programs and read to earn prizes, but the Level Up Challenge will truly take reading to the next level! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

How do you envision strengthening partnerships with local schools, businesses and other organizations?



together, and we couldn't do that without local schools, businesses and organizations. We work diligently to strengthen partnerships by expanding student access to library resources, collaborating with schools on curriculum-aligned programs and bringing mobile library services to classrooms.

Partnering with local businesses, we will support workforce development through job fairs, small business workshops and financial literacy programs. Engaging with community organizations, we continue to provide health and wellness initiatives, cultural programming, and social services resources. Sponsorships from businesses will ensure the sustainability of essential programs like Summer Reading and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and support PWPL's outreach efforts. By fostering these partnerships, the library is a vital resource for education, economic advancement and community support.

What do you believe is the most important value the library should provide to its patrons in an increasingly digital world?

PWPL provide equitable access to information, technology, and lifelong learning opportunities in an increasingly digital world. As the greater Prince William community grows and evolves, the library will continue bridging the digital divide by offering free internet access, digital literacy training, and emerging technology through our makerspaces and STEM programs. Even our approach to local history and genealogy is influenced by advancements in technology. We recently introduced our new Digital Preservation Lab at RELIC — with technology and software designed to preserve historical documents without damaging originals, visitors can now digitize their personal archives for free at the library.

Beyond technology, the library remains a cornerstone of education, civic engagement and community connection — offering virtual and in-person resources that support students, job seekers and lifelong learners alike. By expanding digital collections, enhancing online services and fostering innovation, PWPL can ensure that all residents have the tools they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

AROUND TOWN

Assistive Devices at Prince William Public Libraries

— April 5, 2025

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Prince William Public Libraries (PWPL) is committed to providing its users with the services and devices needed for patrons requiring visual, hearing, and physical adaptive services. Below is a listing of the free aids the library provides to ensure patrons can use PWPL's materials and services easily and comprehensively. Stop by the Information Desk at Bull Run, Central, Chinn Park, Manassas City, Montclair, Haymarket Gainesville, or Potomac when needing assistance.

Listen to the "[Assistive Services of PI](#)" podcast episode to learn more.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Email: libcommunications@pwcgov.org

SIGN INTERPRETING SERVICES

PWPL offers American Sign Language interpreters, based on availability, at all library-sponsored programs and events for deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons. Requests should be made at least three weeks in advance by calling the branch library where the event or program is taking place or emailing your request to

libcommunications@pwcgov.org.

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SERVICES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Magnifiers:

Community and regional libraries all have a variety of portable magnifiers, including bar, sheet, and handheld magnifiers that can be used while visiting the library. In addition, Central, Chinn Park, Manassas City, Montclair, Haymarket Gainesville, and Potomac Libraries have portable electronic magnifiers that can be used for reading and writing.

Talking Books:

Central, Chinn Park, Manassas City, Montclair, Haymarket Gainesville, and Potomac Libraries have application forms for the free library services offered by the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, a member of the National Library Service for the Visually and Physically Handicapped. County residents receive services through a state-affiliated library, Central Rappahannock Regional Library, in Fredericksburg. Materials include cassette books and CDs, large print books, Braille books, and videos. Additional information may be found by visiting PWPL's [regional partner's webpage](#).

Large Print Collections:

All 12 branches in PWPL have collections of large print materials that can be checked out for a three-week loan period. Titles can be found using our online catalog searching under the subject heading "Large Type Books."

Audiobooks:

All 12 branches within PWPL have collections of CDs that can be checked out for a three-week loan period. In addition, small players pre-loaded with an audiobook, called Playaways, also provide another audio format. Titles can be found using our online catalog and searching these subject headings: "Books on CD" and "Playaways."

Downloadable eAudios and E-Books/Streaming Media

Using any number of devices, patrons can access thousands of downloadable audiobooks and e-books for free with a library card. From the [Digital Library](#) or using an app, users can launch Libby, by OverDrive or hoopla Digital to download an audiobook onto their device. Hoopla Digital also allows users to stream audiobooks, comics, books, movies, and music.

E-books may also be downloaded via Libby, by OverDrive and some devices permit enlarging print for low-vision users.

OTHER ASSISTIVE SERVICES

Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters

Bull Run and Chinn Park Libraries have wheelchairs and electric scooters. Please stop by the Information Desk of the libraries to use these devices.

Cane Seats

Central, Chinn Park, Manassas City, Montclair, Haymarket Gainesville, and Potomac Libraries have cane seats available.

[Learn more.](#)



Are You a Local?

PRESS RELEASE

Book Lovers Flock to Spring Book Sale Weekend at Chinn Park Library in Lake Ridge

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LAKE RIDGE, Va. — Book enthusiasts from across the community are invited to stock up their shelves while supporting a good cause during the Spring Book Sale at Chinn Park Regional Library, hosted by the Friends of Chinn Park Library.



library's programming and resources.

On Thursday and Friday, April 24–25, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., it is open to everyone. Shoppers can browse a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books, children's titles, cookbooks, and more.

On Saturday, April 26, the sale wraps up with the popular Bag Sale from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., where customers can fill an entire bag of books for one low price.

Chinn Park Regional Library, located at 13065 Chinn Park Drive, serves the Lake Ridge and Prince William County community with a wide range of services, including a full-service children's area, public computers, meeting rooms, and a variety of programs for all ages. The library is part of the Prince William Public Library system.

The Friends of Chinn Park Library, a volunteer-run nonprofit organization, supports the library through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer efforts. For more information about the book sale or to get involved, email chinnparkfriends@gmail.com.

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POWER OF LITERACY

Ameer Baraka

Award Winning Actor & Dyslexia Advocate

Ameer Baraka, is an Emmy-nominated actor, author, dyslexia advocate, youth mentor and prison coach.

A portrait of Ameer Baraka, a smiling man with a goatee wearing a purple V-neck shirt, is shown on the right side of the graphic.



Emmy-nominated actor and dyslexia advocate Ameer Baraka will be the keynote speaker at the Prince William Chamber Foundation's first Power of Literacy event on May 3.

The event, at Potomac Valley Church in Dumfries from 1-3 p.m., is presented by Decoding Dyslexia Virginia-Prince William County. It is intended to highlight the importance of literacy and raise awareness about dyslexia. The day will include vendor information from resources such as the Virginia International Dyslexia Association, the Prince William Library System and the National Center on Improving Literacy.

Potomac Valley Church pastor Will Archer will kick off the event, followed by Baraka, who is also an author, youth mentor and prison coach. He will share his story about overcoming the challenges of dyslexia and helping others. Dyslexia affects one in every five people, can be hereditary and affects everyone differently.

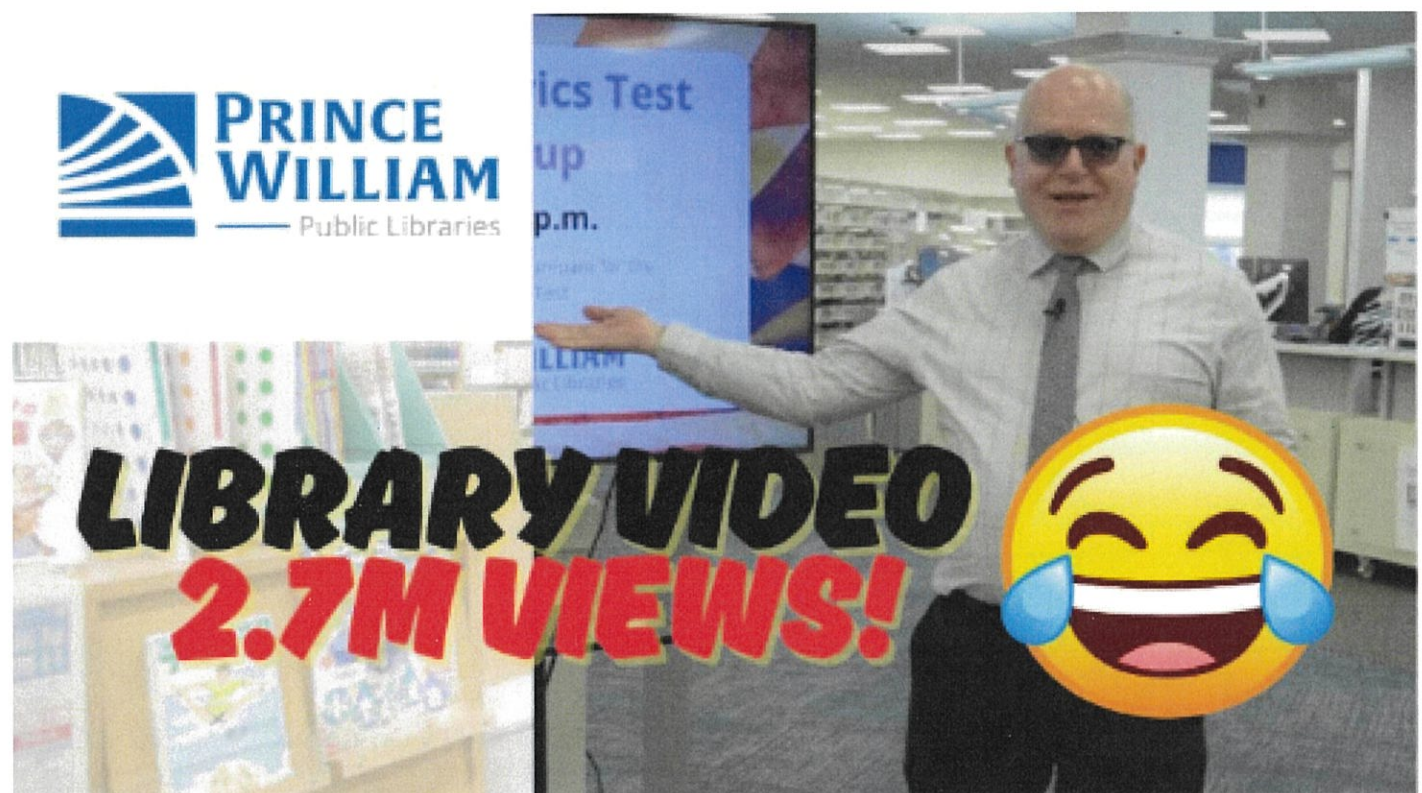
The event will wrap up with a panel discussion of dyslexia experts to provide insight into the obstacles that dyslexic thinkers face.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/4hl8ruL.

PRINCE WILLIAM

Prince William County Library Goes Viral with Gen Z-Inspired Video

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. – A short video created by a team at the Prince William County Public Library System has taken the internet by storm, garnering more than 2.7 million views across social media platforms and capturing the attention of viewers from as far away as California.

At the center of the viral sensation is Gregg Grunow, the branch manager at Bull Run Regional Library, who stars in a [12-line comedic reel written entirely in Gen Z slang](#). The video's unexpected popularity has thrust both Grunow and the library system into the social media spotlight.

"It surprised me as well. I've never had a video up online before that I'm aware of," said Grunow during an interview on the Potomac Local News Podcast. "It's very surprising... flabbergasting, to use an older term."

The video debuted the week of April 8 and has since been shared widely across Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X (formerly Twitter), YouTube, and even Reddit, where it appeared organically on multiple subreddits.

A Teen's Vision, A Viral Hit

The idea for the video originated with a teen librarian at Bull Run Library, near Manassas, who had long envisioned a fun way to highlight the library's offerings. The script was authored by Shria, a teen volunteer who participates in the library's advisory group, and brought to life by Emily, a media specialist on Rachel Johnson's communications team.

"We are very proud of our digital communications efforts and our social media following," said Rachel Johnson, communications manager for the library system. "But we've never seen engagement on this level before."

The quirky script, which included phrases like "the new books ate and left no crumbs" and "slay," was a foreign language to Grunow.

"I didn't even know how to pronounce some of the words," he admitted, explaining that he consulted the teen librarian for guidance. "No, I didn't really understand what I was reading."

But that unfamiliarity made the delivery even funnier, as Grunow recited the lines with dry, earnest timing—turning what could have been an inside joke into a viral cultural moment.

Though humorous, the video has serious underpinnings. It's part of a broader push by the Prince William County Public Library System to connect with all demographics—especially teens.

"We want our libraries to be as vibrant as the greater Prince William community," said Johnson. "That means recognizing how to reach all of our target demographics."

Many branches, including Bull Run, are now creating dedicated teen spaces within their buildings. Projects like the viral video are one way to make young people feel welcome and included in the library community.

"We want teens to come in and feel like this is their community space," Johnson added.

Community Applause, Global Reach

Grunow's starring role hasn't gone unnoticed. Since the video's release, a library patron stopped by to ask about him, and a caller from California phoned in to offer congratulations.

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“Greg has been such a good sport,” Johnson said. “Once we saw the script, we all just sort of knew—it was going to be Greg.”

The library system is preparing for its 2025 Summer Reading Program, which kicks off in June. This year’s theme, Color Our World, will carry forward the same energy and creativity showcased in the viral reel.

“We’re always looking at trends and asking what’s the next fun thing we can do,” Johnson said. “This video has been an amazing opportunity to engage with both our local community and a global audience.”

While no follow-up video is confirmed just yet, the team is clearly energized by the success—and ready to keep experimenting with creative outreach.

“It’s been such a wonderful jumping-off point,” Johnson said.

Grunow, for his part, remains humble about his sudden fame.

“This was my first video,” he said, still sounding a bit stunned. “It’s been shocking... and honestly, kind of amazing.”