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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU AS A CUSTOMER OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY! Your visit is now one of the almost 5 million Baltimore County Public Library visits that occur every year. This publication highlights our resources and provides you with information on how to take advantage of every opportunity here: We have offerings for all ages to explore, learn, create and connect.

Baltimore County Public Library has been a trusted resource in the community since 1948, and we continue to grow and evolve to meet the needs of the community. Today, our library is a safe zone, a civic center, a technology hub and a space for ideas and learning. There is no other place where you can get the same array of services and experiences so easily and conveniently and — more importantly — for free. We are proud of our tradition of books, reading and literacy. And, we are also focused on our new services and access to technologies that are critical for our residents to succeed in the 21st century. Baltimore County Public Library provides resources and opportunities for learning and education, economic and workforce development, arts and culture, and community engagement and inclusion.

Baltimore County Public Library is a connector, convener and an instrument of democracy in the social fabric of Baltimore County communities. Our branches and staff are dedicated to improving the quality of life and providing a safety net for those who need connections, resources and opportunities. Our tagline “Be All In” is our commitment and promise to be a vibrant and meaningful part of the community.

Check out the variety of resources and services we provide . . . and “Be All In” as you explore and learn new things and become inspired.

Sincerely,

Paula Miller
Director
Baltimore County Public Library
Welcome to Your Library

What can I borrow?

Your library card provides endless opportunities to explore, learn, create and connect. You can check out materials from any of our branches and return them to any branch. Materials available in our collection include:

- **Books**: Regular and large print books, with new titles added weekly
- **World Language Collection**: A collection of titles in Spanish, Russian and Korean available in select branches
- **Magazines and Periodicals**
- **Book Kits**: Baby Boosters Kits, Book Club Kits and Read-Along Kits
- **Downloads**: Audiobooks, ebooks and magazines, downloadable from our website
- **DVDs**: Movies, instructional, TV series
- **Digitally Streamed Movies**: Kanopy Collection
- **Compact Discs**: Music, audiobooks
- **Video Games**: PlayStation, Xbox, Wii and Nintendo Switch
- **Technology**: Chromebooks, Playaway Launch Pads, Playaways
WHAT CAN I ACCESS?

- **ONLINE DATABASES**: Magazines, journals, newspapers, automotive and engine repair, biographies, test and exam practice tests, health, business, encyclopedias and more
- **ONLINE LANGUAGE DATABASES**: Mango Languages
- **LINKEDIN LEARNING**: An online education company offering thousands of video courses in software, creative and business skills
- **DIGITAL MARYLAND**: Online access to a selection of historical photographs, documents and artifacts from our local history collections
- ** CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY**: Hands-on digital skills to prepare for careers in communication technology

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

In addition to materials, Baltimore County Public Library provides a variety of services, including:

- **BOOKMOBILES** provide library access for Baltimore County residents and attend outreach events in the community.
- **PUBLIC COMPUTERS** provide access to the internet, Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint and wireless printing.
- **FREE WIFI** available at all branches.
- **FAXING** available for a nominal fee at the Arbutus, Essex, Hereford, Lansdowne, Loch Raven, North Point and Sollers Point branches, with other branches being added throughout the year.
- **PHOTOCOPYING** including color copies available at any branch for a nominal fee per page.
- **PRINTING** to black-and-white and color printers is available at any branch from the public computers as well as via our wireless network. Printouts are $.15 per page for black-and-white pages and $.30 per page for color copies.
- **PASSPORT APPLICATION AND PHOTO SERVICE** available at Arbutus, Towson and White Marsh branches.
- **STUDY ROOMS** provided for individuals and small groups at the Arbutus, Cockeysville, Essex, Hereford, Owings Mills, Perry Hall, Randallstown, Rosedale, Towson and Woodlawn branches. Bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis for the current business day and cannot be booked in advance. (See sidebar, page 4.)
- **ENCLOSED QUIET AREAS** are available at the Arbutus, Catonsville, Cockeysville, Essex, Hereford, Owings Mills, Perry Hall, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Rosedale, Towson and White Marsh branches.
- **PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS** at most branches are available for rental by contacting 410-887-6109.
- **MY LIBRARIAN APPOINTMENTS** to meet one-on-one with a librarian who can help you get started with library resources and technology.

HUNDREDS OF PROGRAMS for adults, teens and children hosted daily at each branch. Registration is often required. A complete program list can be found at bcpl.info.

**ASK A QUESTION**, our email service at bcpl.libanswers.com. Receive a response from library staff within 72 hours.

**BOOK DROPS** for returning all library items after business hours are available at any Baltimore County Public Library branch.

**DRIVE-UP WINDOW** at the Arbutus and Perry Hall branches for picking up holds or returning library items.

**SUMMER READING** provides reading challenges and interactive programs for all age groups with incentives for participating.

**NOTARY SERVICES** available for a fee at the Essex Branch, with other branches being added throughout the year.

**3D PRINTING SERVICES** available for a fee by uploading designs at bcpl.info/services. Become certified to use 3D printers for free by making an appointment at Randallstown, Rosedale and Towson branches.

**NEW ANIMAL LICENSES** for cats and dogs available at any branch for a fee.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PLUMBING PERMIT** available at any branch for licensed plumbers for a fee.
WHAT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CAN I PARTICIPATE IN?

#BWellRead Reading Challenge
Each month brings a new challenge; read a book consistent with the theme, post a photo on social media with hashtag #Bwellread and be entered to win a prize.

Job Seekers
Whether you’re looking for help with your resume, interviewing tips or need help securing a job, the library has a variety of programs, services and resources to assist you.

Artist/Maker Programs
Want to try your hand at papercutting? How about book binding? Jewelry making? The library works with local artists and makers to provide you the opportunity to explore a new outlet for your creativity.

Book Buzz
If you’re looking for the next buzzworthy title, librarians share and discuss the must-read books of the season.

Civic Engagement
Opioids. Religion. Politics. Race. Join members of the community in discussion with experts on topics of local, state and national importance. Learn how to impact your community and connect to resources to help ensure a healthy, successful Baltimore County.

Meet Authors
Hear from authors about their work and craft. Connect with a New York Times bestselling author at the annual Book Lovers Bash or discover a new favorite at our First Editions. From fiction to nonfiction, romance to sci-fi, there’s an author for every reader.

NEED HELP FINDING EMPLOYMENT?
Visit a Baltimore County Career Center to get help with:

- Résumé development & interview preparation
- Computer skills enhancement
- Job search strategies, job readiness and workshops
- One-on-one job consultation & career pathways guidance
- Credential based, in-demand occupational skills training
- Referrals to GED courses, ESOL and literacy courses
- Veteran’s services & re-entry services

and more, at no cost to you!

Career Center Locations

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For more information, visit BaltimoreCountyMD.gov/jobseekers
BOOK CLUBS AND DISCUSSIONS

LOCAL WRITERS
Work on your writing in our writing groups and workshops, and participate in our annual Indie Author Day and Local Author Showcase.

BC READS
What if everyone read the same books at the same time?
BC Reads takes place each April with a series of events that encourages conversation and a deeper connection for residents living in Baltimore County through reading and the arts. Since its inception in April 2016, almost 3,000 community members of all ages have participated in a wide variety of programs, including author visits, community forums, film discussions, poetry workshops, book discussions and more. Authors of our selected books visit branches, county schools and senior living communities.

HUMAN LIBRARY™: UNJUDGE SOMEONE
Real people on loan to readers. Difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered. This program is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. Check out a living book to learn about a different culture, belief system or member of the community through questions and conversations.

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Archbalt.org/Schools

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I want to figure out everything.

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—Kenzie, Kindergarten

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PLAY, READ AND LEARN

EARLY CHILDHOOD

BABY, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES offer fun and engaging early learning experiences. Early childhood staff shares activities with parents and caregivers that promote early learning through books, music, movement and everyday activities with their babies and young children.

PLAY AND LEARN CENTERS in the children’s area at all branches support early learning. A variety of early learning toys and materials are available for parents and caregivers to engage with their young children. Themes, such as dinosaurs, pets, wild animals, farm animals, bugs, community helpers, transportation and nursery rhymes, are featured and rotate throughout the year.

BOOK AND ACTIVITY IDEA KITS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS are available for three-week checkout. More than 200 kits on 24 different early childhood learning themes are available in the collection. Each kit contains eight books, one adult resource book and one children’s CD on a theme.

PLAYAWAY LAUNCHPADS are rechargeable tablets for children that come pre-loaded with high-quality, ad-free learning apps grouped by age and grade level.

READ-ALONG KITS contain a CD and a print copy of the book. Designed for the child just learning to read.

STORYLINE gives children listening access to imaginative and seasonal stories selected by our Youth and Family Engagement department by calling 410-887-6116. Hear two new stories every week.

ELEMENTARY

The library offers a variety of out-of-school-time programs that are fun, educational and relate to STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, math) initiatives. Offerings include maker programs, computer coding, LEGO, cultural/music/arts programs, professional storytellers, puppet shows, children’s theater, children’s authors and illustrators, science shows and much more.

For more information or to find programs near you, visit our online calendar of events at bcpl.info.
Can I get a library card for my child?

**AGES UNDER 14**

A parent/legal guardian, 18 years or older, must apply for a library card for a child under 14 years old. The child must be present at time of application and the parent/guardian must show a current photo ID. The parent/guardian must sign the card before it may be used, accepting financial responsibility for materials borrowed/charges incurred.

**NON-CUSTODIAL GUARDIAN ACCOMPANYING THE CHILD**

(including grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, foster parents) must be 18 years or older, show a current photo ID, live at the same address as the child and sign the child’s card.

**CHECKING OUT DVDS AND VIDEO GAMES** requires parent or guardian permission and a signature at the time of registration in order for children to use their library cards to check out DVDs and video games not rated for children. If the parent/guardian does not authorize permission, only DVDs and video games for children may be borrowed.

**TEENS**

Library card application requires a current photo ID, for example a current Maryland driver’s license, learner’s permit, provisional license or school-issued ID. If you do not have a current photo ID, then a parent/guardian, 18 years or older, must be present to show a current photo ID and sign the library card.

**CHECKING OUT DVDS AND VIDEO GAMES**, see above, Ages Under 14.

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**TEENS**

There are many programs just for teens — from maker programs to video gaming to graphic novel clubs to anime and manga nights. We also offer programs designed just for teens with special needs.

**HOMEWORK HELP** We offer expert help. Brainfuse, a live, chat-based tutor, is available on our website for math, writing and reading seven days a week from 2 p.m. until midnight. Our extensive list of databases also provides valuable resources for research. It’s all free with your library card!

**VIDEO GAMES** A large selection of PlayStation, Wii, Xbox and Nintendo Switch video games are available to check out as well as gaming systems in several branches to enjoy while you are visiting.

**STUDY ROOMS AND QUIET AREAS**

Looking for a quiet place to write a paper or meet with a tutor? The library has quiet areas and study rooms at most branches. Enclosed study rooms are currently available to individuals and small groups at the Arbutus, Cockeysville, Essex, Hereford, Owings Mills, Perry Hall, Randallstown, Rosedale, Towson and Woodlawn branches at no charge. Customers must sign up to use a study room at the branch’s customer service desk. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the option to reserve space for the current business day (when available and at the discretion of the branch). Customers may sign up for a study room in one-hour time blocks, with the option to add additional hours, one hour at a time, unless others are waiting to use the room. Quiet areas, where available, are open to any customer with no sign-up required.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING** Several of our branches provide space for hanging out after school during the school year. Watch movies, play video games, make a craft, enjoy a snack and have fun!

**DATABASES** A collection of research databases is available to aid in learning and research, including SAT practice tests, science fair preparation, biography research, World Books for Kids and much more. Available from our website.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** We encourage teens to connect with and give back to the community through a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the year — from Summer Reading Buddies to teen advisory groups at select branches.

**STUDENT ACCOUNTS** BCPS students can borrow print and audio materials or access online resources with their BCPS student identification number. Borrow up to five items without any extended loan fees.

**ALL AGES**

**BC READS** is a county-wide reading event in Baltimore County connecting people of all ages in reading, discussing and experiencing books and community in new ways.

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** offers summer learning opportunities for all age groups (preschool, elementary, teen and adult).

Reading challenges, crafts, programs and prizes are featured throughout the summer to keep learning going and to prevent the “summer slide.”
We’re proud to be a Best of Baltimore Winner for Best Kids’ Activity!

CREATE MAGICAL MEMORIES

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35 Market Place, Baltimore’s Inner Harbor
www.PortDiscovery.org

Programs and exhibits at Port Discovery are made possible in part by the Citizens of Baltimore County and by the Howard County Arts Council through a grant from Howard County Government.
HELPING YOU START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Baltimore County Public Library offers many books, resources and services for businesses and entrepreneurs:

- Free WiFi
- Copiers/scanners
- Public computers and printers
- Chromebooks available for loan
- Conference/small-group study rooms available at most branches
- Table space for co-working
- 3D printers
- Notary and passport services at select branches
- Designated quiet work zones at most branches

Business databases and virtual learning tools can be accessed from home, work or in the library through our website by using your library card:

LEGAL FORMS LIBRARY
Includes Maryland business, personal, real estate and general legal forms.

REFERENCEUSA
For market research, competitive analysis and sales lead-list generation. Search listings of U.S. and Canadian businesses by location, including contact information, employee size, sales volume or business type. The consumer database includes demographics and lifestyle attributes.

STANDARD AND POOR’S NETADVANTAGE
Presents investment information on stocks, bonds and mutual funds, plus company profiles, industry surveys and financial forecasts.

VALUELINE
Source of information and advice on approximately 1,700 stocks, more than 90 industries, the stock market and the economy.

LINKEDIN LEARNING
An online education company offering thousands of video courses in software, creative and business skills

 CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY
An online curriculum with assessments, case studies, games and simulations for careers in communication technology and cybersecurity.

ENTREPRENEUR ACADEMY
Do you have a great idea for a small business, but don’t know how to launch it? Already started a business but unsure about taking it to the next level? Interested in being your own boss? Join the Entrepreneur Academy to learn more about marketing research and business strategies, financial recordkeeping and taxes and how to develop your business plan. Presented in partnership with the Small Business Development Center and CASH Campaign of Maryland, this multi-part series lets you take advantage of legal, financial, insurance and accounting advisors, networking and extensive library and business resources.

Small business counseling and other programs for the business community are often held at branches. See bcpl.info for details.

MY LIBRARIAN FOR SMALL BUSINESS
Get one-on-one personal assistance with a free 60-minute session to assist you with your small business questions. Available at any of our branches by appointment. Call your branch or check online at bcpl.info/services.
HELPING TEACHERS WITH TOOLS FOR LEARNING

TEACHER COLLECTION

A Teacher Collection allows educators with a Teacher Loan Card (see below) in good standing to order up to 100 items related to a topic for a nine-week loan period with no overdue fees. Complete the form at bcpl.info/youth/teachers.html or call in your request to a branch. Our expert librarians take care of the rest.

Materials are gathered and packaged for pickup at the designated branch. Materials may be returned to any branch. It is now easier than ever to get the materials you need to help you and your students achieve success.

So we can serve you better, please note the following:

- Collection materials follow the rules of Teacher Loan Cards.
- Materials, including seasonal or holiday items and multiple copies of the same title, are subject to availability.
- Staff require 14 days to gather your materials.
- Your collection can be picked up on or after your pick-up date. Collections will be held for seven days past the pick-up date.

TEACHER LOAN CARD

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Teachers, media specialists and librarians in Baltimore County public and private schools, serving students through grade 12.
- Day care center employees and licensed child care providers located in Baltimore County.
- Home school teachers working with Baltimore County Public Schools and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- Employees and volunteers of Baltimore County agencies or nonprofit groups responsible for book discussion groups, or groups organized for educational purposes.

Baltimore County residents who provide these services outside Baltimore County are not eligible for a Teacher Loan Card.

WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

1. A completed Teacher Registration Form (available at bcpl.info/teacherloan).
2. A valid driver’s license or other acceptable ID.
3. Verification of teaching status. This requires one of the following:
   - School ID or
   - Registration form stamped by your Baltimore County Public School or
   - State of Maryland Child Care Certificate or
   - Letter on school/day care center letterhead dated for current school year, with teacher’s name and eligibility for card. Letter must be signed by a principal, director or school librarian.
   - For Baltimore County agency or nonprofit, a letter on agency or nonprofit letterhead with employee’s or volunteer’s name and verifying status as book discussion leader or involvement in sharing library materials for discussion or education.
   - For home schooling, the yearly letter from the Home Schooling Office of BCPS certifying that your child is being home schooled, or a current letter (dated within the last year) from an umbrella group indicating that you are certified with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Presentation of an identification card listing the location of an umbrella group providing the service is NOT sufficient identification.
   - Baltimore County Public Schools One Card.
HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIBRARY CARD

RENEWALS
Renewals allow you to extend the original loan period for an item already checked out to you. Renewals are not always for the same length of time as the original loan period. The new due date is calculated from the date the renewal is submitted. Items eligible for renewal may be renewed up to five times (exception: OverDrive downloadables can only be renewed one time). If your item is already late when you renew it, the appropriate late fee will be applied to your library account. You can renew online, using the Shelf Help automated phone service (410-494-9063) or in person at any branch.

To renew online, log in to your library account or click on the My Account area under the main banner of our home page or any of our web pages. Log in using your library card number (without spaces) and your password. When you are logged in, click on Items Out on the left side of the page. This shows the items you have currently checked out from the library. Step-by-step instructions for renewing items can be found under View and Renew Items Out. Items on hold for another borrower are not eligible for renewal.

HOLDS AND REQUESTS
You can place a hold or request items from any branch to be picked up at the branch of your choice. Holds and requests can be completed on any computer through the catalog, and you’ll be notified when the item is at your branch and ready to check out. Holds that are not picked up after seven (7) days are subject to a $1 fee.

MARINA/INTERLIBRARY LOAN
If we don’t have an item you are looking for, you can use the Marina database of Maryland libraries and interlibrary loan to see if another library has it available to be delivered to your branch. Items obtained through Marina are free of charge and can be renewed up to two times. Each item requested through interlibrary loan WorldCat is subject to a $5 processing fee and cannot be renewed.

NOTIFICATIONS
Baltimore County Public Library offers text and email notifications to customers before items are due and sends notices for overdue items, long overdue items, requested items (holds) ready for pick up and for fees owed. We encourage all of our customers to review their account information to be sure that their telephone number and email address are correct. Sign up to receive email notification on our website or log in to your account to update your preferences to turn on text notifications.

LOAN PERIODS AND FEES
The majority of the library’s services are free, but customers need to be aware of the fees (see opposite page). The status of your library account, including items checked out and any fees attached to your account, is available online or by calling Shelf Help, our automated phone service at 410-494-9063. Customers with outstanding balances may be denied use of library services and may be referred to a collection agency.

LOAN PERIODS AND EXTENDED-LOAN FEES FOR OVERDUE OR LATE LIBRARY MATERIALS
Extended loan fees, up to a maximum extended loan fee, normally accrue daily until overdue items are returned. Fees never exceed the purchase price of the item.
WAYS TO PAY YOUR LIBRARY FEES

1. ONLINE
You can pay your fees online using your credit card in just a few easy steps. Please note that there is a $.25 convenience fee added to the total in these transactions. Just follow these simple steps:

- **Step 1:** Click the My Account area of our home page, bcpl.info.
- **Step 2:** Log in to your account, using your library card number (without spaces) and your password.
- **Step 3:** Click the Fees link in the My Account area on the left of the screen.
- **Step 4:** Select the fees you want to pay by clicking the check boxes on the left side of the screen.
- **Step 5:** Click the Pay Fines Now link at the bottom of the screen and then just follow the onscreen instructions. Each transaction is secure and the library does NOT retain any charge card information.

2. IN PERSON
Customers can pay fees with a credit card at any self-service check out station or stop by the service desk at any branch. You can pay fees with cash, personal checks (with valid identification) or credit cards. Each returned check will result in an additional $25 fee.

3. PARTIAL PAYMENTS
Arrangements for partial payments can be made at any service desk at any branch. If total fees are $25 or more, customers must pay 10 percent of the fees in order to use a public computer or to borrow materials. The customer may check out or renew a maximum of two items, including DVDs and video games, while making partial payments. All fees must be paid within six months of the initial payment.

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### FEES, BORROWING AND LOAN DETAILS FOR MOST MATERIALS

Up to 100 total items may be checked out on an account at a time.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

We value our customers and strive to treat them with courtesy and respect in our comfortable and welcoming spaces. Our branches reflect our communities and the people who use them. Please be considerate of the rights of others as you use our branches. The Board of Library Trustees for Baltimore County Public Library has established Rules of Conduct so that library users and staff have a clean, pleasant and safe environment. We need your cooperation to reach this goal.

The following are prohibited at all branches of Baltimore County Public Library:

1. Engaging in any activity prohibited by law
2. Disruptive or unsafe behavior, including any conduct that interferes with the use or operations of the library by customers or staff
3. Theft
4. Use of loud, abusive, threatening or insulting language, either in person or via electronic devices
5. Harassment of any kind
6. Leaving a child, under the age of 8, unattended or unsupervised
7. Viewing obscene or pornographic images
8. Public intoxication
9. Activities that may result in damage to library property
10. Sleeping
11. Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vapes)
12. Offensive body odor
13. Unauthorized use of a library card
14. Using restrooms for bathing, laundering or extended personal hygiene care
15. Beverages without lids and foods other than snacks (no snacks allowed at the public computer stations)
16. Leaving personal items unattended
17. Entering the library barefoot or without a shirt, or removing footwear or shirt while in a branch
18. Unauthorized solicitation

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ARBUTUS BRANCH
855 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Arbutus, Maryland 21227
Phone: 410-887-1451
Email: arbutus@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 100), quiet study area, two study rooms, 30 public computers with internet access, six children’s computers, drive-up window and public faxing service. The branch also features a local history collection and issues passports. The Friends of the Arbutus Library promotes local history. Contact the branch for information about becoming involved with the Friends group.

CANTONSVILLE BRANCH
1100 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, Maryland 21228
Phone: 410-887-0951
Email: catonsvi@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 198), 22 public computers with internet access, one children’s computer and on-floor video gaming. The branch also features a local history collection in the Catonsville History Room. The Friends of the Catonsville Library promotes and supports library services at the branch. Contact the branch for information about becoming involved with the Friends group.

COCKEYSVILLE BRANCH
9833 Greenside Dr.
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030
Phone: 410-887-7750
Email: cockeysv@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 229), two study rooms, 29 public computers with internet access and four children’s computers. The branch also features a Korean language collection.

ESSEX BRANCH
1110 Eastern Blvd.
Essex, Maryland 21221
Phone: 410-887-0295
Email: essex@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 78), two study rooms, 29 public computers with internet access, two children’s computers and on-floor video gaming. The branch also features notary and faxing services for a nominal fee, along with a Spanish language collection.

HEREFORD BRANCH
16940 York Rd.
Hereford, Maryland 21111
Phone: 410-887-1919
Email: hereford@bcpl.net
Features: Two combined meeting rooms (total capacity 75), one study room, seven public computers with internet access and two children’s computers. The branch also

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE
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THE HIVE AT THE HEREFORD BRANCH Designed as an art/maker studio, the space focuses on arts programming, learning and collaboration. There is an artist-in-residence program offered periodically along with art exhibits throughout the entire branch. The Hive is sponsored by the NBCAF, the Northern Baltimore County Art Foundation.

THE COLAB AT THE RANDALLSTOWN BRANCH This technology/maker hub features virtual reality equipment, Sphero robots, a 3D printer, coding equipment and computers for customers to experiment and learn the latest in programs and software.
features gallery space and The Hive, a collaborative art and maker space with an artist-in-residence program sponsored by the Northern Baltimore County Art Foundation.

Friends of the Hereford Library promotes and supports library services at the branch. Contact the branch for information about becoming involved.

LANSDOWNE BRANCH
500 Third Ave.
Lansdowne, Maryland 21227
Phone: 410-887-5602
Email: bcpl-la@bcpl.net

Features:
One meeting room (capacity 72), 12 public computers with internet access and two children’s computers.

LOCH RAVEN BRANCH
1046 Taylor Ave.
Towson, Maryland 21286
Phone: 410-887-4444
Email: lochrave@bcpl.net

Features:
One meeting room (capacity 56), a fax machine, 10 public computers with internet access and six children’s tablets are available for use.

Friends of the Loch Raven Library promotes and supports library services at the branch. Contact the branch for information about becoming involved.

NORTH POINT BRANCH
1716 Merritt Blvd.
Dundalk, Maryland 21222
Phone: 410-887-7255
Email: northpoi@bcpl.net

Features:
One meeting room (capacity 160), 24 public computers with internet access and two children’s computers. The computer lab is open to public use when not being utilized for library training and programming. Please see the branch events page for public hours.

OWINGS MILLS BRANCH
10302 Grand Central Ave.
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
Phone: 410-887-2092
Email: owingsmills@bcpl.net

Features:
Three meeting rooms (capacity of 80 each), 57 public computers with internet access and six children’s computers. The branch also features Russian and Spanish language collections and houses the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball.

PARKVILLE-CARNEY BRANCH
9509 Harford Rd.
Parkville, Maryland 21234
Phone: 410-887-5353
Email: parkvill@bcpl.net

Features:
18 public computers with internet access and one children’s computer. The branch also features a Korean language collection.

PERRY HALL BRANCH
9685 Honeygo Blvd.
Perry Hall, Maryland 21128
Phone: 410-887-5195
Email: perryhal@bcpl.net

Features:
One meeting room (capacity 126), two small group study rooms, 30 public computers with internet access, five children’s computers and drive-up window service. The branch also features sensory-friendly programming and a Sensory Exploration Zone for children.

Friends of the Perry Hall Library promotes and supports library services at the branch. Contact the branch for information about becoming involved.

PIKESVILLE BRANCH
1301 Reisterstown Rd.
Pikesville, Maryland 21208
Phone: 410-887-1234
Email: pikesvil@bcpl.net

Features:
One meeting room (capacity 146), 20 public computers with internet access and two children’s computers. The branch shares space with the Pikesville Senior Center, which occupies the second floor of the building.

The branch also features the COLAB, a technology/maker space that includes an HTC Vive virtual reality system, Microsoft HoloLens holographic computer, Playstation 4 console with VR Bundle and games, Sphero SPRK and Ollie robots, snap circuits, Kano build-it-yourself computer and coding kit and a 3D printer.

REISTERSTOWN BRANCH
21 Cockeys Mill Rd.
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136
Phone: 410-887-1165
Email: reisters@bcpl.net

Features:
One meeting room (capacity 40), 13 public computers with internet access and one children’s computer. The branch also features a local history collection and a Russian language collection.
ROSEDALE BRANCH
6105 Kenwood Ave.
Rosedale, Maryland 21237
Phone: 410-887-0512
Email: rosedale@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 160), two study rooms, 18 public computers with internet access, one children’s computer and on-floor video gaming. The branch is home to the first Storyville, an early literacy and learning center for children birth through age 5 and their caregivers (see page 7). One children’s computer and a dedicated teen space with interactive virtual reality technology and gaming funded by Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan. 3D printing services available for a nominal fee.

SOLLERS POINT BRANCH
323 Sollers Point Rd.
Dundalk, Maryland 21222
Phone: 410-887-2485
Email: sollerspoint@bcpl.net
Features: Ten public computers with internet access, one children’s computer and a public faxing service. The Sollers Point Branch is located in the Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center, which features a community meeting room, classrooms, computer lab and gymnasium. The outdoor playground includes Talking is Teaching panels, which encourage small children to engage in conversation with parents or caregivers.

TOWSON BRANCH
320 York Rd.
Towson, Maryland 21204
Phone: 410-887-6166
Email: towson@bcpl.net
Features: Two meeting rooms (capacity 260), two small group study rooms, 29 public computers with internet access, two children’s computers and a microfilm reader. The branch also features passport service, 3D printing services for a nominal fee and a Spanish language collection. Friends of the Towson Library promotes and supports library services at the branch. Contact the branch for information about becoming involved.

WHITE MARSH BRANCH
8133 Sandpiper Circle
Nottingham, Maryland 21236
Phone: 410-887-5097
Email: whitemar@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 60), 16 public computers with internet access and one children’s computer. The branch also features passport service.

WOODLAWN BRANCH
1811 Woodlawn Dr.
Woodlawn, Maryland 21207
Phone: 410-887-1336
Email: woodlawn@bcpl.net
Features: One meeting room (capacity 80), four study rooms, 31 public computers with internet access, two children’s computers and on-floor video gaming. The branch also features Korean and Spanish language collections and is home to the second Storyville, an early literacy and learning center for children birth through age 5 and their caregivers (see page 7).
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The Foundation supports vital Library programs and services like Storyville, BC Reads, Summer Reading Challenge and branch grants for special projects as well as renovations and Centers of Excellence. The Foundation also sponsors two hugely popular events each year. Taste of the Town is held each spring, and guests enjoy tasting stations, live music and a silent auction. The fall’s A Toast Among Ghosts is an outdoor event at the Reisterstown Branch on or near the anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe’s death. Three live bands, food trucks, cemetery tours, ghost stories and more make up this fun festival event!

Now, you’re invited to be all in with The All In Crowd, the Foundation membership program that gives back to you while you give back to your local library. Your membership allows the Foundation to continue and increase our support of the Library. In return, we promise to continue to support you as well — in the many ways we always have, but also in new and exciting ways, like an annual donor appreciation event, exclusive gifts and much more. Membership levels start as low as $75 per year. Whether you make a one-time gift or divide your gift into monthly payments throughout the year, you’re helping ensure that we strengthen our community by strengthening our Library. We’re all in this together, so won’t you be all in?

Friends of Baltimore County Public Library

Many of the branches of Baltimore County Public Library have Friends groups, which are volunteer groups that provide advocacy and financial support. The following branches have Friends groups that may or may not require a membership fee to join.

- Arbutus Branch
- Catonsville Branch
- Hereford Branch
- Loch Raven Branch
- Perry Hall Branch
- Pikesville Branch
- Towson Branch

Employment Opportunities at Baltimore County Public Library

At Baltimore County Public Library, staff members have the opportunity to enrich individual lives and build strong communities by delivering exceptional customer experiences, establishing meaningful partnerships and creating innovative learning spaces. We seek enthusiastic, open-minded, self-motivated individuals who can work well independently and collaboratively.

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