



Thank you for another great year!

2010 Highlights



Dear Library Customer,

On behalf of the Library Board and staff, I am pleased to present the library's 2010 annual report. This year we are "going green" by distributing the report electronically and printing just a few copies to post in the branches.

It is obvious that our county residents have made their public library system an essential part of their lives. For 2010 we had 75,394 registered borrowers, an annual increase of 5%; 675,000 annual visits, a 6% increase; and 1,435,700 items checked out, an 11% increase.

It is equally obvious that we have a very efficient and very busy staff. The business levels of our branches have increased significantly over the past several years; however, due to the hard work of your staff and continued technology enhancements we have not had to increase staffing levels. Your Library Board and staff continue to give high priority to increased funding for materials to be checked out and for technology resources.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the elected officials who continue to support their county library system, our very active Friends of the Library Board members, and the many local residents who made donations to purchase more materials or for special projects such as the Lindsey Paul Rudolph Fund.

Finally, and most importantly, THANKS to you, our valued library customers. It is you who make the library your community hub!

Alan E. Dillingham, President

St. Mary's County Board of Library Trustees

Pictured above are Board members (seated left to right) Vice President Joan Springer, President Alan Dillingham, and Treasurer Carole Romary; (standing left to right) Lynn Newkirk, Evelyn Holland, Carolyn Guy, and Dan Burris.

Improved Services

- Active Learning Centers installed at Lexington Park & Charlotte Hall provide FUN learning experiences for preschoolers and their families.
- Blu-ray collection was introduced.
- New programs packed the meeting rooms: Mark Twain; introduction to e-government resources; amazing LEGO creations; and our own Captain Jack Russell.



- More PCs were added and old ones replaced.
- More downloadable titles are available for your e-readers and audio devices.

Partners

- Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Library Board and the BOCC which formalizes a set of agreements between the county and the library; thus, allowing the Library Board to spend more money on books and less money on staff!



- Lexington Park Library was designated a Cooperating Collection site by the Foundation Center. Library staff can now provide access to proprietary databases and conduct grant writing workshops for nonprofits and individuals.

- Mechanicsville Optimists donated funds to start the library's wildly successful LEGO's program.

Donations

- The Lindsey Paul Rudolph Fund was created through the generous donation of Laraine & Bill Glidden and the many friends of Lindsey & Todd Rudolph and Lindsey's parents, Susan & Bob Paul. The fund allows us to hire a Summer Intern to work in the Children's Departments of our libraries. The first Intern was hired in Summer 2010.



- The Friends of the Library (FOL) Annual Book Sale was held at the County Fairgrounds and raised a record breaking \$22,000! The FOL held a mini-book sale at Leonardtown Library in November and raised an additional \$4,000.

- We received another State Capital Grant for the design of the New Leonardtown Library. Thus far, we have received \$887,000 in state grants for this project. The architectural firm should be hired in early 2011.

Communications

- Customer survey revealed that you love your library staff BUT... you want more books and DVDs, longer hours, and less noise! We will continue to work to meet these requests.
- We're on Facebook and have more than 670 fans. Are you one?

Busiest Year Ever!

Items checked out	1,435,701	+11%
We are #4 in the state for the number of items checked out per resident!		
Visitors	674,584	+6%
Cardholders	75,394	+5%
Computer Uses	158,204	+15%
Volunteer Hours	6,778	+12%
Income		
County	\$2,281,038	
State	623,940	
Fines/Fees	250,000	
Total	\$3,154,978	
Expenses		
Staff	75%	
Technology	5%	
Materials	15%	
Other	10%	

Our Libraries

Charlotte Hall, 37600 New Market Rd, Charlotte Hall 301-884-2211 Leonardtown, 23250 Hollywood Rd, Leonardtown 301-475-2846
Lexington Park, 21677 FDR Blvd, Lexington Park 301-863-8188

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