

Annual Report to Maryland State Library, FY 2024

St. Mary's County Library

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Michael Blackwell

Elected Officials:

Commissioners:

- James Guy, Commissioner President
- Michael Alderson
- Eric Colvin
- Michael Hewitt
- Scott Ostrow

State Senator: Jack Bailey

House of Delegates: Brian Crosby, Matt Morgan & Todd Morgan

<http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/supervisorofelections/electedofficials.asp>

Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year:

Total Budget: \$5,032,143

Total Budget by Source

- Operating Budget (Local, State and Federal): \$4,748,845
 - Local (County): \$3,828,048
 - State: \$920,797
 - Federal: \$0

- Capital Budget: \$0
- Grants Budget: \$117,198

Total Expenditures (personnel, materials, equipment, other): \$5,017,089

- Salaries/benefits: \$3,792,832
- Materials (includes digital): \$358,416
- Equipment: \$50,711
- Other: \$815,130

Materials Circulated- total and break down by Adult/Children's

- Total Circ – 1,035,806
 - Total Physical Circ – (includes in house use) – 828,725
 - Adult: 340,343
 - Children: 488,382
 - Total Digital Circ – 207,081
 - Adult: 178,591
 - Children: 28,490

Information (Reference) Questions Answered: 14,905

Registered Borrowers (Card Holders active in last 3 years): 32803

Number of Library Visitors: 314,043

Number of Programs and Attendance: 1,703 programs; 38,959 attendance (a 32% increase over the previous year)

Materials Owned:

Total Count – 293,011

- Print – 124,863
- Physical Video – 21,328
- Physical Audio – 2,230
- Other Physical - 177
- eBooks – 74,319
- eAudio - 67,521
- eVideo – 2,726
- Electronic Collections - 27

ILL (received and loaned):

- Received: 4,091
- Loaned: 5,977

Personnel (Total FTE): 53

Optional Information

- Meeting room use: 2,008 groups used our meeting rooms
- Study room use: 5,212 individuals or groups used our study rooms

In FY2024, St. Mary's County Library launched its new Mobile Library. It has a network of regular stops, including many in more remote areas. Programming began in February, with 7,510 people having used our Outreach services from then to the end of June.

The library invited community and employee thoughts to complete its new Strategic Plan, which may be downloaded here: <https://www.stmalib.org/about-us/strategic-plan/>

The Library provides access to over 60 online resources including Mango Languages, test preparation and homework help services, and a variety of resources on topics such as genealogy (even Ancestry.com), hobbies, finance, and auto repair.

Events included professional performances, classes on topics such as crafting, 3D printing, archaeology, STEM, Artificial Intelligence, and more; book discussions, children's programs, and several nationally recognized experts and authors. The three Library locations opened SEED Libraries that have given out over 2,500 seed packets to over 400 community members.

Our computers had nearly 33,746 sessions logged and our free WiFi was accessed 20,566 times.

Our digital checkouts increased by 22% in just one year. We added access to The Shelf, which offers thousands of Spanish language movies, television shows, and live performances and American Mosaic, which provides access to The African American Experience, The American Indian Experience, The Asian American Experience, and The Latino American Experience.

All three Library buildings now have Memory Labs which allows customers to take physical memories and make them digital for free! VHS tapes, cassettes, film negatives, slides, photos, and documents can all be converted to digital files in just a few simple steps. Through a generous donation from our Friends of the St. Mary's County Library, Lexington Park Library got new shelving to help with accessibility and made room for a future makerspace. The collection was not significantly changed, it was just reorganized the books made more accessible. Monthly circulation has increased since the move.

External partnerships continue to be important. This year brought some grant activity. The Leonardtown Rotary and SMECO partnered with the Leonardtown Library and Charlotte Hall Library to install new Storywalks through a \$9,500 Rotary grant. The St. Mary's County Arts Council provided \$12,000 in grant funding for arts programming at our branches and Mobile Library. Ayana Proctor, a noted artist of the Piscataway Nation, received grant funding from the Council to provide a painting for the Leonardtown Library Maryland History Room. The Friends of St. Clements Bay with library support received a \$50,000 Maryland Arts Grant to install mosaic murals of native species in the community garden in front of the Leonardtown Library. The artwork will be installed in October of 2024.

• Ayanna Proctor
Clown of the Picturing Nation (Dark Clay)
Ekikotank (In the Village) 2022-4
30" x 80"
Acrylic on Canvas
Reynolds and Reynolds Art & Design Center

