



LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

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

April 24, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance	6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	6:30 p.m.
Disposition of Minutes	6:32 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	6:33 p.m.
Citizen's Time	
Chair's Time	6:35 p.m.
Presentation	6:45 p.m.
Bull Run Makerspace in Transition – Gregg Grunow, Branch Manager, Bull Run Library	
New Business	
Unfinished Business	
Director's Time	7:00 p.m.
Board's Time	7:10 p.m.
Adjourn Meeting	7:30 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Library Board is
Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the
Administrative Support Center**



Library Advisory Board Brief

Trustee Room
Administrative Support Center
13083 Chinn Park Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

March 27, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

6:30 p.m.

Voice Roll Call

Trustee/District Present: Baker/Gainesville, Montgomery/Woodbridge, Howarth/Brentsville, Beattie/Neabsco

Absent: Dodge/Coles, 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

Disposition of Minutes

RES 25/3-1 Approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting of the Board.

Approval of Agenda

RES 25/3-2 Agenda was approved as presented.

Chairman Time – Chair Bettie reminds all that they can volunteer at the library or with the Friends of the Library groups as well. Chinn Park Library Friends Group is holding a book sale in April. Donations can also be made online.

Deputy Director's Time – Deputy Director Lowe announces the Central Library Preservation Lab is open and available for citizens to digitize VHS tapes, audio cassette tapes and 8MM reels as well. The service is free, and we suggest you make an appointment with library staff for assistance. Staff will set aside the appropriate amount of time based on the item(s) to be digitized. The time it takes to digitize an item depends on the item. Preservation Lab staff can be reached at 703-792-8380. Bookmarks are available at Central Library.

Director's Time – Director Patterson reports that Potomac Library is celebrating its 50th birthday on Saturday, April 5, 2025, 12p-4p. There will be games, cake, food, alpacas, rabbits and bunnies. There will be a raffle drawing at 2:30p, you must be present to win. Director Patterson asks the Advisory Board to consider changing meetings from monthly to quarterly and the time of the meeting from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. Deputy Director Lowe researched State jurisdictions on the frequency Advisory Boards meet and most boards meet quarterly. Moving

to quarterly meetings would improve attendance and would be a more robust update from library staff. Chair Beattie suggests more discussion at the April 24, 2025 meeting of the Board and encourages board members to discuss this change with their respective Supervisor. Chair Beattie will send an email to the Board making this an action item.

Trustees' Time

Trustee Howarth – There is a Friends of the Library opening at Potomac Library. Encourage the community to spread with the word that the Potomac Friends are in desperate need of members. You don't have to live in the district to join a Friends group. There are a variety of avenues where you can help. Thank you for Central Library opening the Preservation Lab.

Trustee Baker – suggested inviting the Friends Groups to attend a future meeting of the Board. Director Patterson agrees with this suggestion. Friends Groups can connect and learn from each other. Haymarket Gainesville and Bull Run Libraries are doing well, very busy. The Friends Group is doing well also. Haymarket Gainesville Library Friends are doing smaller sales and no longer holding larger sales.

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

Trustee Montgomery – appreciate the update from the Director and Deputy Director especially the Preservation Lab. Broadening our technology reach is a goal of the Strategic Plan. Thank you for the updates around community engagement. Happy to hear about Potomac Library's 50th birthday. A new Potomac Library is a few years off and much needed.

Trustee Beattie – very impressed with the Makerspace. Bull Run Library Makerspace re-used yogurt jars in a craft. Libraries are encouraging local artists by featuring their work. Intrigued by the items incorporated for the Year of the Snake on display. Kudos for the blood drive recently held. Community enrichment with the chicks was impressive. The Piedmont Lace Guild held a fiber art display, helped by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. The seniors at Arbor Terrace received technology help from the Library with their mobile phones. Happy to hear about the Chamber meeting, tax return assistance and the many programs provided by the Prince William Public Libraries. Take advantage of it all.

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

Adjourn Meeting

7:06 p.m.

Jennifer Patterson
Library Director

Patti Beattie, Chair
Neabsco District

MARCH: AT A GLANCE

Prince William Public Libraries
Statistics

2025 2024

Circulation

Physical

212,891 ● 170,476

Digital

54,140 ● 51,372

TOTAL

267,031 ● 221,848

Library Visits

Door Count

78,314 ● 75,758

Total Page Views

80,015 ● 79,490

TOTAL

158,329 ● 155,248

Programs

Number of Events

435 ● 436

Attendance

14,391 ● 14,527

Mobile Outreach

Number of Events

24 ● 19

People Reached

561 ● 632

Library Cards Issued

69 ● 85

Holds Requests

Physical

24,866 ● 24,047

Digital

20,261 ● 19,566



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				88,719	86,325	2.8%
Central	4,478	3,477	3,033	3,478	4,541	4,194	4,576	4,771	5,274				37,822	28,702	31.8%
Chinn Park	23,260	18,312	18,125	19,369	10,515	8,982	13,528	14,314	17,840				144,245	142,877	1.0%
Haymarket Gainesville	14,628	11,443	10,461	12,188	10,330	8,777	9,602	10,006	10,886				98,321	97,262	1.1%
Manassas City	4,389	3,773	3,448	3,737	3,114	2,745	2,839	3,062	3,972				31,079	30,743	1.1%
Montclair	13,577	11,794	11,664	12,173	9,961	9,238	8,728	9,440	11,664				98,239	96,805	1.5%
Potomac	9,503	8,112	7,411	7,981	7,041	6,556	6,407	6,710	7,655				67,376	65,581	2.7%
Dale City	2,113	1,848	1,560	1,833	1,683	1,865	1,392	1,462	1,958				15,714	15,561	1.0%
Dumfries	2,665	2,379	1,962	1,975	1,709	1,634	1,643	1,710	1,906				17,583	17,081	2.9%
Independent Hill	1,857	1,516	1,283	1,252	1,152	1,077	1,054	1,029	1,352				11,572	11,761	-1.6%
Lake Ridge	4,653	3,696	3,277	4,193	4,029	3,803	2,767	2,449	3,099				31,966	25,516	25.3%
Nokesville	1,179	1,534	1,413	1,528	1,194	1,172	1,102	1,098	1,194				11,414	11,873	-3.9%
Total	94,738	78,321	73,424	80,228	64,259	57,731	61,753	65,282	78,314	0	0	0	654,050	630,087	3.8%

Patron PAC Logins (Source: Polaris)														
Total	29,044	25,897	23,348	22,007	20,771	20,173	22,651	19,521	21,075		204,487	296,528	-31.0%	

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				80,889	84,833	-4.6%
Facebook Unique Users (Engaged Users)	2,797	1,915	5,316	1,208	2,597	1,421	4,537	3,713	3,200				26,704	26,083	2.4%
Pinterest Average monthly engaged users	85	81	137	141	186	198	83	129	277				1,317	749	75.8%
Instagram Engagement	701	911	872	826	763	764	1,225	1,252	1,118				8,432	15,554	-45.8%
YouTube Video Views	2,923	3,125	3,500	3,856	4,203	4,347	5,651	6,752	7,264				41,621	0	
Total	15,491	15,008	18,577	14,756	16,422	15,628	21,007	20,858	21,216	0	0	0	158,963	127,219	25.0%

Electronic Resources Visits (Sessions) (Source: Vendor Supplied)													
Total	15,746	13,906	19,204	29,767	15,339	29,168	20,156	14,997	19,225		177,508	214,381	-17.2%

Library System Total	155,019	133,132	134,553	146,758	116,791	122,700	125,567	120,658	139,830	0	0	0	1,195,008	1,268,215	-5.8%
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													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				261,469	220,570	18.5%
Central	13,159	12,174	11,705	12,182	12,370	11,135	11,296	10,879	11,786				106,686	88,053	21.2%
Chinn Park	51,278	48,114	43,598	41,974	34,187	29,625	36,548	35,509	41,954				362,787	309,391	17.3%
Haymarket Gainesville	57,089	51,945	45,195	45,777	44,321	43,532	44,378	41,330	47,377				420,944	326,252	29.0%
Manassas City	13,607	12,713	11,483	11,372	10,830	11,009	10,887	10,821	12,203				104,925	89,268	17.5%
Montclair	32,267	30,931	26,449	25,743	25,040	24,797	23,877	21,978	25,401				236,483	172,646	37.0%
Potomac	19,682	18,146	16,112	16,317	15,145	15,456	14,784	13,989	16,382				146,013	117,055	24.7%
Dale City	5,419	4,858	4,703	4,918	4,572	4,650	4,618	4,173	5,158				43,069	40,628	6.0%
Dumfries	5,708	5,452	4,978	5,141	4,987	4,970	4,795	4,760	5,218				46,009	40,019	15.0%
Independent Hill	6,723	5,914	5,390	4,711	4,813	5,037	4,743	4,524	5,180				47,035	50,071	-6.1%
Lake Ridge	6,934	6,477	6,111	6,085	7,364	8,803	7,018	5,889	6,447				61,128	40,431	51.2%
Nokesville	7,331	6,702	6,895	6,617	6,133	6,346	5,661	5,388	6,587				57,660	42,666	35.1%
Total Circulation	254,745	236,206	211,688	209,616	196,398	191,428	196,853	185,024	212,250	0	0	0	1,894,208	1,537,050	23.2%

Circulation - Holds													C U M U L A T I V E		
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Difference
Reserve Requests (Holds) (Source: Polaris Monthly Statistics Report & OverDrive)													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			
Holds Placed	28,499	25,439	24,751	22,741	21,370	19,534	25,378	22,827	24,866				215,405	222,057	-3.0%
Holds Filled (Satisfied)	26,570	23,788	22,666	22,670	19,316	20,446	23,574	21,514	22,596				203,140	207,548	-2.1%
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				94,320	101,602	-7.2%
Requests placed in OverDrive Audiobook (Standard + Mobile)	9,251	9,466	8,775	8,766	8,648	8,717	10,748	8,622	9,780				82,773	84,676	-2.2%
Total OverDrive requests placed	21,043	20,376	18,174	17,978	17,651	19,130	23,799	18,681	20,261	0	0	0	177,093	186,278	-4.9%

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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				8	15	-46.7%
Bull Run	7,763	6,428	6,186	5,514	5,503	5,051	5,976	5,381	5,534				53,336	55,708	-4.3%
Central	2,655	2,046	1,986	1,901	1,778	1,610	1,970	1,998	1,898				17,842	18,232	-2.1%
Chinn Park	11,826	9,788	9,265	8,482	5,122	5,662	8,014	7,632	8,653				74,444	82,030	-9.2%
Haymarket Gainesville	16,093	12,905	10,541	11,496	10,744	9,578	11,849	11,114	12,144				106,464	108,065	-1.5%
Manassas City	2,766	2,160	1,940	1,833	2,014	1,494	1,841	1,857	1,797				17,702	18,577	-4.7%
Montclair	8,898	7,551	6,602	6,334	6,168	5,786	5,903	5,367	6,246				58,855	57,285	2.7%
Potomac	4,109	3,427	3,062	3,013	2,659	2,618	2,807	2,790	2,856				27,341	30,811	-11.3%
Dale City	392	294	338	265	283	181	276	118	225				2,372	3,041	-22.0%
Dumfries	816	600	499	561	456	546	655	736	611				5,480	7,341	-25.4%
Independent Hill	117	30	53	105	148	60	99	60	123				795	766	3.8%
Lake Ridge	390	457	365	384	861	628	405	334	301				4,125	1,079	282.3%
Nokesville	545	563	541	431	375	382	439	489	467				4,232	4,194	0.9%
Total	56,371	46,250	41,378	40,319	36,116	33,596	40,235	37,876	40,855	0	0	0	372,996	387,144	-3.7%

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
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Magazine Checkouts	1,930	1,880	1,740	1,510	1,850	1,740	1,970	1,730	1,500				15,850	14,350	10.5%	
Freading																
Digital Checkouts	351	272	273	264	279	261	360	257	310				2,627	3,026	-13.2%	
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Digital Checkouts	17,633	17,363	17,202	17,636	17,448	17,840	19,656	18,336	19,643				162,757	175,122	-7.1%	
OverDrive																
eBook (Standard + Mobile)	18,604	17,937	16,350	16,022	15,588	16,750	17,642	15,579	16,498				150,970	162,215	-6.9%	
Audiobook (Standard + Mobile)	15,147	15,409	14,695	15,173	14,611	14,677	16,016	14,442	16,189				136,359	127,039	7.3%	
OverDrive Total (eBook + Audiobook)	33,751	33,346	31,045	31,195	30,199	31,427	33,658	30,021	32,687	0	0	0	287,329	289,254	-0.7%	
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	0	0	0	468,563	481,752	-2.7%	90,000
% of performance measure target													520.63%			

													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				3,101	3,466	-10.5%	
Curbside Pickups (Source: Monthly Branch Report)																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	3	-100.0%	
Manassas City	2	3	1	2	0	7	1	1	3				20	21	-4.8%	
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Potomac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	-100.0%	
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1	3	-66.7%	
Dumfries	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0				9	2	350.0%	
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1	7	-85.7%	
Nokesville	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	37	-16.2%	
Read & Returns (Source: Monthly Branch Report)																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	132	-100.0%	
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	7	-100.0%	
Chinn Park	137	0	0	0	14	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	2	-100.0%	
Potomac	33	77	58	46	61	62	53	84	46				520	515	1.0%	
Dale City	16	19	14	16	8	7	4	9	15				108	174	-37.9%	
Dumfries	0	2	1	0	6	1	10	0	1				21	67	-68.7%	
Independent Hill													0	0	0	
Lake Ridge	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	0	0	0	800	971	-17.6%	
ILL Total Items Borrowed and Loaned (Source: ILL Work Unit)																
Items Borrowed	169	152	191	135	174	82	155	168	162				1,388	937	48.1%	
Items Loaned	67	59	52	63	40	55	48	61	57				502	564	-11.0%	
Total	236	211	243	198	214	137	203	229	219	0	0	0	1,890	1,501	25.9%	
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	0	0	0	1,900,030	1,543,025	23.1%	
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	0	0	0	2,368,593	2,024,777	17.0%	2,600,000

Registered Patrons

												CURRENT			Perf Meas Target FY25
(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			
New Patrons	2,003	1,705	1,832	1,649	1,292	1,064	1,268	1,282	1,523				13,618	14,294	-4.7%
Deleted Patrons	50	40	41	45	28	27	46	31	37				345	387	-10.9%
Systemwide Total	389,656	392,138	394,593	396,795	398,745	401,068	402,366	404,283	406,131				406,131	378,502	7.3%

Manassas Patrons	18,234	18,285	18,332	18,380	18,426	18,476	18,505	18,553	18,658				18,658	18,002	3.6%
Residents with Library Cards (population as of 6-30-23: PWC: 492,576)												82.45%			

Web Patrons**OverDrive**

New Patrons	594	612	503	471	440	429	619	493	506				4,667	8,287	-43.7%
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Facebook

New "Daily Likes"	43	39	27	44	10	57	90	161	171				642	459	39.9%
Lifetime Total Likes	14,367	14,406	14,433	14,477	14,487	14,544	14,634	14,795	14,966				14,966	14,173	5.6%
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				161,633	92,935	73.9%

Twitter

New Followers	16	20	15	-33	-93	-12	-23	-29	-3				-142	-31	358.1%
Lifetime total followers	4,581	4,601	4,616	4,583	4,490	4,478	4,455	4,426	4,423				4,423	4,562	-3.0%

Pinterest

New Followers	1	-3	1	1	1	0	0	1	-2				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	1,891	-0.1%

Instagram

New Followers	25	16	11	37	18	15	21	23	30				196	190	3.2%
Lifetime total followers	2,860	2,876	2,887	2,924	2,942	2,957	2,978	3,001	3,031				3,031	2,781	9.0%

YouTube

Registered Subscribers	752	767	786	793	810	829	856	883	913				913	0	
Total Video Watch Time	142	169	227	304	257	316	250	445	456				456	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				2,141	2,233	-4.1%
RSS Feeds Active Users	14	15	14	15	15	17	14	14	17				17	21	-19.0%

Freeding

Total Unique Users	96	90	93	92	85	79	122	89	102				102	121	-15.7%
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New Users	416	373	388	340	299	322	448	346	448				3,380	3,348	1.0%
Total Users	34,727	35,062	35,429	35,749	36,052	36,374	36,788	37,086	37,522				37,522	33,339	12.5%

													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				53,548	57,315	-6.6%	
Central	3,227	2,744	2,476	2,546	2,174	2,089	2,293	2,678	2,797				23,024	24,834	-7.3%	
Chinn Park	14,172	12,163	12,426	12,164	7,537	6,025	10,422	10,133	11,067				96,109	106,813	-10.0%	
Haymarket Gainesville	9,182	7,532	7,114	8,940	7,217	5,845	6,693	6,333	7,116				65,972	56,394	17.0%	
Manassas City	4,073	2,768	2,624	2,648	1,906	2,013	2,279	2,494	3,177				23,982	25,400	-5.6%	
Montclair	9,110	7,050	6,412	6,169	5,148	4,834	4,835	4,814	6,203				54,575	45,536	19.9%	
Potomac	6,171	5,028	4,787	6,067	4,376	4,991	4,471	4,712	4,920				45,523	49,176	-7.4%	
Dale City	795	1,011	785	890	761	890	652	785	975				7,544	5,268	43.20%	
Dumfries	2,245	2,636	1,020	2,157	1,780	1,435	1,770	1,590	1,575				16,208	15,318	5.81%	
Independent Hill	865	852	651	820	690	688	879	573	748				6,766	8,451	-19.94%	
Lake Ridge	2,076	1,578	1,237	1,830	1,886	1,732	1,334	1,068	1,472				14,213	17,665	-19.54%	
Nokesville	1,471	1,445	1,362	1,203	1,035	1,109	675	744	854				9,898	10,983	-9.88%	
Total	61,093	52,006	46,990	51,161	39,235	35,813	41,475	41,904	47,685	0	0	0	417,362	423,153	-1.37%	
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				435,201	214,354	103.0%	
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	2,721	-100.0%	
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0		
Haymarket Gainesville	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		
Montclair	257	197	130	133	155	153	163	131	181				1,500	2,264	-33.7%	
Potomac	317	245	207	229	209	115	633	633	229				2,817	2,128	32.4%	
Dumfries	359	257	180	148	232	225	160	178	209				1,948	1,920	1.5%	
Total	933	699	517	510	596	493	956	942	619	0	0	0	6,265	12,919	-51.5%	
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				1,169,986	905,958	29.1%	
Twitter daily total impressions	13,590	34,506	23,800	24,046	16,003	19,367	18,183	15,819	18,655				183,969	324,138	-43.2%	
Pinterest average monthly views	4,907	4,735	4,951	6,126	7,544	7,557	4,084	4,358	7,914				52,176	27,145	92.2%	
Instagram impressions	9,720	9,547	10,167	11,118	12,463	12,295	20,977	23,007	17,828				127,122	107,186	18.6%	
Total	275,182	116,424	208,058	99,149	67,172	174,735	205,282	224,468	376,962	0	0	0	1,747,432	1,590,837	9.8%	

													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				31,120	37,682	-17.4%	
Electronic Information requests handled																
Total	309,308	147,883	256,501	161,038	124,881	258,196	263,513	275,760	422,938	0	0	0	2,220,018	2,085,015	6.5%	
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	0	0	0	2,637,380	2,508,168	5.2%	5,000,000
% of Performanace Measures Target	(Electronic)												52.75%			

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				435,201	360,964	20.6%

													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				654	711	-8.0%
Central: Photos Issued	41	23	19	36	18	33	35	32	18				255	192	32.8%
Haymarket: Appointments	109	106	96	92	109	75	95	106	49				837	796	5.2%
Haymarket: Photos Issued	37	54	64	47	53	36	43	27	23				384	182	111.0%
Potomac: Appointments	136	122	99	126	90	74	88	69	18				822	696	18.1%
Potomac: Photos Issued	32	37	28	42	38	41	31	26	11				286	219	30.6%
Total	314	319	287	307	290	226	257	228	101	0	0	0	2,329	1,893	23.03%

Makerspaces													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: Appointments	24	29	0	31	32	21	29	17	47				230	273	-15.8%
Bull Run: Attendance	24	29	0	31	34	22	32	17	47				236	319	-26.0%
Central: Appointments	19	23	18	21	23	26	18	8	33				189	171	10.5%
Central: Attendance	211	199	147	142	29	103	81	72	124				1,108	1,012	9.5%

MAGIC - Chinn Park Library													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			
Appointments: County	168	186	188	177	133	84	162	198	127				1423	1,547	-8.0%
Appointments: Non-County	33	47	58	19	9	19	30	34	20				269	209	28.7%

RELIC - Central Library													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			
Appointments: County	254	247	186	265	242	184	154	352	291				2175	1,341	62.2%
Appointments: Non-County	97	42	43	117	43	29	80	46	32				529	166	218.7%

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				109	111	-1.8%	
Children (5-11)	11	2	12	14	18	9	15	13	20				114	92	23.9%	
YA (12-18)	4	0	3	3	2	0	2	5	3				22	30	-26.7%	
Adult	25	37	31	33	29	21	33	45	51				305	258	18.2%	
Bull Run total	54	45	60	67	59	41	63	75	86	0	0	0	550	491	12.0%	
Preschool (B-5)	10	4	4	9	7	5	6	8	8				61	72	-15.3%	
Children (5-11)	7	4	7	6	5	5	4	3	5				46	43	7.0%	
YA (12-18)	1	1	2	3	4	2	2	4	3				22	26	-15.4%	
Adult	5	10	10	7	3	2	3	3	3				46	172	-73.3%	
Central total	23	19	23	25	19	14	15	18	19	0	0	0	175	313	-44.1%	
Preschool (B-5)	11	3	15	21	12	6	15	19	19				121	132	-8.3%	
Children (5-11)	15	5	4	8	6	6	9	4	7				64	60	6.7%	
YA (12-18)	11	6	8	9	6	5	8	6	3				62	136	-54.4%	
Adult	37	21	36	34	17	18	23	43	44				273	283	-3.5%	
Chinn Park total	74	35	63	72	41	35	55	72	73	0	0	0	520	611	-14.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	10	2	12	18	19	8	16	18	19				122	115	6.1%	
Children (5-11)	16	7	5	8	11	11	5	9	7				79	87	-9.2%	
YA (12-18)	10	5	5	7	6	6	5	6	10				60	43	39.5%	
Adult	18	20	18	26	18	15	10	14	15				154	169	-8.9%	
Haymarket Gainesville total	54	34	40	59	54	40	36	47	51	0	0	0	415	414	0.2%	
Preschool (B-5)	4	4	4	6	4	2	5	5	6				40	41	-2.4%	
Children (5-11)	5	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	2				21	44	-52.3%	
YA (12-18)	5	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	2				19	51	-62.7%	
Adult	4	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	3				16	80	-80.0%	
Manassas City total	18	10	11	10	6	4	11	13	13	0	0	0	96	216	-55.6%	
Preschool (B-5)	7	6	6	11	6	6	7	10	9				68	69	-1.4%	
Children (5-11)	11	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	11				57	49	16.3%	
YA (12-18)	5	3	6	5	7	5	7	4	5				47	37	27.0%	
Adult	17	18	11	14	9	10	11	15	13				118	111	6.3%	
Montclair total	40	32	28	35	27	26	30	34	38	0	0	0	290	266	9.0%	
Preschool (B-5)	6	5	10	12	7	8	11	16	15				90	93	-3.2%	
Children (5-11)	10	8	3	7	3	2	3	2	3				41	59	-30.5%	
YA (12-18)	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3				32	31	3.2%	
Adult	27	30	34	33	25	22	26	21	31				249	242	2.9%	
Potomac total	50	46	50	55	38	35	43	43	52	0	0	0	412	425	-3.1%	
Full Service Total	313	221	275	323	244	195	253	302	332	0	0	0	2,458	2,736	-10.2%	

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				55	79	-30.4%	
Children (5-11)	6	3	3	4	7	4	5	3	5				40	40	0.0%	
YA (12-18)	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2				16	6	166.7%	
Adult	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	3				16	8	100.0%	
Dale City total	14	12	13	14	15	11	18	13	17	0	0	0	127	133	-4.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	3	6	7	7	4	2	6	7	5				47	34	38.2%	
Children (5-11)	11	10	10	5	7	7	8	7	9				74	38	94.7%	
YA (12-18)	1	1	1	2	2	7	3	4	6				27	6	350.0%	
Adult	2	4	5	7	3	5	6	9	10				51	37	37.8%	
Dumfries total	17	21	23	21	16	21	23	27	30	0	0	0	199	115	73.0%	
Preschool (B-5)	7	4	7	7	6	5	5	6	5				52	36	44.4%	
Children (5-11)	7	4	7	7	7	4	6	4	6				52	29	79.3%	
YA (12-18)	3	5	5	5	4	4	3	3	4				36	30	20.0%	
Adult	4	4	6	7	7	7	7	8	9				59	39	51.3%	
Independent Hill total	21	17	25	26	24	20	21	21	24	0	0	0	199	134	48.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	6	3	4	8	6	3	4	4	5				43	44	-2.3%	
Children (5-11)	6	3	4	4	5	2	3	2	4				33	28	17.9%	
YA (12-18)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1				5	5	0.0%	
Adult	3	4	6	5	4	3	5	6	5				41	22	86.4%	
Lake Ridge total	15	10	14	17	16	9	12	14	15	0	0	0	122	99	23.2%	
Preschool (B-5)	3	2	4	6	4	3	5	4	4				35	14	150.0%	
Children (5-11)	9	5	5	5	7	4	6	5	5				51	55	-7.3%	
YA (12-18)	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1				10	6	66.7%	
Adult	4	3	7	10	6	4	7	10	7				58	30	93.3%	
Nokesville total	18	10	17	22	18	12	19	21	17	0	0	0	154	105	46.7%	
Neighborhood Total	85	70	92	100	89	73	93	96	103	0	0	0	801	586	36.7%	
Library Events and Activities Totals	398	291	367	423	333	268	346	398	435	0	0	0	3,259	3,322	-1.9%	5,000
% of Performance Measures Target	7.96%	5.82%	7.34%	8.46%	6.66%	5.36%	6.92%	7.96%	8.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	65.18%			

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				4,290	3,829	12.0%	
Children (5-11)	543	34	230	505	327	83	282	148	326				2,478	4,226	-41.4%	
YA (12-18)	10	0	13	12	5	0	7	838	24				909	461	97.2%	
Adult	336	369	270	313	254	214	473	1,346	2,009				5,584	4,733	18.0%	
Bull Run Total	1,548	637	1,019	1,648	1,023	413	1,281	2,804	2,888	0	0	0	13,261	13,249	0.1%	
Preschool (B-5)	280	156	118	330	246	122	267	259	322				2,100	2,020	4.0%	
Children (5-11)	363	100	87	89	144	229	181	84	108				1,385	1,324	4.6%	
YA (12-18)	68	11	17	22	23	8	12	46	27				234	180	30.0%	
Adult	50	129	98	50	19	20	17	35	71				489	1,592	-69.3%	
Central Total	761	396	320	491	432	379	477	424	528	0	0	0	4,208	5,116	-17.7%	
Preschool (B-5)	577	146	713	1,007	567	246	593	824	1,071				5,744	7,386	-22.2%	
Children (5-11)	1,196	200	82	1,519	451	334	393	120	917				5,212	5,650	-7.8%	
YA (12-18)	395	209	257	302	51	72	114	62	20				1,482	3,259	-54.5%	
Adult	399	212	346	1,411	228	123	208	799	950				4,676	5,566	-16.0%	
Chinn Park Total	2,567	767	1,398	4,239	1,297	775	1,308	1,805	2,958	0	0	0	17,114	21,861	-21.7%	
Preschool (B-5)	653	73	653	993	926	316	430	1,029	965				6,038	5,001	20.7%	
Children (5-11)	1,259	942	356	729	683	745	527	610	590				6,441	4,075	58.1%	
YA (12-18)	181	254	53	88	88	182	69	108	119				1,142	518	120.5%	
Adult	302	747	603	971	452	257	139	1,955	194				5,620	7,604	-26.1%	
Haymarket Gainesville																
Total	2,395	2,016	1,665	2,781	2,149	1,500	1,165	3,702	1,868	0	0	0	19,241	17,198	11.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	139	161	110	199	135	61	142	152	217				1,316	1,280	2.8%	
Children (5-11)	298	310	48	18	11	20	169	365	100				1,339	1,494	-10.4%	
YA (12-18)	66	9	42	14	6	0	40	64	45				286	712	-59.8%	
Adult	80	17	23	543	0	5	30	38	78				814	2,203	-63.1%	
Manassas City	583	497	223	774	152	86	381	619	440	0	0	0	3,755	5,689	-34.0%	
Preschool (B-5)	453	126	253	502	176	255	218	229	290				2,502	3,260	-23.3%	
Children (5-11)	1,556	864	1,480	1,319	1,638	1,383	1,127	1,145	1,597				12,109	5,848	107.1%	
YA (12-18)	113	15	63	53	96	45	64	31	115				595	319	86.5%	
Adult	678	819	705	856	240	433	468	463	457				5,119	6,450	-20.6%	
Montclair Total	2,800	1,824	2,501	2,730	2,150	2,116	1,877	1,868	2,459	0	0	0	20,325	15,877	28.0%	
Preschool (B-5)	466	281	367	567	245	221	256	501	508				3,412	4,256	-19.8%	
Children (5-11)	751	387	79	481	123	66	79	36	206				2,208	2,013	9.7%	
YA (12-18)	225	182	123	193	270	139	102	143	92				1,469	1,492	-1.5%	
Adult	374	333	382	621	185	173	311	526	491				3,396	3,378	0.5%	
Potomac Total	1,816	1,183	951	1,862	823	599	748	1,206	1,297	0	0	0	10,485	11,139	-5.9%	
FS Total	12,470	7,320	8,077	14,525	8,026	5,868	7,237	12,428	12,438	0	0	0	88,389	90,129	-1.9%	

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				1,676	2,771	-39.5%	
Children (5-11)	359	148	80	223	475	155	213	127	257				2,037	2,164	-5.9%	
YA (12-18)	47	40	23	45	32	18	17	19	44				285	124	129.8%	
Adult	13	6	11	2	2	8	39	21	59				161	378	-57.4%	
Dale City Total	678	434	352	408	622	402	428	283	552	0	0	0	4,159	5,437	-23.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	77	159	165	161	92	30	150	129	123				1,086	633	71.6%	
Children (5-11)	399	354	509	84	236	160	331	100	198				2,371	1,463	62.1%	
YA (12-18)	40	24	24	18	18	24	21	0	5				174	71	145.1%	
Adult	183	145	15	57	4	72	36	180	120				812	310	161.9%	
Dumfries Total	699	682	713	320	350	286	538	409	446	0	0	0	4,443	2,477	79.4%	
Preschool (B-5)	142	90	165	178	135	118	70	93	130				1,121	644	74.1%	
Children (5-11)	158	92	122	109	82	92	111	59	42				867	766	13.2%	
YA (12-18)	15	44	21	19	31	36	29	25	23				243	318	-23.6%	
Adult	28	57	68	72	82	117	84	101	103				712	817	-12.9%	
Independent Hill Total	343	283	376	378	330	363	294	278	298	0	0	0	2,943	2,545	15.6%	
Preschool (B-5)	170	115	82	167	137	78	51	66	133				999	1,415	-29.4%	
Children (5-11)	402	184	181	379	187	107	61	14	139				1,654	1,286	28.6%	
YA (12-18)	0	0	0	0	73	37	0	62	13				185	273	-32.2%	
Adult	185	180	323	166	204	110	113	142	97				1,520	1,449	4.9%	
Lake Ridge Total	757	479	586	712	601	332	225	284	382	0	0	0	4,358	4,423	-1.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	33	43	94	156	79	74	113	77	85				754	240	214.2%	
Children (5-11)	215	69	91	97	131	119	121	109	108				1,060	1,061	-0.1%	
YA (12-18)	3	0	0	7	3	0	0	6	10				29	26	11.5%	
Adult	33	21	55	81	56	29	59	83	72				489	411	19.0%	
Nokesville Total	284	133	240	341	269	222	293	275	275	0	0	0	2,332	1,738	34.2%	
NL Totals	2,761	2,011	2,267	2,159	2,172	1,605	1,778	1,529	1,953	0	0	0	18,235	16,620	9.7%	
Attendees to Library Events Totals	15,231	9,331	10,344	16,684	10,198	7,473	9,015	13,957	14,391	0	0	0	106,624	106,749	-0.1%	175,000
% of performance measure target	9%	5%	6%	10%	6%	4%	5%	8%	8%	0%	0%	0%	60.93%			

													C U M U L A T I V E			
Library Events and Activities - Outreach and Group Visits													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY24 To Date	Percent of Diff	
events that occur at a location other than a library facility; events are included in appropriate age level totals above; do not count these in library events totals																
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				25	40	-37.5%	
Central	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	3	1				11	10	10.0%	
Chinn Park	5	9	14	12	6	6	8	7	8				75	101	-25.7%	
Haymarket Gainesville	3	9	5	11	7	2	2	5	4				48	52	-7.7%	
Manassas City	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2				5	35	-85.7%	
Montclair	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0				4	12	-66.7%	
Potomac	1	2	7	4	4	4	2	3	8				35	21	66.7%	
Dale City	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4				9	8	-100.0%	
Dumfries	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0				3	5	-100.0%	
Independent Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	2	-100.0%	
Lake Ridge	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1				7	2	-50.0%	
Nokesville	2	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	2				12	7	-85.7%	
Total:	14	28	39	38	21	17	16	21	41	0	0	0	235	295	-92.9%	

													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			
Bull Run	3	0	1	3	0	2	3	1	1				14	22	-36.4%
Central	0	1	1	0	7	4	2	3	3				21	5	320.0%
Chinn Park	0	0	4	4	4	5	2	2	4				25	22	13.6%
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0				5	10	-50.0%
Manassas City	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0				3	4	-25.0%
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	2	-100.0%
Potomac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1	1	0.0%
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1	0	
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	4	-100.0%
Total:	3	2	8	7	15	11	7	8	9	0	0	0	70	70	-88.6%
Outreach and Group Visits Total	17	30	47	45	36	28	23	29	50	0	0	0	305	365	-92.1%

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				2,531	4,024	-37.1%
Central	40	0	80	158	0	15	20	177	41				531	794	-33.1%
Chinn Park	203	303	674	321	127	75	233	148	330				2,414	3,673	-34.3%
Haymarket Gainesville	82	835	384	1,071	246	144	67	1,872	121				4,822	3,232	49.2%
Manassas City	25	0	60	29	0	0	0	0	86				200	5,153	-96.1%
Montclair	0	103	41	150	97	0	0	0	0				391	663	-41.0%
Potomac	13	104	244	173	302	100	93	57	326				1,412	637	121.7%
Dale City	0	224	218	347	0	0	0	0	220				1,009	595	69.6%
Dumfries	0	110	37	0	0	300	0	0	0				447	178	151.1%
Independent Hill	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0				50	48	4.2%
Lake Ridge	0	23	59	318	0	99	0	54	85				638	203	214.3%
Nokesville	36	0	7	18	501	20	20	20	238				860	597	44.1%
Totals:	411	1,920	1,911	2,836	1,273	767	598	2,336	3,253	0	0	0	15,305	19,797	-22.7%

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				105	409	-74.3%
Central	0	22	7	0	19	35	22	12	42				159	79	101.3%
Chinn Park	0	0	69	69	67	92	31	32	55				415	369	12.5%
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	117	0	12	0	0	154	0				283	414	-31.6%
Manassas City	0	12	0	0	16	0	0	0	0				28	70	-60.0%
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	51	-100.0%
Potomac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39				39	24	62.5%
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0				58	0	
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	52	-100.0%
Totals:	21	34	198	90	172	138	64	224	146	0	0	0	1,087	1,468	-26.0%
Outreach and Group Attendees Total	432	1,954	2,109	2,926	1,445	905	662	2,560	3,399	0	0	0	16,392	21,265	-88.0%

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				13	16	-18.8%
Bull Run: Non-County	131	95	90	97	88	104	76	90	119				890	830	7.2%
Bull Run: Total	132	98	91	98	91	105	78	90	120	0	0	0	903	846	6.7%
Central: County	3	4	7	5	0	4	5	4	8				40	25	60.0%
Central: Non-County	60	56	65	74	53	51	44	48	64				515	545	-5.5%
Central: Total	63	60	72	79	53	55	49	52	72	0	0	0	555	570	-2.6%
Chinn Park: County	0	5	1	3	1	1	0	2	4				17	11	54.5%
Chinn Park: Non-County	86	105	14	147	75	72	110	120	141				870	856	1.6%
Chinn Park: Total	86	110	15	150	76	73	110	122	145	0	0	0	887	867	2.3%
Haymarket Gainesville: County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville: Non-County	169	214	224	206	192	176	150	163	235				1729	1,411	22.5%
HG: Total	169	214	224	206	192	176	150	163	235	0	0	0	1729	1,411	22.5%
Manassas City: County	4	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0				26	150	-82.7%
Manassas City: Non-County	40	38	34	54	35	34	19	31	30				315	380	-17.1%
Manassas City: Total	44	49	45	54	35	34	19	31	30	0	0	0	341	530	-35.7%
Montclair: County	0	3	4	4	0	0	1	2	21				35	18	94.4%
Montclair: Non-County	389	410	405	386	323	308	287	298	372				3178	3,166	0.4%
Montclair: Total	389	413	409	390	323	308	288	300	393	0	0	0	3213	3,184	0.9%
Potomac: County	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0				5	7	-28.6%
Potomac: Non-County	0	3	3	3	3	5	1	22	18				58	41	41.5%
Potomac: Total	0	3	3	5	5	6	1	22	18	0	0	0	63	48	31.3%
ASC: County	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0				7	7	0.0%
ASC: Non-County	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				2	0	
ASC: Total	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	28.6%
Dumfries: County	12	5	1	3	0	2	4	6	3				36	47	-23.4%
Dumfries: Non-County	53	64	47	63	70	54	73	71	72				567	536	5.8%
Dumfries: Total	65	69	48	66	70	56	77	77	75	0	0	0	603	583	3.4%
Total County Uses:	20	32	27	18	7	10	14	14	37	0	0	0	179	281	-36.3%
Total Non-County Uses:	929	985	882	1030	839	804	761	843	1051	0	0	0	8,124	7,765	4.6%
Total County + Non-County Use:	949	1,017	909	1,048	846	814	775	857	1,088	-	-	-	8,303	8,046	3.2%

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	Jun-25			
Bull Run: County	0	38	8	26	25	20	85	0	12				214	188	13.8%
Bull Run: Non-County	431	363	267	388	449	364	305	290	327				3,184	3,078	3.4%
Bull Run: Total	431	401	275	414	474	384	390	290	339	0	0	0	3,398	3,266	4.0%
Central: County	87	38	44	92	0	64	78	51	49				503	260	93.5%
Central: Non-County	145	195	173	131	214	134	203	249	256				1,700	1,785	-4.8%
Central: Total	232	233	217	223	214	198	281	300	305	0	0	0	2,203	2,045	7.7%
Chinn Park: County	0	310	116	77	1215	20	0	17	119				1,874	436	329.8%
Chinn Park: Non-County	246	361	326	387	233	113	244	234	228				2,372	2,098	13.1%
Chinn Park: Total	246	671	442	464	1448	133	244	251	347	0	0	0	4,246	2,534	67.6%
Haymarket Gainesville: County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville: Non-County	348	463	459	397	429	393	372	453	567				3,881	3,502	10.8%
HG: Total	348	463	459	397	429	393	372	453	567	0	0	0	3,881	3,502	10.8%
Manassas City: County	12	20	14	0	0	0	0	0	0				46	352	-86.9%
Manassas City: Non-County	76	70	88	128	74	56	33	85	98				708	788	-10.2%
Manassas City: Total	88	90	102	128	74	56	33	85	98	0	0	0	754	1,140	-33.9%
Montclair: County	0	59	41	116	0	0	65	55	195				531	427	24.4%
Montclair: Non-County	920	1040	1067	954	1012	778	659	719	755				7,904	8,210	-3.7%
Montclair: Total	920	1,099	1,108	1,070	1,012	778	724	774	950	0	0	0	8,435	8,637	-2.3%
Potomac: County	0	0	0	85	1,129	21	0	0	0				1,235	1,118	10.5%
Potomac: Non-County	0	38	61	122	37	118	30	31	164				601	691	-13.0%
Potomac: Total	0	38	61	207	1,166	139	30	31	164	-	-	-	1,836	1,809	1.5%
ASC: County	0	20	24	0	40	3	19	0	0				106	153	-30.7%
ASC: Non-County	20	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0				45	0	
ASC: Total	20	20	24	0	40	3	44	0	0	0	0	0	151	153	-1.3%
Dumfries: County	13	7	3	6	0	3	7	10	5				54	82	-34.1%
Dumfries: Non-County	91	104	71	88	109	74	105	104	112				858	769	11.6%
Dumfries: Total	104	111	74	94	109	77	112	114	117	0	0	0	912	851	7.2%
Total County Attendees:	112	492	250	402	2409	131	254	133	380	0	0	0	4,563	3,016	51.3%
Total Non-County Attendees:	2,277	2,634	2,512	2,595	2,557	2,030	1,976	2,165	2,507	0	0	0	21,253	20,921	1.6%
Total County + Non-County Use:	2,389	3,126	2,762	2,997	4,966	2,161	2,230	2,298	2,887	0	0	0	25,816	23,937	7.8%

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				6,811	5,822	17.0%	
Central	523	494	452	442	379	367	377	429	463				3,926	3,471	13.1%	
Chinn Park	887	920	795	842	448	438	672	755	976				6,733	6,816	-1.2%	
Haymarket Gainesville	487	420	342	363	350	344	299	330	421				3,356	3,281	2.3%	
Manassas City	347	293	276	320	256	219	209	213	255				2,388	1,686	41.6%	
Montclair	621	585	507	492	460	390	394	375	493				4,317	3,917	10.2%	
Potomac	1,017	846	887	957	864	949	784	919	1,161				8,384	7,054	18.9%	
Dale City	210	201	188	220	192	223	183	164	215				1,796	1,943	-7.6%	
Dumfries	256	302	230	294	235	234	225	228	314				2,318	2,222	4.3%	
Independent Hill	27	33	23	23	27	24	28	23	25				233	176	32.4%	
Lake Ridge	173	182	147	145	165	169	150	123	188				1,442	868	66.1%	
Nokesville	48	40	51	62	44	32	36	37	36				386	366	5.5%	
Total	5,329	5,077	4,629	4,958	4,142	4,182	4,055	4,345	5,373	0	0	0	42,090	37,622	11.9%	
# 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				10,936	11,321	-3.4%	
Central	953	888	775	771	633	597	622	721	813				6,773	6,891	-1.7%	
Chinn Park	1,676	1,754	1,500	1,613	822	761	1,208	1,319	1,695				12,348	14,141	-12.7%	
Haymarket Gainesville	792	668	547	544	526	544	563	508	722				5,414	5,650	-4.2%	
Manassas City	558	435	405	488	388	339	324	327	428				3,692	3,096	19.3%	
Montclair	1,009	904	827	834	753	662	677	672	874				7,212	6,725	7.2%	
Potomac	1,745	1,509	1,553	1,751	1,607	1,613	1,357	1,546	1,939				14,620	14,799	-1.2%	
Dale City	316	304	289	327	281	295	254	237	325				2,628	3,538	-25.7%	
Dumfries	408	479	347	504	348	385	338	329	481				3,619	3,525	2.7%	
Independent Hill	37	41	45	33	40	31	38	29	31				325	285	14.0%	
Lake Ridge	281	292	223	230	273	266	222	190	293				2,270	1,539	47.5%	
Nokesville	71	67	72	77	55	54	54	58	59				567	634	-10.6%	
Total	9,157	8,663	7,831	8,496	6,818	6,730	6,706	7,039	8,964	0	0	0	70,404	72,144	-2.4%	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				8701	8,471	3%
Central	580	537	734	669	567	556	596	575	642				5456	4,551	20%
Chinn Park	1,711	1,471	1,711	1,943	1,191	1,151	1,312	1,522	1,762				13774	8,390	64%
Haymarket Gainesville	919	910	1,065	1,161	890	748	726	797	1,052				8268	8,176	1%
Manassas City	239	238	218	221	205	219	224	277	256				2097	2,781	-25%
Montclair	1,291	1,312	1,791	1,884	1,420	1,327	1,335	1,436	1,646				13442	9,735	38%
Potomac	622	623	521	637	621	519	557	520	561				5181	5,316	-3%
Dale City	124	61	75	100	74	61	54	38	73				660	2,715	-76%
Dumfries	89	81	80	80	56	68	91	97	87				729	896	-19%
Independent Hill	112	117	108	119	91	91	98	95	83				914	472	94%
Lake Ridge	56	41	45	101	77	75	65	63	80				603	621	-3%
Nokesville	139	137	134	126	78	42	43	47	46				792	551	44%
Total WiFi Users:	6,819	6,452	7,595	8,197	6,206	5,708	5,968	6,304	7,368	0	0	0	60,617	52,675	15%

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				169.00	165.00	2%
Central	21.00	19.00	17.00	16.00	15.00	12.00	14.00	15.00	16.00				145.00	150.00	-3%
Chinn Park	22.00	23.00	23.00	21.00	24.00	23.00	20.00	22.00	20.00				198.00	171.00	16%
Haymarket Gainesville	40.00	38.00	37.00	36.00	32.00	34.00	31.00	32.00	35.00				315.00	266.00	18%
Manassas City	40.00	48.00	62.00	54.00	43.00	68.00	79.00	70.00	62.00				526.00	307.00	71%
Montclair	21.00	20.00	19.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	21.00	21.00				182.00	167.00	9%
Potomac	25.00	21.00	19.00	24.00	26.00	28.00	26.00	24.00	25.00				218.00	175.00	25%
Dale City	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	11.00				76.00	80.00	-5%
Dumfries	11.00	12.00	11.00	13.00	12.00	13.00	20.00	20.00	12.00				124.00	135.00	-8%
Independent Hill	116.00	71.00	67.00	77.00	45.00	67.00	74.00	78.00	24.00				619.00	225.00	175%
Lake Ridge	11.00	15.00	10.00	16.00	16.00	11.00	17.00	17.00	21.00				134.00	94.00	43%
Nokesville	124.00	65.00	48.00	62.00	82.00	27.00	16.00	26.00	23.00				473.00	333.00	42%
Average Dwell Time:	459.00	357.00	340.00	366.00	340.00	332.00	344.00	351.00	290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	264.92	189.00	40%

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													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				654	818	-20%
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				713	788	-10%
% of Staff Attending Training Events	41%	31%	28%	54%	17%	27%	21%	24%	29%	0%	0%	0%			

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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					9,493	10,163	-6.6%	13,225
% of performance measure target																71.78%				

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				338	237	43%		
In-House Work Orders Completed	33	29	32	37	31	14	50	44	39				309	297	4%		
Total	65	72	64	85	68	42	84	92	75	0	0	0	647	534	21%	733	
% of performance measure target													88.27%				

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				14,891	12,385	20.2%	9,000
% of performance measure target													165.46%			

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				455	271	67.9%	200
Attendees at System-Wide Program Events	4,338	1,262	1,119	1,403	1,673	658	1,342	1,179	2,430				15,404	32,412	-52.5%	10,000
Reading Program Participants	1,854	248	27	136	39	1,229	488	87	26				4,134	13,671	-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				205	178	15.2%	250
People Reached at Outreach Events and Bookmobile Stops	765	928	1,191	2,139	289	609	470	641	561				7,593	6,806	11.6%	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				640	895	-28.5%	800
Information Requests Handled	116	98	213	129	166	71	169	203	259				1,424	5	28380.0%	

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Mail Room Transactions (Source: Monthly report from Mailroom)													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				47,739	45,327	5.3%	50,000
% of performance measure target													95.48%			

													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
Materials Services Transactions (Source: Polaris Monthly Statistics Report)													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				87,312	90,967	-4.0%	
Items Deleted	6,213	6,453	7,405	8,481	8,564	9,198	9,205	6,863	6,956				69,338	56,856	22.0%	
Bibs Added	3,549	25,565	4,475	3,888	5,635	4,421	11,619	3,898	4,108				67,158	39,533	69.9%	
Bibs Deleted	7,656	21,539	4,511	4,241	28	6,912	6,186	17,964	9,423				78,460	46,938	67.2%	
Total Transactions	28,083	68,841	25,015	25,694	22,705	28,525	33,497	38,726	31,182	0	0	0	302,268	234,294	29.0%	
% of performance measure target																

													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY25
Technology Services (Source: Monthly report from Technology 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				
Total Support Requests Received in TSD	379	289	285	279	261	225	280	294	394				2,686	36,201	-92.6%	50,000
% of performance measure target													5.37%			

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

**Information Requests
(Full Service Libraries)**

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

**Computer Use Statistics
Library Events and Activities**

- December 2009: SAM Flextime implemented (extension of patron's time no longer counts as a separate session).
- 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 11 participants (4 sessions).

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Our partnership with AARP Tax help continues to be both a well received and well used service with 1622 patrons attending over 14 sessions.



Bull Run makerspace continues to enjoy working with our makerspace teammates from Chinn Park Library as they prepare to open PWPL's newest makerspace. Working with different design software and creating a multitude of filetypes can be dizzying, but with close PWPL teamwork and a great deal of curiosity and persistence, we are learning a wide range of new skills.



One of our patrons, Cyrena Jackson, reached out about doing a Pi Day program at Bull Run. Cyrena is a Senior Manager on the Cyber Investigations and Response team at McKesson, as well as a mother of four and local business owner. She wants to promote STEAM programming to children and is interested in doing more programs with Bull Run Library.

Inviting Spaces

Lobby art continues to be a popular showcase for local artists. The space is already booked through the end of the year. In February local artist, Michele Frantz was featured in the space.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Book Clubs – Four book groups met with 38 in total attendance.

English Conversation group had a total of 78 attending for the month (8 sessions).

Spanish Conversation had 8 attending for the month (4 sessions).

Friday Bingo attracted 11 participants.

35 Spice packets for the Spice Club were handed out.



Where would we be without our AMAZING volunteers?

The makerspace is a thriving site of making and community bonding. Our volunteers are the backbone of our service and put in countless hours in the service of the community. From prep work for programs to teaching skills to mentoring makers on machines, these volunteers are a vital part of the makerspace team.



Maddy created a fun Codebreakers Escape Room based on an Edgar Allen Poe theme. Kids had to solve the puzzles by unlocking six locks to get to the treasure (candy and a 3D printed raven's skull keychain).



Imagination Station is a time for young children and caregivers to free play and socialize with a variety of toys.



Flower arranging at the library made a splash with our community. Joy Blooms treated us to a delightful evening of clipping and playing with flowers of all kinds. After some flower theory we were shown how to prepare flowers, moisten the foam

Accessible Resources and Collections



Where else can you sit down and have a go at making yarn on a spinning wheel? Libraries are the best! This maker came in to gather more information about using our Moxie long arm quilting machine and stayed to get a quick lesson on using a spinning wheel. This collection of maker tools is the gift that keeps giving to our Bull Run community.



Cyrena also did our STEAM Saturday. Using OPE STEAM kits (SNAP Circuits, Code and Go Mouse Robot, and Sphero Balls), children were able to try different types of technology.

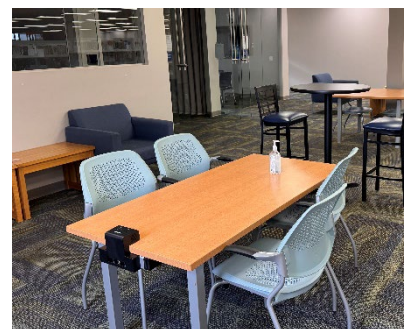
Outreach and Community Engagement



County Youth Services enjoyed using the makerspace to make t-shirts for their team. They cut and ironed on 30+ shirts during their visits to the Hive. It was a treat getting to know our neighbors and they are now certified cricut experts!

Technology and Digital Inclusion

This month, our Library Manager Anne tackled a tricky challenge: finding more ways for patrons to charge their devices in our branch, despite the limited number of outlets in our charming (but older) building. Her clever solution? High-capacity battery packs that attach neatly to tables—easy to access, but out of the way. They were a hit from day one! Patrons started using them immediately and shared lots of positive feedback.



Outreach and Community Engagement

In March, the eggs provided through the 4H embryology programs hatched. The chicks were well received by our community with multiple families coming in just to see the chicks. They also prompted other programs, such as coloring pages, story times, and a special "make a chick" program where children decorated plastic eggs as chickens.

Studio 8601 welcomed Jessica into her new role as a Library Technician in the makerspace, and she jumped right into things assisting with our last outreach to **Parkside Middle School** for the school year. 3D pens were a big hit with the students and brought in over 40 middle schoolers to learn and create during their lunch periods. The **Community Service Board Peers** got a little messy with Mod Podge and made custom works of art.



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

The Stonehouse guild hosted a teen quilting program.



As part of the **Virginia Commission for the Arts VA250** grant series on the “Evolution of the Traditional Fiber Arts of the 18th century to a Modern Day artform,” Heidi Rugg, owner of **Barefoot Puppets** in Richmond, did a felting workshop called “Felting the Blue Ridge Mountains.” The program included the history of wool, felting, and its impact on colonial America. It was a fun and successful program with 12 participants, and a significant waiting list. Participants not only left with knowledge of the wool industry and its economic impact, but also the role it played leading up to the American Revolution. They were also happy to leave with a felting kit to continue their artwork and further their skills with other projects.

Inviting Spaces



In support of inviting spaces, Central reorganized the collection and removed some shelving. This opened our spaces, allowing a larger area for adults to read and research, while also adding space for a giant chess set and board games for in-branch use. These changes add passive programs and space to help the library be more inviting.

Community Responsive Enrichment



As we celebrated the chicks all month, the library hosted a series of events to promote them.



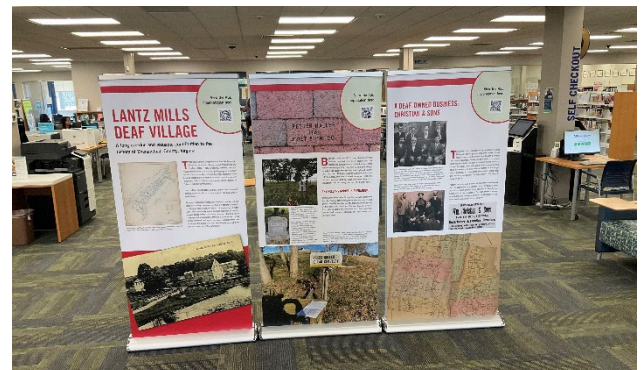
Teen volunteers helped prepare buttons for the library's Lit-Con event.

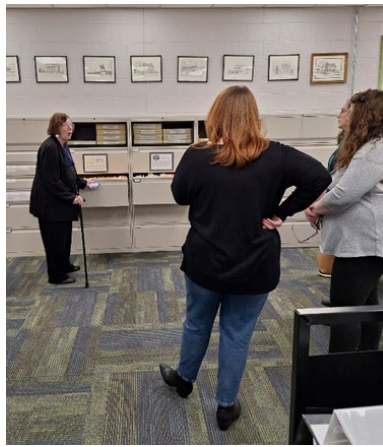
March was a busy month back in Studio 8601, with over 30 appointments and plenty of programming! The "March Down the Aisle" series brought in dozens of patrons to craft personalized hangers and travel bags, and learn the art of flower arranging from Paula of **Joy Blooms**. Library Technician Laura held a full class for her amigurumi crochet class and Librarian Rachel continued her popular crafting with Cricut series and taught patrons how to apply vinyl to plant pots.



Accessible Resources and Collections

Central hosted a display for the **Lantz Mills Deaf Village** this month, highlighting some of the history in the area. Done in cooperation with the **Library of Virginia**, this brought important information to our community and tied in with our RELIC resources.





We had members of the **PWC Department of Information Technology (DoIT)** visit RELIC for a tour and discussion of our resources. It was a successful demonstration of how our resources could benefit other departments in the county. As a result of the tour, they would like to arrange a visit for us to come and speak to a larger group.

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.

Chris Harper hosted a 3D printing program in which patrons learned about the 3D printing program Tinkercad and then were able to design their own model for 3D printing. Throughout the program they were also able to see the 3D printer in action, and then upon completion of their design have their own project printed for pickup at a later time. Chris also offered this training to staff as a part of the ongoing goal to train all CP staff on various MakerSpace equipment in preparation for the opening of CP's own Makerspace. The program was well received by patrons and staff alike.



Figure 1: 3-D Printer Training

Staff assisted patrons with a variety of technology issues this month during one-on-one Tech Tutoring appointments and while working the service desk. Roger assisted a patron during a tech tutoring session with questions concerning virus protection on their digital device. Roger was able to utilize a portion of the training he had created for his Internet Basics course to share with the patrons while covering various ways to protect themselves from computer viruses. Roger assisted another patron in locating various apps and software that can assist in locating active construction site locations, which he needed for his business. Marianne assisted a patron during one-on-one sessions with the use of his laptop and phone. She helped him through the use of WordPad, and explained the difference between it and Microsoft Word, as well as assisted him in setting up notifications in the Calendar App on his phone. Library staff respond to these types of requests each day, which illustrate the valuable work that staff do in helping to bridge the digital divide.

Outreach and Community Engagement

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



Figure 2: PWC Green Business Council Spring Conference Outreach

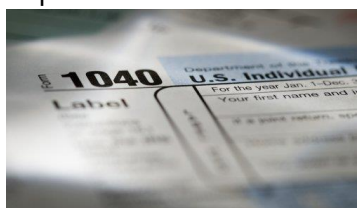
MAGIC attended 3 outreach events in March. Myra attended the New Employee Orientation and Kathy attended the 1-Million Cups business networking event. They both promoted PWPL and MAGIC services. Kathy received 4 questions from the event and MAGIC was promoted in the Economic Development presentation. Myra attended the PWC Green Business Council Spring Conference. Where she networked with local businesses, she was able to promote MAGIC's business databases and services.

In March, the Youth Services Department visited Rockledge and Minnieville Elementary schools to read *Love Like Chocolate* and talk about their bookmark contest. John and Dane lead story times for four preschool classes from the Chinn Aquatic Center, and staff also made some library cards for Woodbridge High School.

Inviting Spaces

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

As Chinn Park Library prepares for the large renovation that will occur when the Small Business Development Center moves in, staff have been invited to participate on Committees to plan changes to the branch's spaces and layout. The committees include Makerspace Planning, Branch Layout Planning, and Programming Space Planning. Staff are being provided with the opportunity to give feedback concerning what they think would work best in these spaces, as well as what might improve workflow and patron experience.



The Chinn Park Library Community Room continued to be utilized as a space for the preparation of tax returns. This month AARP volunteers saw approximately 550 patrons and assisted them in preparing their tax returns. Overall this year has seen an increase in the total number of patrons utilizing this valuable service.

Community Responsive Enrichment

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

Train enthusiasts of all ages enjoyed a two-day exhibit of model railroads brought to the library by the Prince William Model Railroad Club. In another program, Rangers from Leesylvania State Park taught preschoolers about nature with reading, music, and games following the Growing Up Wild Curriculum.

CYA's annual bookmark competition concluded on March 12. This year's theme was "We are Family" based on the book *Love Like Chocolate* by Tracy Banghart. There was a total of 455 children in grades K through 5 who competed this year, and the artwork was amazing! The winners for each grade will be announced at the Talking to the Author event on Saturday, April 12, when Tracy Banghart visits.



Figure 3 Model Railroad Show

In March, CYA staff hosted three weekly story times, one for babies, one for toddlers, and one for preschoolers. Other preschool programs included Saturday Story Time, Music & Motion, Yoga, and Spanish Circle Time. Staff also hosted their monthly Stroller Strides exercise program for parents. In addition, there were two Reading to Dogs sessions and LEGO club for school-aged children.



MAGIC answered a total of 147 questions from the County and local business community this month. Staff had several in-depth questions like Purchase Development Rights program, Repossession of vehicle, and Lawyer personality articles.

For the teens, staff hosted a Homeschool Hangout and Teen Advisory Group (TAG). During TAG, the teens helped design a hole for the library's after-hours mini golf program scheduled for April. Finally, teens and adults made Potholders using sewing machines at the Sew Tuesday program.



Figure 5: Dungeons and Dragons program

Adult Services staff offered all of their regular programs during the month of March, including English and Spanish Conversation, Dungeons and Dragons, book clubs, Podcast discussion, and more. Circulation staff member Rebecca created a Paint by Number take and make which was extremely popular with patrons.



Figure 4: Teens trying out mini golf hole

Chinn Park unveiled the new outdoor portion of the Chinn Park Little Free Seed Library. The outdoor library was made from a recycled newspaper bin that was wrapped with a unique design created by PWPL's marketing department. The outdoor library will be an extension of the indoor seed library, and will house various seeds, informational pamphlets and more. The partnership with the Garden Club of Lake Ridge (GCLR) has been very successful with over 1,700 packets of seeds already having been distributed through the beginning of the year. GCLR also developed a new partnership with a Girl Scout Daisy Troup after the troop learned about the Seed Library and reached out to Chinn Park staff to learn more about how it is managed. Through this referral, the garden club is now hosting educational events with the scout troop on topics related to pollination, gardening, and more.



Figure 6: Outdoor Seed Library

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 7: Patron signing up for a new library card

Chinn Park staff member Rebecca assisted a patron Doris who is 103 years old with signing up for a new library card! Doris was interested in learning French, and Rebecca was able to help her get her card and show her the library's books on CD selection for language learning. Doris was very excited to get her card and using the library's collection to meet her goals, and was also happy for her photo with her granddaughter to be shared with the library.

Myra conducted several one-on-one training sessions with the business community. She promoted the Foundation Directory Grant database, and the A-Z database business directory found in the Digital Library.

Adult Services staff promoted many of the library's digital resources both in assisting patrons while on the service desk and in monthly displays. Roger worked with a patron that originally came to the library looking for books on CD that would assist a friend coming from Afghanistan learn English. When there was not much in the physical books on CD, Roger showed the patron Pronunciator and Transparent Language and covered the key features of both, which the patron was very appreciative of. Marianne created an English Language Learning display that focused specifically on the library's digital resources that assist with English Language learning.



Figure 8: English Language & Learning Display

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.



Figure 9: Chinn Park staff member Myra

Myra is continuing her training in MSD on Mondays, which is going very well. She has developed new skills and understanding of the process for cataloging and handling new books. Adam McKiernan from HG is continuing to work in MAGIC, he has learned how to search and verify companies and do property searches.

MAGIC is collaborating with other departments with cross-training. Kathy met with Lisha Payne from COS to train her on MAGIC services, so when she does outreach, she will be more informed and able to talk about MAGIC.

Chinn Park CYA staff member Andreea hosted a sewing training, and Adult Services Staff member hosted a tabletop dice making training for staff as a part of the ongoing effort to expose CP staff to the different types of equipment and programs that may be offered in the library's Makerspace. Staff have enjoyed the opportunities to learn from their co-worker's expertise, while meeting their evaluation goal.

Outreach and Community Engagement

Branch Outreach

Our continued outreach efforts included our monthly visits to Harper's Station for a craft, and the Gainesville High School Craft and Chat during lunch. Jeanine also visited 4Rs Preschool and Tiny City Academy where she spoke to numerous families about library services.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Volunteer Appreciation

Rosanne met with the Volunteer Recognition Committee multiple times during the month of March as part of her goals and lead the initiative to record a "Thank you Video" for our volunteers to be promoted on social media during Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Inviting Spaces

Coming Soon – Drive-Up Book Drop!

A new concrete pad was installed in March for our new drive-up book drop that will be placed across from our front doors. The new book drop will make it easier for patrons who need to make a quick return without getting out of their vehicles.

Brand New Concrete Pad
for New Book Drop



March Madness – A Tournament of Books



Teen Tournament of Books Finalists!

This year, Rosanne premiered a new teen display, March Madness: a Tournament of Books. Teens were encouraged to vote on the top 25 most circulated titles between January 1 and 30 of 2025 until they reached the Final Champion title. Participation stats were very high in this interactive, passive program with a total of 94 votes in person and 40 votes online. The Hunger Games was the reigning champion for 2025.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Youth Services Programs

March mostly featured our well-attended regular story times and our popular Friday Pre-K Skills Builder program. We are looking forward to warmer Spring weather, when we can debut a new story trail book!

Teen Programs

In an effort to build connections between tween and teen programming, we offered separate Teen and Tween Game Nights using OPE's supplemental programming supplies, including a Nintendo Switch, and board and card games. The tweens had a greater attendance than the teens, but both were popular programs with positive responses. We also launched a Teen Book Club this month,

inspired by one of our teen volunteers. The program meets on Saturday afternoons and is continuing to build its audience of teen attendees.

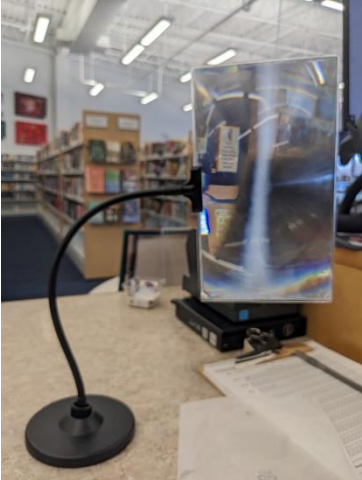
Adult Programs

In the month of March, we embraced the last of the chilly weather with a "Soup it Forward" display featuring Soup Cookbooks for our patrons. It was by far our most popular book display; with over 40 check outs we were constantly putting out new titles! We also had a multi-part window display which featured "National Pi Day," "National Puppy Day," and "National Take a Walk in the Park Day." We also had a very popular Crafts-to-Go kit in March, which consisted of a coffee-filter flower card. In addition to these passive programs and community engagement displays, we hosted our ever-popular recurring book clubs, including Read by Dawn, a horror book club, and our Books on Tap group.



"Soup It Forward" Book Display

Technology and Digital Inclusion



New magnifying sheet with stand.

After Caylin and Lisa observed two of our visually impaired patrons struggle to use the computers while using our small, hand-held magnifying glass, we purchased larger magnifying sheets with and without stands for patrons to use at the computers. The magnifiers can be used anywhere in the building to make screens and materials, like the printing kiosk, magazines and newspapers, more accessible. Both regular patrons that motivated this improvement have been pleased to use the new standing magnifying glass sheets and other patrons have benefited from using them, too.

Fressia reviewed the Spanish tutorial for how to access Hoopla and translated "PWPL Free Digital Resources for Families and Children," a document to distribute during school visits. Fressia intentionally promotes the Digital Library as a resource for language learning for LEP adults who are registering for a library card or inquiring about English language learning programs.

Jenn attended the first meeting of the new PWPL 3D Printing Services Committee. This committee will determine goals, parameters and processes for 3D printing as a service of PWPL.

The MC staff assists patrons in English and Spanish to access the kiosk and all of its functions. We regularly troubleshoot the Smart kiosk and copier, especially with mobile printing and faxing.

Outreach and Community Engagement

It is not unusual to hear from patrons that they didn't know that PWPL has a branch in Manassas City, and many patrons also comment that they are new to the area. Making new library cards is a frequent request, and in March, 80 of the 116 new library card signups were from Manassas City residents.

Clea presented story times to 86 kids at Lightbridge Academy daycare center and Hayden Elementary School to celebrate Read Across America.

On March 4, Lena and Jenn met with staff from the non-profit CASA to explore opportunities to collaborate with the library and to learn more about the PWPL COHS program.



Round Elementary principal holds a meet up to plan family night at the library

Jenn is working with staff and the Manassas City Schools to schedule library visits, presentations and promotion of the Summer Reading Program for kids and teens. Since 43% of residents in Manassas City are Spanish speaking, Fressia translated the promotional flyer into Spanish for school visits to make sure that all families are informed and feel welcome.

Fressia and Julie also translated system-wide closing signs, passport services materials and the Latino Poetry Event flyer for the Library of America grant. Displaying Spanish language signs and promotional materials helps Spanish speaking patrons more seamlessly engage with PWPL's programs and services.

Lena presented the annual "State of the Library" to the Manassas City Council and Mayor on March 24. She included a brief overview of the COHS program and the positive community impact of having 32 graduates since inception in 2020. Lena also oriented our newest COHS staff committee member Britni Fancsali (CP).

The Friends held what turned out to be their most successful book sale ever, raising over \$1400 in sales and new Friends memberships in 2 days.

The Brightworks Brewing Co. Books on Tap book group led by Jenn has steady participation. This month they discussed *A Fire So Wild* by Sarah Ruiz-Grossman and welcomed a new member.



Lena presents to City Council

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Every MC staff member engaged in delivering or taking training this month.

Caylin trained MC staff on SAM balances, remittances, using the cash register, and what to do when patrons report a stolen library card. She also updated staff on changes to our circulation policies and procedures.

Clea attended the PWPL Grants Training to learn about securing grants and the process involved. Clea continued to learn more about how to incubate and hatch chicken eggs. She learned how to care for chicks as they hatch and into their first week of life. Throughout the process, Clea trained MC staff to assist with the process and shared what she learned with the public.

Fressia visited CE and LR branch to further her learning about collection maintenance and circulation practices. She also attended the PWC training "Becoming a Stronger Intern Candidate" training.

Jenn completed the 2-day Outward Mindset Training to enhance supervisory skills and aid in developing an outward mindset in both professional and personal arenas.

In preparation for her new responsibility as the teen volunteer supervisor, Julie met with Kat Seastead, BRYS Librarian, to discuss teen volunteers and how to best approach supervising them. Julie and Monika attended the Summer Reading Volunteer Supervisors Kick-Off Meeting.

Kelly, Monika, and Lena attended PWPL Customer Service training. Kelly and Monika attended Polaris, and Kelly received continued training to master circulation procedures. Kelly also attended the first Workplace Expectation Committee meeting, and Monika attended Communico training.

Lena, Jenn and Caylin completed the "Moving from Bias to Inclusion in a DEI Journey" training. Lena also continued with branch manager onboarding with FSD and met with the Grants Committee.

Multiple staff helped to update service desk computers and several staff workstations to Windows 11, and we are all making the adjustment to the new operating system.

Inviting Spaces



Meet and greet with local artists

Lisa worked with The Onyx Art Group to schedule a Meet-the-Artist event on March 15, which had 31 attendees. The exhibit of abstracts and batiks created by six artists attracted many patrons and inspired two sales during the event. Many community members have driven to Manassas City just to see their work.

Gathering input from staff, Clea began the process to select different furniture options for the Teen Area with the goal to make the space more appealing and functional for teens.

Jenn created and maintained book displays featuring Read Across America Day and PWPL's Spice Club.

Julie created an on-going "staff picks" endcap display with customized bookmarks for each team member.

Kelly created a popular "Luck of the Irish" St. Patrick's Day display in Children's section.

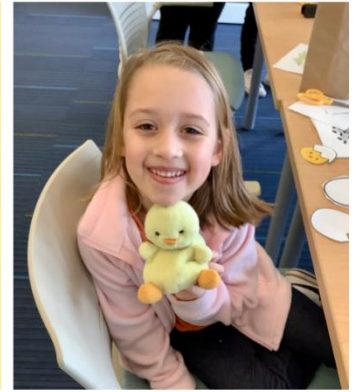
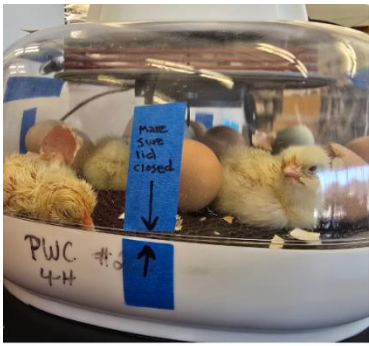
Community Responsive Enrichment

Clea hosted the 3rd and final In-Person FAFSA Assistance session for this season. The program continues to attract 25-40 teens and adults per session, and offers personal assistance from bilingual NOVA Financial Aid Officers. She also partnered with the Manassas Museum to offer "Train Tales for Tots," a train-themed story time with 52 in attendance.

Fressia hosted Spanish Story Time and assisted LEP (Limited English Proficient) patrons with placing holds, issuing new library cards, and renewing library accounts. After Fressia assisted a patron with job hunting, the patron came back to express gratitude for the help she received, as it led to an interview for a position with Manassas City Public Schools. Fressia pointed the patron to LinkedIn Learning to further prepare for the interview and update her resume.



*Family play time after Hora del cuento
Spanish story time*



With help and involvement of all staff members, Clea incubated 12 fertilized eggs and hatched 6 chicks, which she cared for in a brooder on the service desk. She dressed our mascot Manny as a chicken and created a chicken-themed book display. She created an egg scavenger hunt and a sensory chicken walk to help kids actively learn numbers and letters and practice reading. She hosted "Eggstravaganza", a chicken themed party to learn about chickens and to celebrate. Once the chicks hatched, we counted 474 people that came into the branch (sometimes daily) to check on the chicks. March was an egg-citing time at MC!



New seed library to combat food insecurity.

Lisa coordinated efforts for the Latino Poetry Event, a grant funded program to be held in April. Lisa and Fressia developed the program with poetry discussion facilitators and panelists. Lisa and Jenn learned the PWPL procedures for program agreements and visited the Museum of Manassas to work out event logistics. Lena created event graphics.

Lena collaborated with the PWC Master Gardener's program to establish a small seed library with a focus on reducing food insecurity.

Accessible Resources and Collections



Launch pads and WhaZoodles featured for kids

Caylin and Julie reorganized the J Audiovisuals to improve visibility and browsability for launchpads. Caylin added endcap display shelves to help promote the AV materials.

Julie went through all MC materials to ensure that face-out books are displayed on easels to improve merchandising and to better maintain the condition of books when they are face out. Julie also shifted adult non-fiction. She pulled out the 741.5's to establish the new Graphic Novel collection. She also moved the biographies to the end of non-fiction to make them more visible and accessible to browse.

Fressia rebalanced additional world language titles to expand this small but popular adult collection.

Jenn participated in changes to the collection layout, relocated Book Kits and improved signage.

The following are highlights comparing circulation statistics from March 2024 to March 2025:

- 7% overall increase.
- 45% increase on puzzles. We moved them from behind the desk (circulation upon request) to placing them in the children's area (open access), which also freed up significant space behind the service desk.
- J collections show very strong growth in circulation. Easy up 6%, Easy Reader up 7%, and J Non-fiction up 24%.
- Large print fiction up 5% and LP Mystery and LP Non-fiction both up 7%

From 2023 to 2024, MC saw a 20% increase in library visits. Growth in foot traffic is expected as we raise community awareness of PWPL's newest location. More visitors will inevitably lead to growth in circulation. Nonetheless, we take an "all hands on deck" approach to shelving, merchandising and promoting our collection. We are also making changes to ensure physical access and relevance to engage with the community's needs and interests.



Growing the Spanish and world language collections by popular demand.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Montclair staff are currently preparing to assist Bull Run's Makerspace with their 3D print online submissions. Librarian Shannon developed training materials for fellow staff members this month and will be holding an in-person training session in April. Staff members will be able to download the submitted stl files from the online form, upload and slice the files using our Makerbot software, and then print.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Information staff members attended Time Management Tips and Tools Training to learn how to better effectively manage time in a service-oriented environment. Library Technician Allyson also attended LEAP training to learn more about using the web version of Polaris to effectively use the software on the go or at outreach events.

Library Assistant Johana attended the Polaris LEAP training on March 19th. Library Page Michele attended the Library Customer Service training on March 22. Library Supervisor Elizabeth attended the Hosting an English Conversation Club at Your Library webinar from Transparent Language on March 20.

Inviting Spaces

Youth Services –

Youth Services welcomed Spring with a new Exploration Station featuring Insects, generously sponsored by FMCL. Patrons of all ages enjoyed studying real insects in resin and replicas of a honeycomb and the life cycle of a damselfly. We celebrated Women's History Month with a scavenger hunt featuring biography bites and a book display featuring the beautiful picture books of J Bio to tell their stories.

Circulation Services –

Our circulation staff really brought creativity to Library displays in March. Library Technician Janna's display featured titles that had an extraordinary narrator telling a unique story. Patrons could scan a QR code to access additional digital titles on Hoopla. Additionally, to welcome spring, Library Supervisor Fabienne and Library Technician Lillie collaborated to create a gardening display. Library Page Michele's display "All About Ireland" featured materials about Ireland - including Irish history, travel and traditions.

Library Page Katie's display, "Book vs. Movie", highlighted books that were made into movies. The display featured the DVD and the accompanying book. She created a passive program at the top of the display that encouraged patrons to vote if they preferred the movie or the book. At the end of the month, the votes were counted, and the book was declared the preferred format and Library Assistant Kelley updated our

interactive staff board to encourage staff to answer a monthly question on a variety of topics.



Strange Storytellers



All About Ireland



Interactive Staff Board

Community Responsive Enrichment

Youth Services -

Allyson hosted MCL's first stuffed animal sleepover and story time. 18 stuffed animals were dropped off to enjoy all the fun activities the library has to offer, and excited patrons were able to view their antics and be reunited with their friends at the subsequent story time. Leesylvania State Park Rangers visited for a fun story time featuring the nature surrounding us in the spring with their Little Rangers program. Two local authors shared special story times featuring their children's books and extension activities; Sharlay Sloss with her book about alopecia: Hair Free Horace, and Margie Hamner with her book Magic Ball of Light: Summer Camp.

The Black Student Union of Colgan High School led their first Unity in Stories program highlighting diversity and inclusion. Jacquie led our weekly Good Morning Story Times as well as Baby Playtime. Fifteen community and county partners, military branches, and institutions of higher learning offered opportunities to the young adults in our community at our first Teen College and Job Fair, which was well attended and well received. Taking advantage of the secret, all youth librarians know about teen programming: if you feed them, they will come, Jacquie lured them into interacting at Teen Pop-In by offering popcorn and poppin' boba tea! Sherri offered teens a fun craft night to make adorable pom-pom succulents in terra-cotta.



Magic Ball of Lights Storytime



Stroller Strides

Adult Services –

Montclair partnered with local business, Savory Blends Tea Co., to host a tea workshop where participants got to mingle, sample various teas, play tea pairing games, and even create their own custom blends—all while learning about the benefits of different teas and ingredients.

Adult services also hosted another Cafe Lego for adults this month where Lego enthusiasts made their cherry blossoms to mark the season. Patrons who stopped by Montclair during the month of March were also able to take home a DIY Macrame Plant Hanger kit with the supplies and instructions to make their own plant hangers.

The American Red Cross also hosted a blood drive this month at Montclair to collect much needed donations and had many first-time donors.



Savory Tea Blends



DIY Macrame Plant Hangers

Circulation Services –

The English Conversation group, facilitated by Library Assistant Angela Sigmund and Library Supervisor Elizabeth Grove met three times in March with a total attendance of 7. In addition to casual conversation,

they discussed topics such as favorite seasons, gardening, cooking and hobbies. Participants came from El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Pakistan and Peru.

Library Manager Nancy Sampson facilitated her popular Stitchers Circle program, where participants shared their various on-going stitching projects, while engaging in lively conversations on a variety of topics.

Library Assistants Angela and Kelley created an active "Stress Less: Coloring Display" that had 262 coloring sheets taken.

Accessible Resources and Collections

Youth Services –

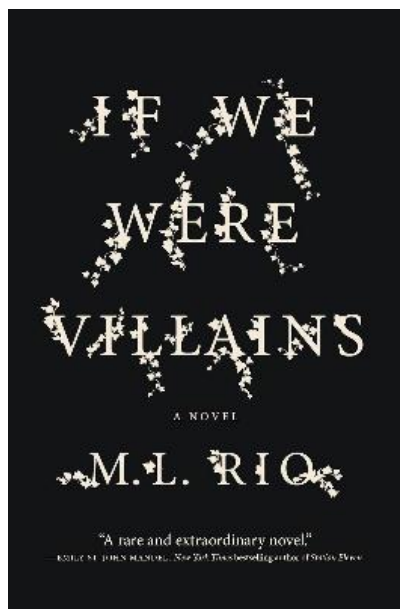
Wazoodles have been a big hit with our grade school aged patrons and this new literacy modality has been flying off the shelves. Montclair is unable to keep the small amount we have available to patrons. Fun fact: they're also durable.

Adult Services –

Information and circulation staff members have been contributing to Montclair's Adult reader's advisory carousel this month - a print display made by staff to promote a variety of niche subjects and genres and highlight the diversity of PWPL's collections.

Circulation Services –

In March, Montclair circulated 25,401 items and created 176 new library cards. Our top 2 items circulated for March:



If We Were Villains – M. I. Rio



PWPL Hotspots

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Fifty people attended a popular combination in-person and virtual AI program with a George Mason Professor that Joseph organized. There were also 39 America School of Nursing and Allied Health (ASNAH) students who came to Potomac Library for a group tour where Joseph promoted digital resources.



Popular AI Program



Group visit with America School of Nursing and Allied Health (ASNAH)

Outreach and Community Engagement

Potomac staff excelled at outreach! There were eight outreach visits: Leesylvania Elementary School (36 attendees), IKEA Sleep Day Storytime (14 attendees), Porter Elementary School STEAM Night (85 attendees), Freedom High School Lunch Visit (39 attendees), Gar-Field High School lunch visit (44 attendees), Enrichment Summit-Fitzgerald Elementary School (67 attendees), and two separate ASNAH outreach visits (41 attendees total.)



Gar-Field HS Lunch Visit



Outreach Storytime at IKEA - Thymie

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

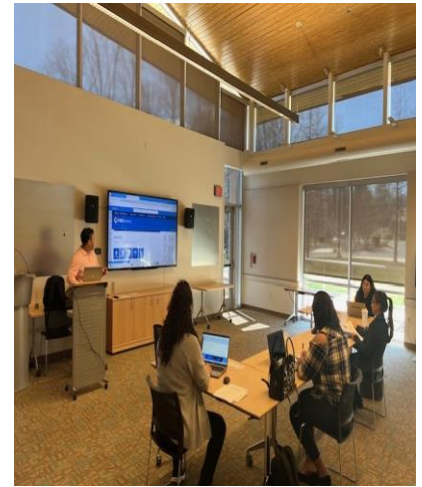
Potomac Staff celebrated Pi (pie) day March 14 for the mathematical concept of 3.14. There was a Pie Book Display for the public and a Social Committee fundraiser where staff brought in a dozen pies (many homemade) throughout the week and sold slices. Staff also served as trainers in Polaris.



Pie Display by Naoko



Some of the pies in Social Committee fundraiser



Tristan and Stephanie did Polaris 102 Training

Inviting Spaces

The signage in the Youth Services area was refreshed. There were also fun teambuilding activities for staff like the one shown below that were done in the staff lounge. For the public, the staff are the main reason Potomac Library is an inviting space. We love the public!



YS signage was updated by Christine making the library more inviting



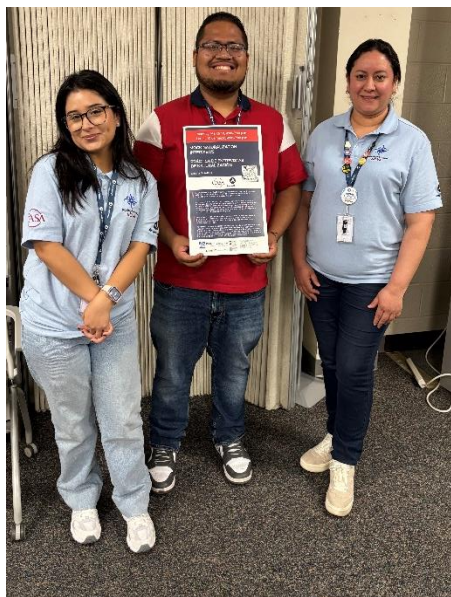
Happy customers!



Wellness Wood Slice Kit Painting Station in staff lounge that Catherine organized for PO staff to use as a teambuilder

Community Responsive Enrichment

Excellent programs for all ages including adult Book Groups, Ask a Librarian, Mock Citizenship Interviews, and Miniature Painting. Youth Service programs included Storytimes, Lego Club, Seed Library and Teen Post-It.



Mock Naturalization Interviews



Honeybee Storytime



Savory Teas Workshop organized by OPE with Tiffany as the Potomac contact

Accessible Resources and Collections

Eye catching displays including ones for Ramadan and St. Patrick's Day were popular. We also hosted a display for the PWCS for the public to review and comment on instructional materials.



Ramadan display by a member of the community



St. Patrick's Green Display - Dorothy



PWCS books available for the public to review

Outreach and Community Engagement



Dale City staff made four outreach visits during the month of March. We spent three mornings celebrating Read Across America at Enterprise Elementary School, visiting the students and reading to various classroom groups. We also spent an evening with the adult English language students at Casa Virginia issuing library cards and telling folks about our language learning and multilingual materials and resources.

Inviting Spaces



Our Facilities team completed the installation of a new recycled plastic bench in front of the building near the book drop. Visitors now have a comfortable place to sit outside if they need to make a phone call or eat during their trip to the library. Many thanks to the Friends of the Chinn Park Regional Library for funding this!

We are also in the final phase of having a new fire alarm system installed in the branch. Our thanks to Buildings and Grounds for identifying issues with our old system and getting a new one installed!



We hosted several great programs in March! True to the program's title, we had a FUN Time with Paint using sponge rollers and paint dot markers. Young patrons also learned about how seeds grow into flowers with a Ranger from Prince William Forest Park and discussed *la clima* (the weather) with Ms. Roxanne at Spanish Circle Time. We offered popular Take and Make crafts not only for kids, but also for teens and adults, and our book club partnership with Method Gym of Dale City is planned to continue through the calendar year.

Dale City, Lake Ridge, and Dumfries Libraries cohosted the quarterly Menopause Café at Jirani Coffee house this month, as well. Our partners at Prince William Health District and Virginia Department of Health have been very kind in helping us spread the word about the Café in the community!

Technology and Digital Inclusion

This month our SMARTKiosk was updated to allow patrons to pay Library Fines at the kiosk, in addition to copy/print fees. We're very pleased with the new feature, and our staff is encouraging patrons to pay most charges at the kiosk now, especially since it allows our patrons to easily pay via credit card! We also had 8 of our Public Access Computers refreshed this month, ensuring our computers run smoothly and effectively for patrons. Thank you to TSD for their hard work switching out and setting up the new computers!

Outreach and Community Engagement

The Dumfries Library is one of 4 PWPL branches that is partnering with Prince William County Schools throughout the months of March and April by serving as a host location for PWCS Textbook Adoption. We have potential candidates for textbook selection available at our branch in subjects that include French, ASL, Math, Algebra, Geometry, and Statistics. Patrons can review the textbooks in the library at their leisure and submit feedback on the materials either electronically or via paper forms available at the library.



We also partnered with Prince William County Community Services in March, as their staff visited the library to give members of the public resource bags with Problem Gambling information. We also had Social Services out on the same day as part of the regular Social Services at the Library program – it is always great to work with other departments in the county and ensure their services are available to our regular patrons!

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Library Technician Kelly led a training on working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Patrons at the library's all staff meeting this month, summarizing information from webinars she has taken, and shared resources from ASCLA with staff.

Inviting Spaces

Library staff shifted our collection this month to create more space for certain collections and highlight our New Books and Fortunate Finds more effectively. We shifted all the New Books and Fortunate Finds from endcaps that were on library shelves, and relocated them next to our patron holds, right at the front of the library. We also created new signs to highlight these collections. We also shifted our adult DVD collection to the back wall of the library to create this space, so that all our media is now on the same shelf. The result has made the library appear more attractive and organized, and has made it easier for patrons to browse our shelves throughout the library, as well as created more space for our collections. The change also enabled us to add more display spaces to the library endcaps, which staff have been taking advantage of!



Community Responsive Enrichment

Our branch was the first to host the new Mugs for Mom program, organized through the library Office of Programming and Events this month – it was a success, with several patrons coming in to use the Cricut Mug Press to create custom mugs. We also hosted a Blind Tea Tasting on St. Patrick's Day, where patrons were guided by a library staff member as they sampled a wide assortment of teas. Registration was full for this program, and everyone showed up and participated enthusiastically! We also adopted a Books on Tap program this month, taking over hosting duties for the Books on Tap program at the Sinistral Brewery from Manassas City. We're excited to finally be able to offer our very own book club, and for the opportunity to partner with a business in Prince William County. Our Family Storytimes remain popular as ever and continue to grow each month! Themes this month were Monkeys, Dogs, and Spring storytime to ring in the first day of the season! We recently acquired scarves to use for movement exercises for our storytimes, purchased with donation funds provided by the Friends of the Potomac Library, which we began incorporating into our regular routine. We had an intern from the Central Library visit to observe our Baby Storytime and Family Storytime this month.

Spice Club continued to be extremely popular, as we were provided with 40 packets this month, which all ran out quickly! The spice of the month was Ginger, and the recipe is Batinjaan Zalud (a cooked eggplant salad).





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Outreach and Community Engagement

Story Trail



Two new library volunteers have successfully completed their training and are prepared to take over the responsibility of replacing the book in the Story Trail at Hellwig Memorial Park. Their commitment will enhance the experience for all visitors.

Inviting Spaces

Story Time



Children had a great time during Story Time in the spring-themed area designed for them.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Knightly Knits and Crafty Crochets



The community gathered to have fun with knitting and crocheting, enjoying each other's company and sharing creativity.

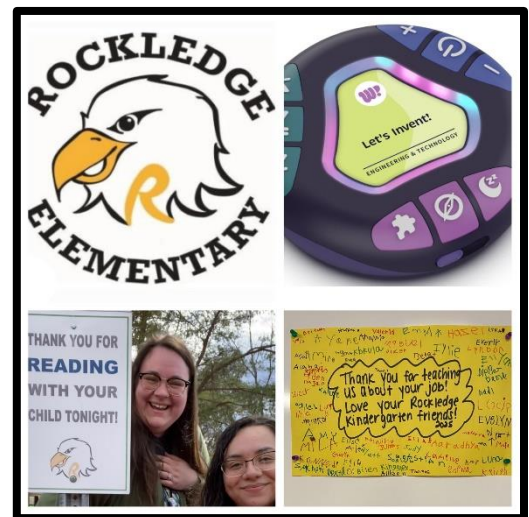


Technology and Digital Inclusion

The start of a new month meant the service desk computers received some extra attention as staff completed Windows 11 updates out front. Just as in February, the process went smoothly and staff were glad to have all computers on the same system again.

Outreach and Community Engagement

On March 25th, Nikki, Ashley and Greer visited Rockledge Elementary for their Kindergarten Career Day. Nearly 100 students came together to learn about life at the library. Though slightly chaotic on the heels of an unexpected fire drill, the outreach event had everyone smiling thanks to silly questions, fun goodie bags, and much, much, more! The children passed on a note of thanks to the library containing all their names, and began stopping by with their parents in the days that followed to show their parents what excited them most – like the Whazoodles and Wonderbooks.



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

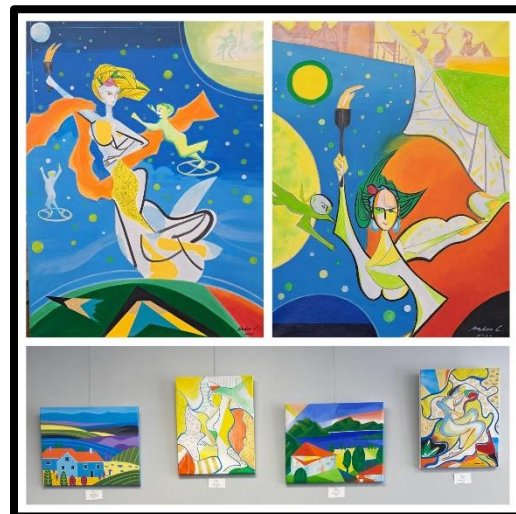
In preparation for April's celebration of National Volunteer month, the team recorded a short video expressing their gratitude for everything the volunteers do around the library. Their diverse skills and unending helpfulness make them critical contributors, while their approachability and kindness make them irreplaceable.



As the branch's collection maintenance expert, Joanna welcomed in staff from another library to answer questions and share knowledge on key procedures and policies. Later in the month, she received training from a member of OCM on best practices for building up the SharePoint page for Lake Ridge Library. Juliana also attended two professional development sessions, one with the county and one with the library's HR department. Finally, Greer agreed that Lake Ridge could host a new member of the COS team, Lisha. Throughout her day at Lake Ridge, she shadowed on the desk, helped shelve books, and spoke with each employee about their areas of expertise like programming, outreach, volunteers, and collection maintenance.

Inviting Spaces

Lake Ridge welcomed a new artist into the branch – Kabao Li. Mr. Li is considered a pioneer in the realm of “Line Expressionism,” which fuses together Chinese calligraphic lines with vibrant shades of acrylic oils. Originally from China, he is an artist in residence with the Lorton Workhouse and has enjoyed the opportunity to exhibit his work worldwide. Staff have noticed lots of patrons pausing to look at the new additions to the branch, with some commenting on how unique and colorful they are.



Also in early March, library staff had fun changing the decorations around the children’s area by replacing red hearts with green shamrocks. They also put out bookmarks, stickers, and themed whiteboard decorations to celebrate Read Across America Day. The bookmarks were especially popular!

March was the first full month of hourly rounds for Lake Ridge staff and they did a fantastic job of implementing the new process. Everyone cheerfully shared the new responsibility and on more than one occasion an employee could be heard moaning in disappointment that someone else beat them to the task. The extra time in the stacks and around the branch helped increase staff visibility and enable staff to address concerns in a timely manner.

Community Responsive Enrichment

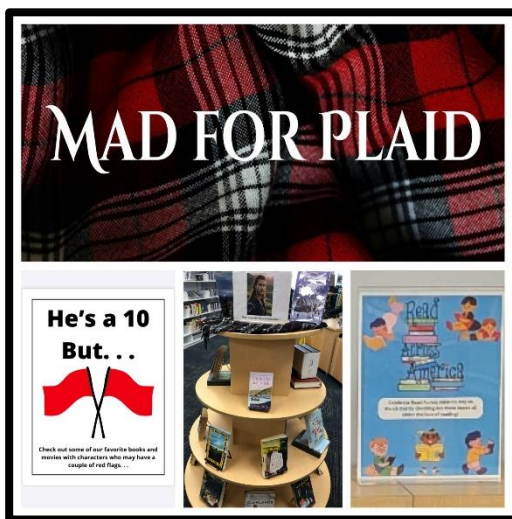
Story times, crafts, and a scavenger hunt all provided fun for the littlest patrons of Lake Ridge in March, but the main attractions seemed to draw in plenty of adults and teens. Lake Ridge highlighted National Nutrition Month through displays, handouts, and online videos in partnership with a local nutritionist. Everyone enjoyed the influx of laughter and camaraderie as the Lake Ridge Readers book club gathered for the second time on site for their discussion of *The Measure*. And Savory Teas proved to be as entertaining as it was educational for all in attendance.



Accessible Resources and Collections

Displays were as much fun as ever throughout the branch in March. Nikki drew attention to “Read Across America Day” with a fun display in the children’s area, while Joanna and Lissette put together creative adult displays entitled “Mad for Plaid” and “He’s a 10, But”.

Greer also designated a display area for adult learning tablets, making space to highlight the variety of available topics through posters, bookmarks, and more. Happily, staff watched as teens and adults alike took a few home to try out and enjoy.



Outreach and Community Engagement



Staff members Sunny and Adina visited The Nokesville School for Literacy Night to talk with parents about library services. Over 200 attendees visited the table to learn more about library services, some of whom already recognized our staff and were happy to see them participating in the event.

Cup of Cozy book club and Storytime and a Craft both continued to meet at Vita Nova Creatives & Coffee in Nokesville. This month, attendees at storytime made an umbrella craft and read books about spring. Crowds for Sunny's storytimes at Vita Nova are growing by the day with 29 attendees last month!

Books on Tap met at Effingham Winery to discuss Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman, and Cedar Run Books on Tap group met to discuss My Sister The Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Nokesville's newest staff member, Adina, has hit the ground running and is ready to jump into doing library programs. This month she attended training to learn to use the library's events software to help put her ideas into action in the coming months.

Inviting Spaces

Helen continued the goal of branch cleanup by organizing a craft supply exchange to help facilitate unused craft supplies returning back to the community.

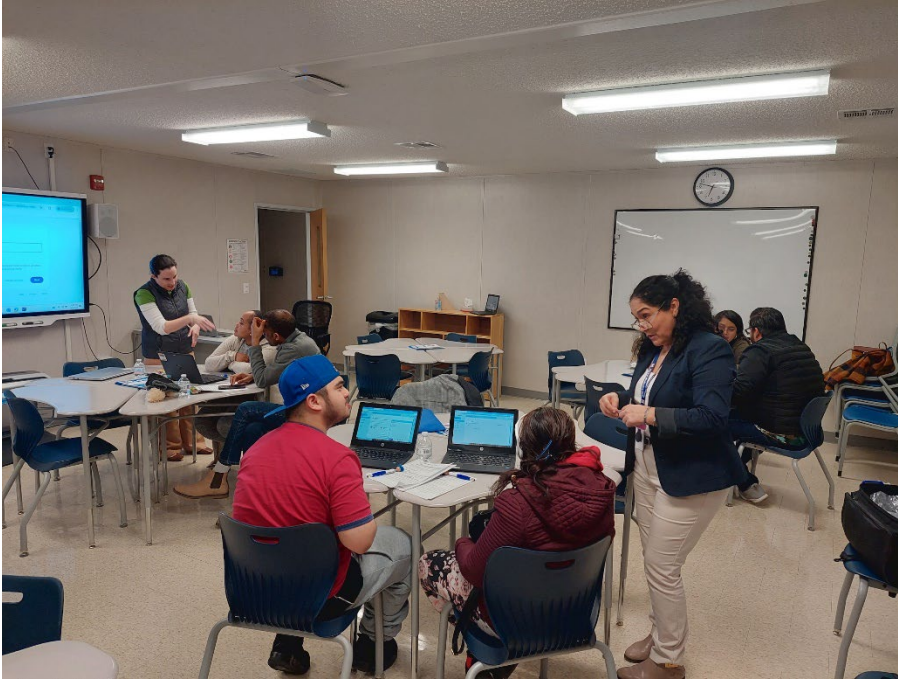
Sunny completed the goal of integrating the library's holiday collection with the rest of the children's books to help prepare excess shelving to be removed to make the restroom hallway more open and accessible.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Thursday morning toddler and preschool programs continue to be a hit. In honor of the chickens that hatched at Manassas City and Central libraries, the Music & Motion class did the chicken dance, and attendees were encouraged to visit these local libraries to see the baby chicks.

Monthly Lego club and Homeschool Hangout continue to be a fun break for kids to get out and play games, build with Legos, and meet new friends.

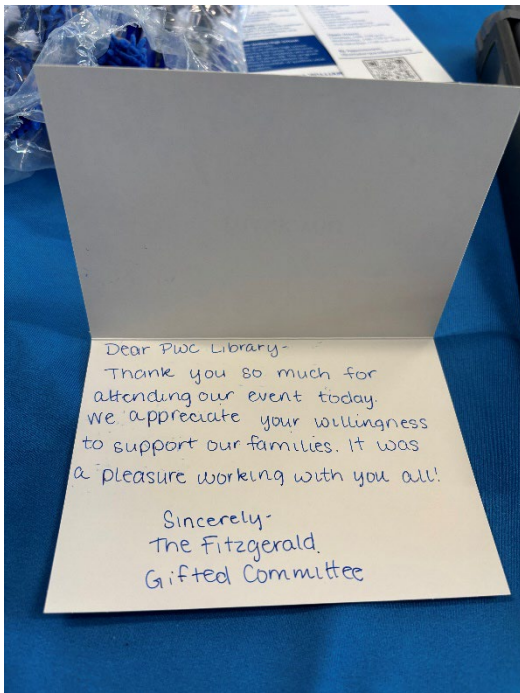
Technology and Digital Inclusion



We had an excellent turnout for our first tech class at the Global Welcome Center in Woodbridge. All participants signed up for a library card and learned how to create an email account. We received a very nice message from the Global Welcome Center staff: "Thank you for the valuable session last night. I'm confident our parents left with an exciting new skill after learning to create an email and sign up for a library card."

COS staff also had a tech class at the Ferlazzo shelter. One woman was able to find a job using some of the tools that were shown.

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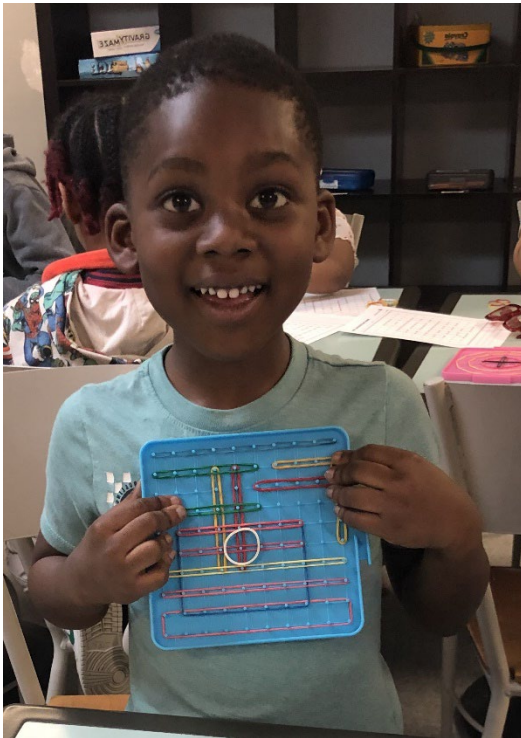


Branch staff signed up to help at a few events this month. One of them being the Enrichment Summit event with Prince William Public Schools. It was a very busy day where many new library cards were made.



On March 29th, we attended the Parkinson's event hosted by Aging. They had many great sessions and county partners in attendance as well. We love connecting with our fellow outreach team members at different county agencies.

Community Responsive Enrichment



Seniors at retirement homes participated in painting bird houses. It sparked some lovely conversations about spring, yardwork, birds and more.

Our after school activity this month was creating shapes. As you can see there were many smiles all around by our youngest participants!

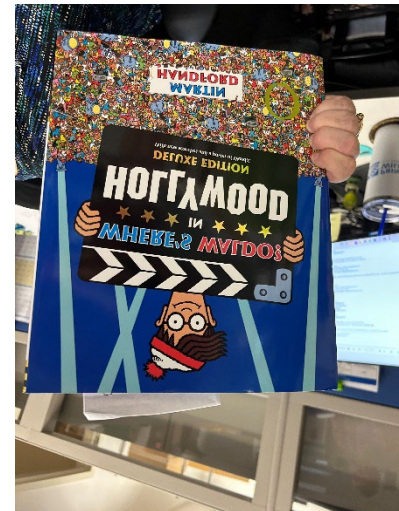
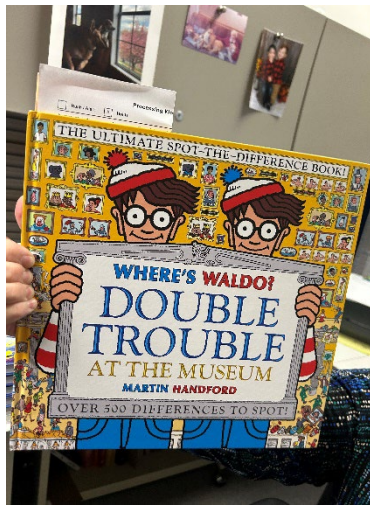
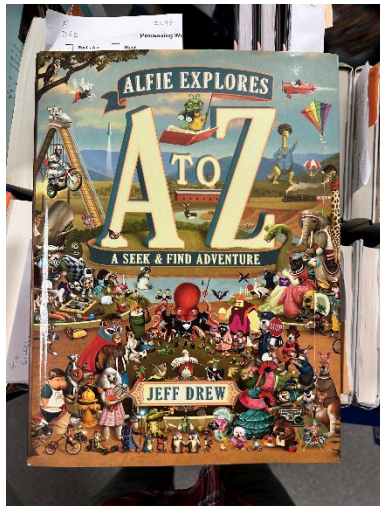


Accessible Resources and Collections

March was a month of routine, but also laying groundwork for some exciting new things at PWPL. You can expect next month's report to highlight a major change in cataloging, and progress towards some other initiatives.

For March, suffice it to say that we got a lot of new materials to the branches and into the hands of patrons, and as noted above, did a lot of the 'prep work' for some other initiatives which will bear fruit in April and May.

For now: here are some pictures of fun children's books we just received:



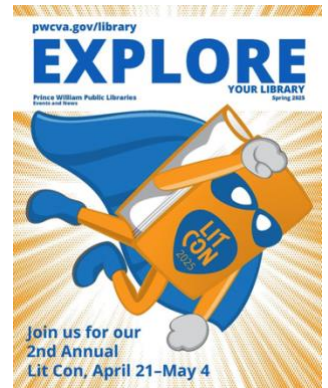
Just a reminder that one of the best parts of working in MSD is that we get a "first look" at everything coming to the library!

Looking forward to a more varied & novel update in the April report!

Outreach and Community Engagement

Spring Explore Magazine: The magazine was distributed to the libraries and was available online beginning March 1. The magazine highlighted Year One statistics for the Mobile Library, recognized library volunteers, featured National Library Week, and introduced the 2nd annual Lit Con.

The magazine helps achieve multiple strategic goals through its engaging content to help connect residents to library programming, resources, and services.



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U.S. Passport Services: OCM provided print and digital communication support during the two-week closure and when Central, Haymarket Gainesville, and Potomac Libraries reopened for Passport Services by appointment.

Passport Services Half Sheets: OCM redesigned the quarter sheets to half sheets due to space constraints, with English and Spanish versions printed on the front and back to streamline messaging.

Webpage and Social Media Updates: The new information was posted to the website before libraries opened on March 17, and social media promoted the link to schedule an appointment.

Inviting Spaces

Exterior Signage: OCM finalized the design and approved two projects with the PWC Print Shop: Montclair Library's Pollinator Garden and Bull Run Library exterior signage. The Pollinator Garden sign is in production, and the Bull Run signage will start production in April 2025. OCM also coordinated with Bull Run Library on promotional support for its coming Maker Faire.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Chicks at the Library: OCM continued highlighting the now-named chicks at Central and Manassas City Libraries. A short video showed the candled chicken eggs on March 13, hatched chicks on March 18 and 19, and one last video of active chicks on March 24. This promotion strategy combined interactive public participation, social media engagement, and on-site displays to generate excitement about the chicks' arrival at Manassas City and Central Libraries, while also teaching about the process.

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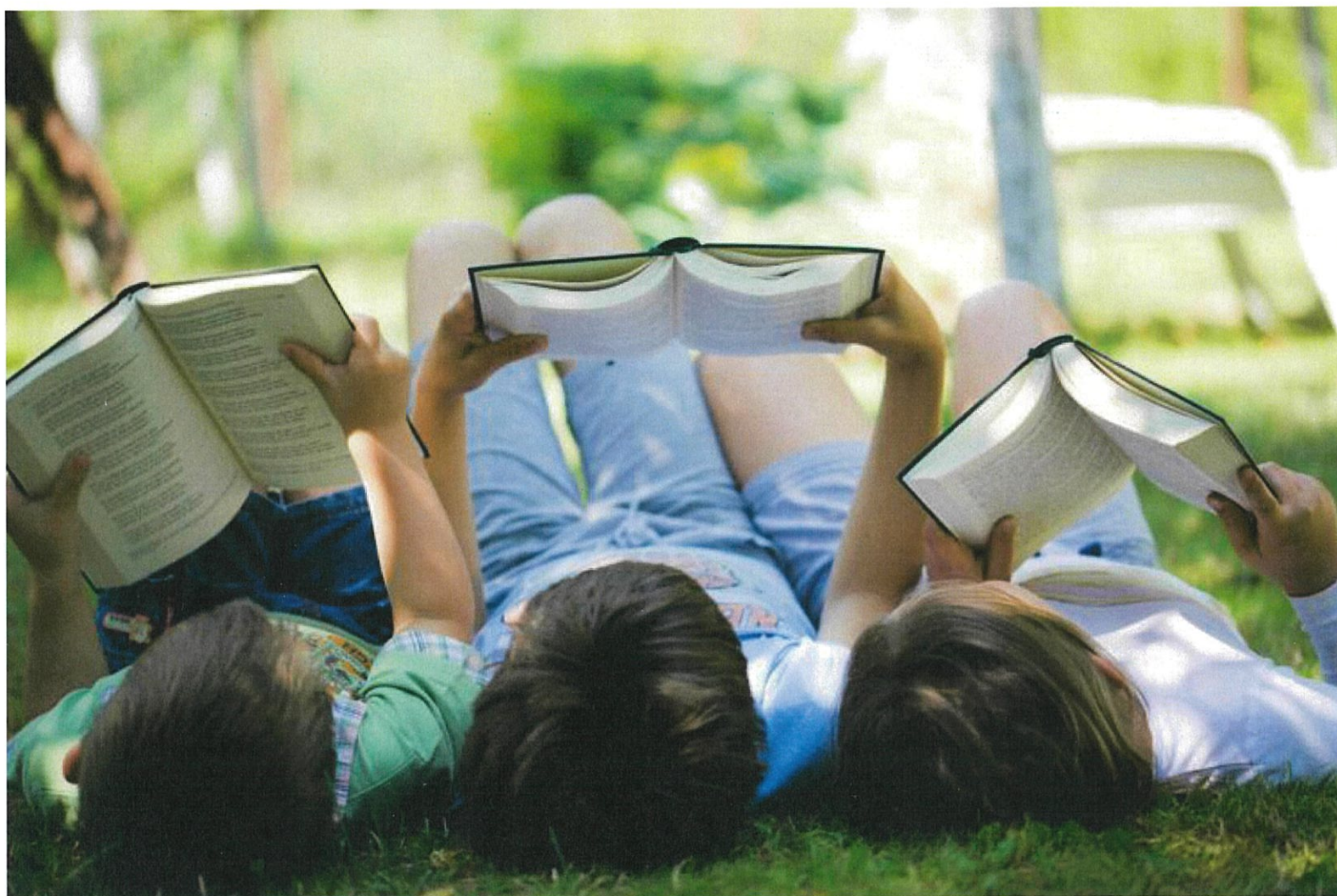
Seed Libraries: OCM helped Chinn Park Library with its new Little Free Seed Library. Now that the OCM-designed wrapped Seed Library has been installed, our Media Specialist featured a short video of the Seed Library, available for the public to take seeds.

Prince William libraries add bookclub kits for kids

Just like adult book club kits, they contain 10 copies to check out at once

By Kirk Johnson Contributing Writer

Mar 24, 2025



Prince William Public Libraries is introducing book club kits for young readers.

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Prince William Public Libraries have long supported book clubs for adults with our “Book Club to Go” kits — portable, easy-to-carry plastic bins containing 10 copies of a popular book and a binder with discussion questions, reviews, author biography and relevant information.

These kits have been a popular part of our collection for years and continue to support book clubs, both formal and informal.

For several years, younger patrons, their parents and guardians, and many libraryYouth Services staff have all asked about having the same service for younger patrons. Coming soon, thanks to a collaboration between Prince William Public Libraries and school library staff from Prince William County Public Schools, we will be offering the same service for school-age readers.

We will be adding 25 of these kits, mostly featuring “young adult” titles but also several juvenile fiction titles.

Just as with adult “Book Club to Go” kits, each contains 10 copies of the same book, and the whole kit is a single checkout. You don’t need to check out each of the copies separately. This allows the person leading or organizing the book club to get all the books at once rather than each book club member having to find a copy for themselves (if enough are even available).

Keep an eye out for these kits and let the teachers in your life know about them. This is a new service we hope will support our local school system as well as anybody looking to get the young people in their lives reading and talking about books!

Once these new kits are added to our collection, visit the "Library Book Clubs and Resources" webpage at **pwcva.gov/library** to place a hold on a kit.

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Cultivate and Create a Love of Nature at the Library

Monday, 31 Mar 2025

Prince William Public Libraries



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 our collection, ways to enjoy our 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.

Planning a road trip with the family during spring break? Be sure to pick up a [WhaZoodle](#). This fun, interactive audio device looks and works like any portable audio device but is preloaded with podcasts, music, and other audio content and doesn't require Wi-Fi.

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 Our Outdoor Spaces

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

Our Pollinator Gardens should start seeing some of our favorite winged visitors in the coming weeks. Be sure to visit our 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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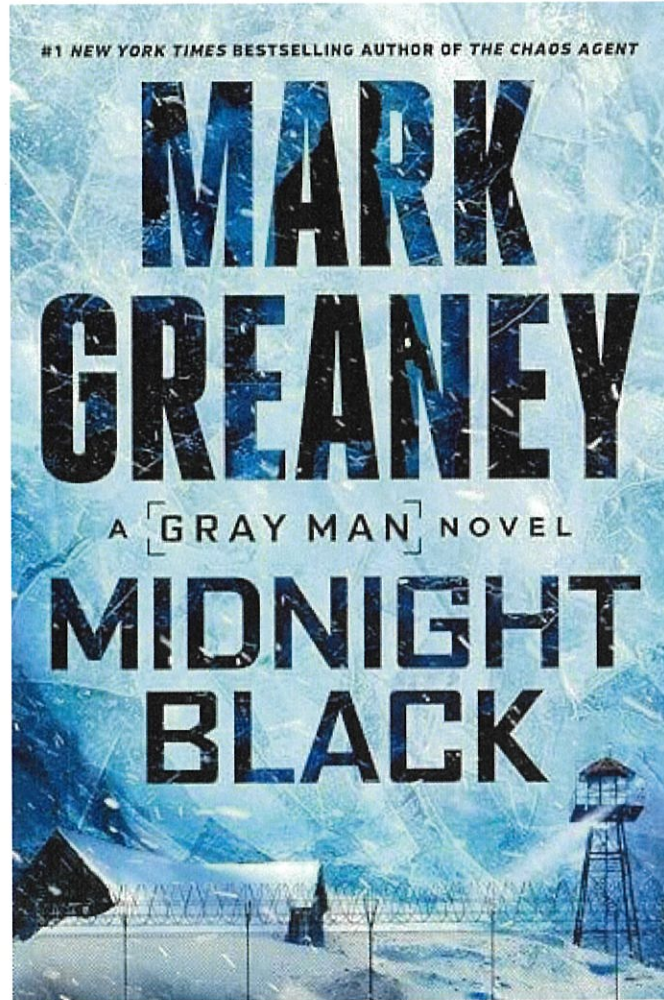
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What's hot at Prince William Public Libraries? Quick reads for spring

by Kirk Johnson Contributing Writer
Mar 31, 2025



Spring is here, daylight savings time has started, and the opportunity to spend more time outdoors will change many people's daily plans.

But for die-hard readers, fewer dark hours before bedtime just means that they need to read quicker! Here are some "easy to read" books coming to your local library.

Former Tom Clancy collaborator and thriller novelist in his own right, **Mark Greaney**, has a new book in the "**Grey Man**" series about freelance assassin Court Gentry.

In "**Midnight Black**," Gentry discovers that his lover—a former Russian spy—is now being held prisoner in Russia and is at the mercy of their intelligence service, who will stop at nothing to learn what she knows. This is page-turning action from a top name in the thriller field.

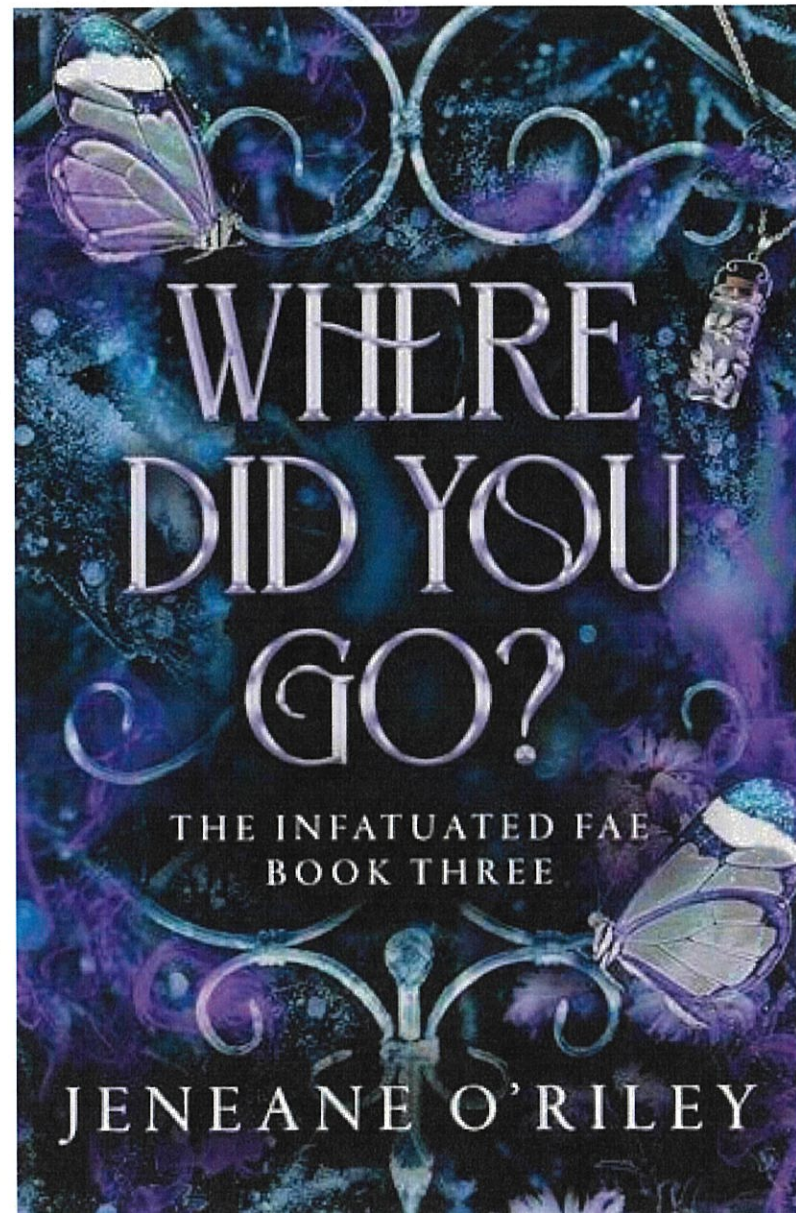
Fans of the "**Infatuated Fae**" series by social media star **Jeneane O'Riley** will welcome the latest installment, "**Where Did You Go?**" This third volume in the saga delivers all the drama, dangerous romance, and supernatural happenings that fans of the series have come to expect.

Kira Jane Buxton has made a name for herself as the bestselling author of literary humor (or humorous literature, if you prefer). Her latest, "**Tartufo**," is set in a dying Italian village that has just elected a donkey as mayor. While the locals sit around watching their hometown slowly die, the discovery of a giant truffle could be the thing that saves the town—or maybe not.

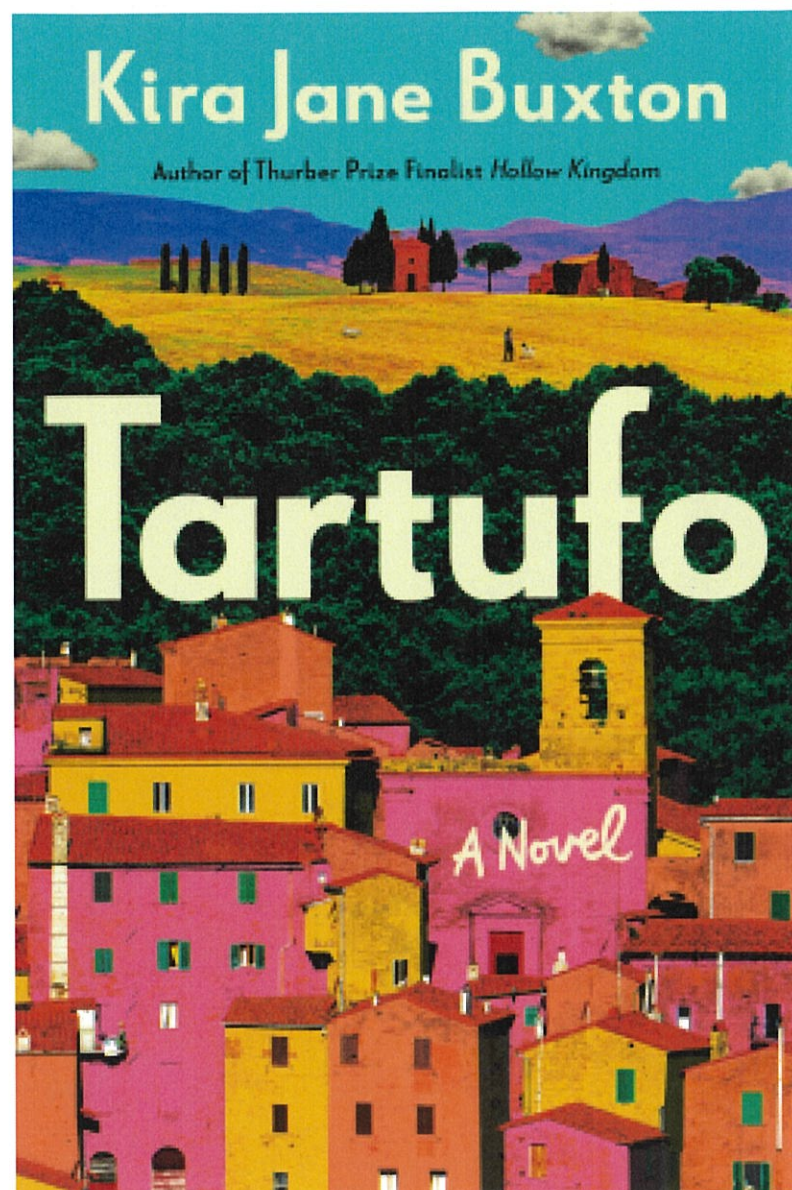
What would you do if you were a new mother who suddenly discovered that your husband seems to be a criminal instead of the man you thought you knew? **Gillian McAllister's** new thriller, "**Famous Last Words**," asks this question and wrings a lot of suspense and intrigue out of the mystery that follows.

Fans of **C.J. Box's Joe Pickett series** will know what to expect from his latest, "**Battle Mountain**"—gritty action, occasional brutal violence, and suspense in a Far West setting. Box has created a world of his own, and his resourceful hero finds himself crossing paths with a former colleague, a disgruntled falconer who had gone off the grid and wanted to stay there.

These are just a few of the quick-and-easy reads waiting for you at your local library. Place a hold on any of the titles mentioned in our Online Catalog at pwcva.gov/library or Prince William Public Libraries' mobile app.




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A hawk with its wings spread wide is the central focus, flying over a mountainous landscape. The hawk is positioned in the upper half of the cover, with its wings spread wide, showing detailed feather patterns. Below the hawk, the landscape features a dense forest of evergreen trees and a field of tall, golden-brown grass in the foreground. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, creating a moody and atmospheric background.

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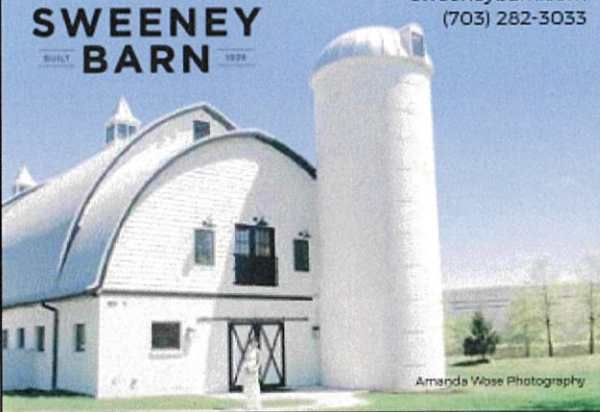
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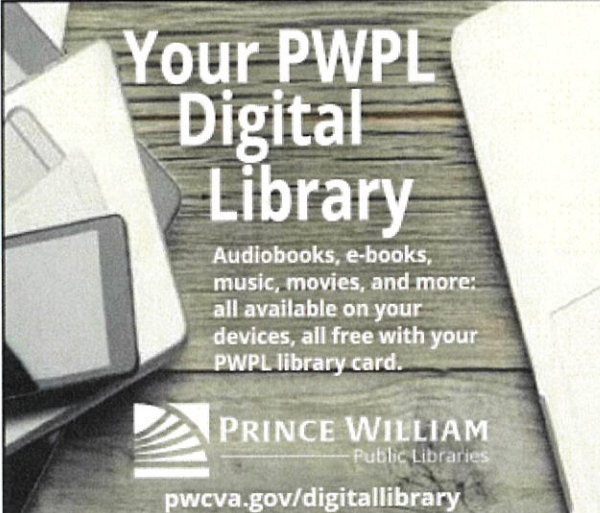
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A fun, hands-on crafting event for kids of all ages! Celebrate spring by creating adorable Peeps-themed crafts, from colorful decorations to sweet-themed art.

Lit Con

Mon. April 21 to Wed. April 30
Manassas City Library
10104 Dumfries Road, Manassas

Celebrate a love for fandoms and literature with 'Lit Con' at Manassas City Library! All ages and families are invited to participate in activities from April 21 to 30 such as themed contests, Supervillain Scavenger Hunts, Superhero crafts, and even Batman's Library Lair Day on April 26!

Take a Sip of History: Cemeteries of Prince William County

Wed. April 23 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Waters End Brewery

12425 Dillingham Square, Lake Ridge

There are hundreds of cemeteries in Prince William County, ranging from small family graveyards in the woods to the prominent National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico. Join local historians and archaeologists for stories about some of the most unique burials and final resting places that hold the secrets of Prince William County's past

12th Annual Kite Festival

Sat. April 26 | 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Signal Hill Park

9300 Signal View Drive, Manassas Park

Let's go fly a kite, up to the highest height! At this free event, launch your kites to dance across Signal Hill Park skies. April is National Kite Month, so unwind your string and fly high. Bring your own kite or purchase a \$5 diamond kite, while supplies last.

ARTfactory's Super Con 2025

Sat. April 26 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun. April 27 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ARTfactory

9419 Battle Street, Manassas

The second annual fandom and artist convention, Super Con. Experience three levels of the ARTfactory transformed into a fandom paradise. Events include cosplay a costume contest, food trucks, board games and console gaming, artist alley, and exhibitors. Tickets: virginiaartfactory.org.

3rd Annual Anything's Pawsible Festival & 5K Fun Run

Sat. April 26 | 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manassas Museum Lawn

9101 Prince William Street, Manassas

Spend your Saturday afternoon centered around inclusion, wellness, and community fun! Anything's PAWSible and benefits a great cause. Bring the whole family to this annual festival and 5K fundraiser to help raise funding for children with disabilities gain access to service dogs. A care-free, fun event that

will support children with disabilities with increased independence, emotional support, and improved self-esteem.

Bohemian Rhapsody

Sun. April 27 | 3 p.m.

Hylton Performing Arts Center

10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas

Virginia National Ballet will Rock You in this amazing production of Bohemian Rhapsody, Tango Nights, and Moonlight! Tango Nights is a tango-infused neo classical ballet showing three sets of couples at a tango bar and their love stories, and Moonlight is a new world premiere to the beautiful music of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. Tickets: hyltoncenter.org

Blue Ridge Singers

Tues. April 29 | 7:30 p.m.

All Saints Catholic Church

9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas

The Blue Ridge Singers have performed in the Sacred Music at All Saints Concert Series every year to present a concert of choral music. This group of musicians under the direction of Jeffrey Alban presents their Spring Program.

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Pop Off, King: VA Librarian Uses Gen Z Slang In Video To Promote Library Services

The vibes were immaculate for a library branch manager's video full of rizz promoting library services with Gen Z terms.



Emily Leayman, Patch Staff

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The new books ate
and left no crumbs.

Gregg Grunow, branch manager of the Bull Run Library in Prince William County, delighted Gen Z by using slang terms in a video to describe library services. (Prince William County Libraries)

MANASSAS, VA — If you're not a part of Generation Z, the terms "no cap," "lit," "periodt," and "bet" might not make sense to you. But one librarian from a different generation recently had the "rizz" to pull off a Gen Z slang-filled video to promote library services.

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According to Prince William Public Libraries communications and marketing director Rachel Johnson, staff from the Bull Run and Gainesville Libraries approached the library's communications and marketing team for a project with a Gen Z twist. [Teen Advisory Group](#) members from Gen Z helped staff write a script using Gen Z slang.

Johnson noted that the trend has been viral since the [Northumberland Zoo](#) in the UK did it last summer.

"Our staff members enjoyed seeing other libraries that started releasing their own spin on it," Johnson told Patch.

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Anyone born between 1997 and about 2010 is part of Gen Z, many publications said.

For Prince William Public Libraries' own video, they decided to make Gregg Grunow, branch manager at Prince William County's Bull Run Library, the star, since he had the "rizz," or charisma, needed. To see a man from another generation pull off the Gen Z script was no less than entertaining.

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"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," Johnson said. "Our media specialist's production and editing skills helped bring even more levity and engagement to Gregg's epic performance."

Some of the phrases directly appealed to Gen Z to find out what libraries have to offer.

"Besties, you need to come to the Bull Run Library. It just hits different," Grunow said in the video. "Everything at the library is free, no cap."

Other highlights were "The librarians really popped off with these programs, slay," "This is the quiet study, and the vibes are immaculate" and "The new books ate and left no crumbs."

There were even sillier elements, like Grunow pointing to objects in the library saying, "slay," "mood," "she's serving, for real, for real," "slay queen" and "pop off, king."

The video drew thousands of comments praising Grunow, even catching the attention of social media followers far away from Northern Virginia.

"So bummed this is a ten-hour drive away from me because the vibes are indeed immaculate," one follower said.

"Let him cook. Drop part 2, king," another said.

A Few Common Gen Z Slang Terms

- **Rizz:** This is a descriptive term that is a shortened version of charisma.
- **Cap and no cap:** Cap could be used to call someone out for not telling the truth. No cap is the opposite, indicating there is no lie.
- **Slay/pop off:** This usually is a complement to tell someone they are doing something well.
- **The vibes are immaculate:** This refers to a setting providing a good experience.
- **Fire/lit:** This usually describes something that is excellent or high quality.
- **Say less:** This usually means no further explanation is needed, similar to "say no more."
- **Hits different:** This refers to something that had a more unique impact than normal, and it is often a positive experience.
- **Main character energy:** This can someone who has confidence, is authentic, or puts a positive focus on themselves, ultimately letting them control their own story.
- **Ate and left no crumbs:** This is a compliment telling someone they did something flawlessly.
- **Lowkey:** This means someone wants to emphasize something with minimal feeling or attention.
- **Highkey:** This is the opposite of lowkey, meaning someone is bringing a lot of attention to their feeling or action.
- **Bet:** This is usually a response indicating agreement.
- **Periodt:** This refers to a final end of a thought with emphasis.



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Lit Con 2025: Your Ultimate Guide to Events, Activities, and New Reads

Monday, 14 Apr 2025

Prince William Public Libraries





Last year's first-ever Lit Con was a huge success, helping to introduce thousands of people to graphic novels and manga. Prince William Public Libraries is excited to bring Lit Con back from April 21–May 4. This year's Lit Con will once again celebrate and feature these genres with programs, activities, and fun for all ages.

Highlights include:

Super Art Fight

All Ages/Families

Haymarket Gainesville: Saturday, April 26, 2:00 p.m.



Montclair: Saturday, May 3, 2:00 p.m.

Super Art Fight is the greatest live art competition in the known universe where two or more artists battle against each other on a giant canvas. You be the judge and help determine the winner of the Art Fight!

Mod Podge Mania

Grades 6–12

Montclair: Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.

Central: Monday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.

Bull Run: Tuesday, April 29, 5:00 p.m.

Haymarket Gainesville: Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.

Transform manga book pages into personalized works of art! In this hands-on activity, use Mod Podge to adhere your favorite manga pages to wood shapes, frames, or placards. All materials are provided.

Dice Delight

Young Adults/Adults

Haymarket Gainesville: Monday, April 21, 5:30 p.m.

Bull Run: Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.

Montclair: Wednesday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.

Make tabletop game dice sets with us! Design and create your own dice sets with ease and precision. Registration required.

If you're interested in reading more manga series and graphic novels, here are new titles that just hit our shelves:

A classic manga, "Orochi," was published almost 55 years ago. A connected series of short stories rather than a single story like most manga, "Orochi" was written by Kazuo Muezu and is considered one of the most notable horror mangas ever published. The original nine stories have recently been republished in a four-volume set.

A new graphic novel series for young readers, the "Mapmakers" series has three volumes so far. This series follows a young girl named Alidade who lives in a land called "the Valley." Alidade discovers a magic map that gives her access to knowledge and power and starts her on a quest to save her home. This series is a great introduction to fantasy for kids.

One of the most popular manga of the recent past was the 72-volume "Naruto." We already carried this series, but recently, we acquired some replacements for missing volumes. We have also begun carrying the sequel, "Boruto," featuring the titular character, who is the son of Naruto. This series is up to 23 volumes, with more to come.

Some other long-running and familiar manga series are getting new volumes and new copies to fill in gaps—that includes the "Yu-Gi-Oh!" manga series, which finished over 20 years ago but continues to find new readers, so we have added new copies for missing volumes.



There are many other new manga series and graphic novels for all ages, including adventure, mystery, horror, romance, and more. Discover a whole new way of reading! Place a hold on any of the titles mentioned in our Online Catalog at pwcva.gov/library or stop by one of our libraries to browse and see what titles interest you.

Flip through the pages of Explore or search “Lit Con” in our Online Events Calendar to plan your experience! to see more than 30 Lit Con programs coming to you in two action-packed weeks, including Take and Makes and Free Comic Book Day programs on Saturday, May 3, at Dumfries and Manassas City Library.

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