Mission
Champion Reading.
Build Knowledge.
Inspire Curiosity.

Vision
The Library is the Heart of a thriving Cecil County.

Groundbreaking for the new North East Branch Library.

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“Our libraries are an economic growth engine, a source of lifelong learning, a resource for our veterans, a place to start a small business, or to gain job skills. Libraries are a vital center for the community.”
- Brig. Gen. Kennard R. Wiggins, Jr., President
Hundreds of community members and elected officials gathered in early May to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new North East Branch Library, expected to open next winter.

“We are certain this library will not only enrich and make better the lives of our citizens, but will also be a place of learning for decades to come.”

- Alan McCarthy, County Executive

Cecil County is reading more than ever! Last year, the community read or listened to 694,825 books - that’s more than 6 books per citizen.

Beloved bookmobile driver Arne Anderson, or “Mr. Arne,” was awarded the Maryland Library Association’s President’s Award for Customer Service.

“Arne delivers much more than just books. His bookmobile is full of compassion, care, empathy, encouragement, laughter, friendship and love. His smile and enthusiasm for his work are contagious and inspirational for everyone within his touch.”

- Raymond “Chick” Hamm, Executive Vice President, PNC Bank
The Friends Foundation of CCPL launched their first community campaign, “Raising the 21st Century Child” to enhance learning spaces for children, teens, and families at the new North East Branch Library.

“Part of my educational philosophy and goal is to provide a feast of ideas for my children, and the Cecil County Public Library is a major part of that.”
- Christina M., Library User and Parent

In Summer, we launched the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program with a special, fine-free library card. We’re already seeing our first finishers.

Thanks to the generosity of partner Delmarva Power, elementary-aged children and their families can now check out STEM Exploration kits for take-home learning.

With the support of Cecil County Public Schools, the SPARK Summer Reading Outreach program was extended to all 1,225 6th graders in Cecil County. By summer’s end, they had read 5,000 books!
Annual Library Impact

263,538 Collection Size with
988,052 Materials Circulated

19,262 People Attended
1,121 Library Programs

413,170 Library Branch Visits
445,810 Virtual Branch Visits

236,521 Computer and WiFi Sessions

34,114 People Served through
845 Outreach Events

5,757 People Attended
574 Community Meetings in the Library

115,767 Questions Answered
5,398 New Library Card Holders

42,448 Resources Accessed through the Library's Online Databases
Organizational Reach

- 7 Branches
- 1 Outreach Bookmobile
- 73 Full-Time Equivalent Staff
- 24/7 Access to On-Demand Learning

FY19 Financials

Revenue by Source
- County | 83.37% | $5,685,417
- State | 12.32% | $839,935
- Other | 4.31% | $294,137

Actual Expenditures:
$6,204,859
- Personnel | 70.55% | $4,377,769
- Facilities & Technology | 10.24% | $635,257
- Collections | 10.16% | $630,198
- Other | 9.05% | $561,635