

BCPL's PLANS IN ACTION

VISION STATEMENT

We expand our communities' possibilities by touching one mind at a time.

Looking to the future, the Library is planning to open a new facility in Owings Mills and continue with the goals and objectives of Strategic Plan VIII which are:

- CREATE YOUNG READERS
- CONNECT TO THE ONLINE WORLD
- STIMULATE IMAGINATION
- KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

Baltimore County Public Library is the best place to learn, to discover, to imagine, to smile.

The entire Strategic Plan VIII can be viewed here:
http://www.bcpl.info/libpg/lib_facts.html



AT A GLANCE



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CURRENT BCPL OVERVIEW

- Baltimore County Public Library consistently ranks in the top ten large public libraries in the country.
- The library currently has 18 branches and 4 bookmobiles providing service to an area of over 630 square miles with a population of 787,000 residents of whom 492,000 are library card holders.
- These branches and bookmobiles were open a collective 62,210 hours in FY11.



FACTS AT A GLANCE

In FY11 the Baltimore County Public Library:

- Circulated over 10.5 million items and recorded over 5,200,000 in-person visits.
- Met the demand for increased public PC usage (over 957,000 in 2011).
- Added 64,000 new borrowers.
- Answered over 2 million questions.
- Provided 5,600 programs attended by nearly 180,000 people.

The Library's Annual Report can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/xHDsMk> and includes a break down by branch of circulation, visitors and public computer use and much more.

MAJOR PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

There are many projects in the works at BCPL including a new branch as part of the Owings Mills Metro Center; new roofs at Reisterstown and Rosedale; new HVAC system in Towson.

RECENT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Opened the Sollers Point Branch; set a record for Summer Reading Club participation with 35,479 participants; and renovated major parts of the Randallstown and Towson Branches with funding provided by the County Library Capital Grant Program, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services.

MAJOR TRENDS

The Library strives to be current with major library trends including self-service (e.g. customer self check and renewal), "floating collections" (a book is shelved at the library to which it is returned), innovative early childhood development initiatives and adoption of materials in electronic format.