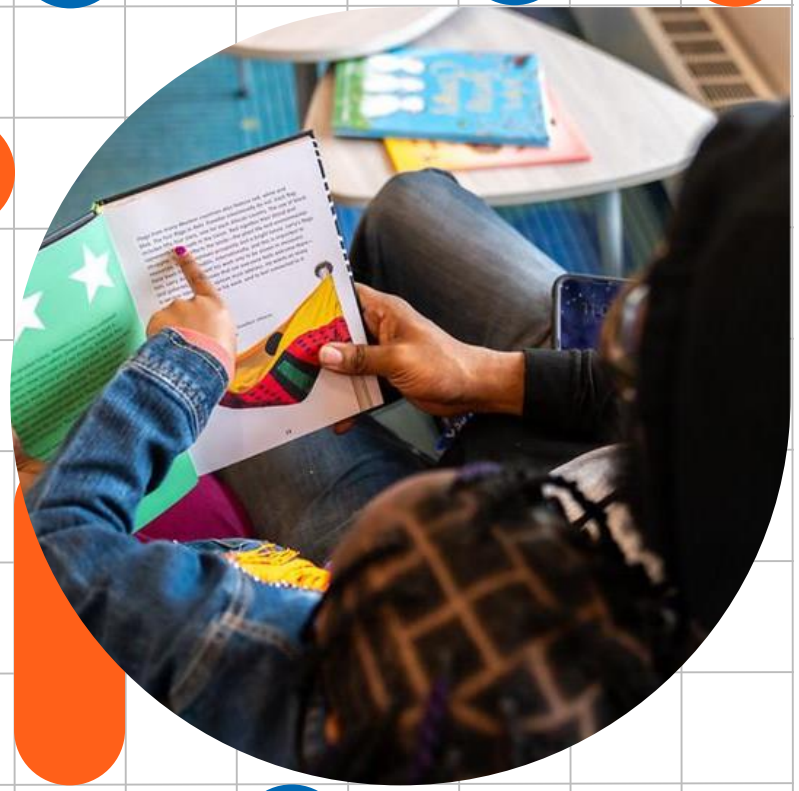
Education & Workforce Development Committee

September 28, 2026

Prince George's County Memorial Library System



FY27 Collection Enhancement

Improved Holds Ratios

- 8:1 with an initial purchase of 1-2 copies for most print adult titles
- 8:1 with an initial purchase of 1 license for ebook/eaudio titles under $109
- 12:1 with an initial purchase of 1 license for ebook/eaudio titles over $109

Per Capita Collection Expenditures

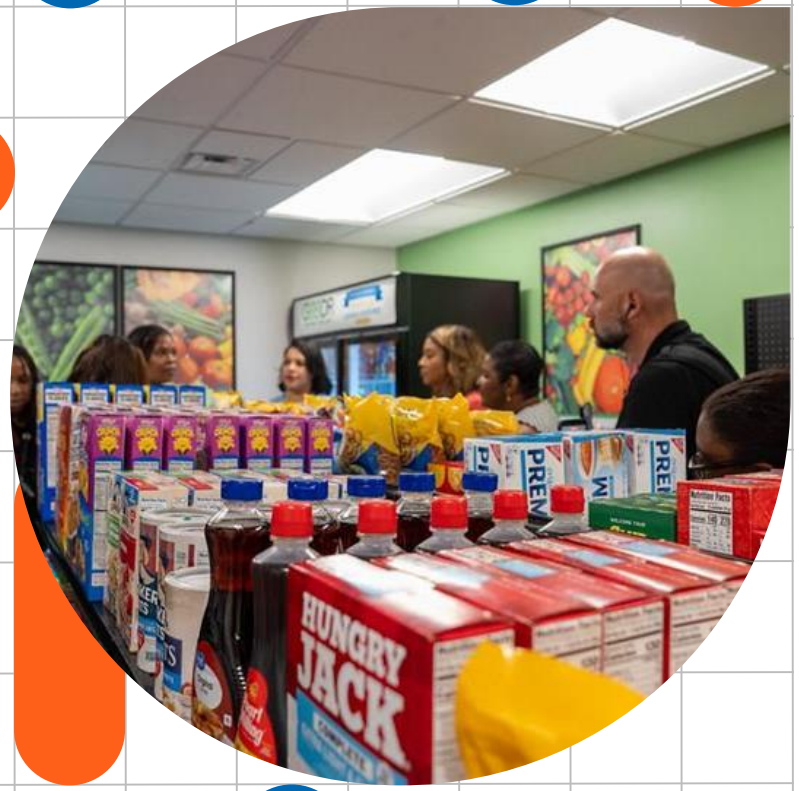
Library System	Population	Per Capita Collection Expenditures
Enoch Pratt (Baltimore City)	576,498	$11.49
Harford County	252,977	$10.94
Carroll County	173,873	$9.03
Frederick County	279,835	$8.69
Howard County	334,529	$8.30
Baltimore County	849,316	$8.13
Anne Arundel County	590,336	$7.53
Montgomery County	1,054,827	$7.21
Cecil County	103,905	$6.14
Prince George's County	**955,306**	**$2.50**

Books from Birth

- 843 registrations in August! The largest one month total in over a decade.
- Launched a new English/Spanish bilingual option.
- “Thank you for helping us build a library at home and kids who love to read.”

Books from Birth Expenditures

Year	Annual Cost
2017	$27,521
2018	$149,795
2019	$205,440
2020	$356,218
2021	$330,869
2022	$335,095
2023	$442,893
2024	$433,681
2025	$564,303
2026	$580,000*
Grand Total	$3,425,815

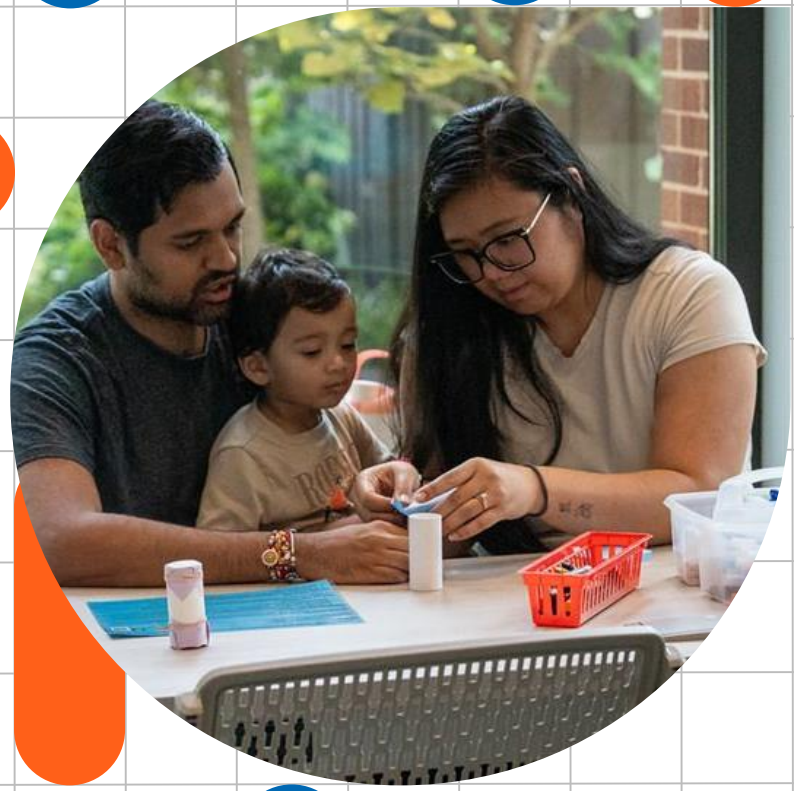


Increased Partnerships

- Free Food Markets at Fairmount Heights & Spauldings Libraries
- Play & Learn series at Spauldings Branch
- Active schedule of Health Department screenings
- Over 900 partnered programs so far in 2026

Library2Go: Career Connector

- Continued partnership and collaboration with multiple County agencies
- High demand for mobile library services
- Funding needed to continue mobile services after February 2027



Welcoming Environment for All

- New Community Safe Spaces Act signage in all libraries
- Continued commitment to citizenship and immigration resources
- Robust Welcoming Week and Hispanic Heritage Month programming

Challenges

- 34 frozen positions
- Unfunded Merit & Cost of Living increases
- Inadequate funding for benefits & retirement contributions
- Additional funding needed for public computers and cybersecurity

In the Words of Residents

- “For me reading takes you traveling and provides knowledge of places you may never attend or think of! A free book from the library can be just what's needed for the soul.”
- “Our community deserves up to date modern places like this to learn and grow. “
- “The library is a valuable resource for many of life's challenges.”