FFY2018 ANNUAL REPORT
ABOUT CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Charles County Public Library (CCPL) was originally formed in 1922 by the Homemaker’s Club of Charles County with the help of Extension Agent Paul Dennis “P.D.” Brown. The first library was housed in La Plata on the second floor of the old town jail (which still stands behind the County Courthouse today). The collection contained 3,000 volumes and additional books were delivered by railroad from Baltimore’s Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Much has changed since the books arrived by train and were kept in a jail. CCPL now has four physical buildings—Waldorf West, P.D. Brown Memorial Branch, La Plata, Potomac and a mobile library. CCPL has a staff of more than 80 full-time and part-time employees. Our four branches house over 200,000 volumes of printed material, audio books, film, and other documents. Currently, there are over 70,000 county residents who have library cards and that number grows every day.

The Community We Serve
Charles County, Maryland is located just 18 miles south of Washington, D.C. and is bordered by Prince George’s, Calvert, and St. Mary’s counties. The current population is 154,747. Key industries for Charles County are federal/defense contracting; science/technology; health services; energy and sustainability; and robotics.

Charles County is home to a young, well-educated population. The median age of the population is 38 years old. Thirty-eight percent of the population holds a bachelor’s degree or higher. Charles County is becoming more diverse as well, with 44% of the population being African American, 5% Hispanic, 3% Asian, and 1% Native American. Forty-eight percent of the population is White.
Charles County Public Library is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees:

Claudia Bellony-Atanga, President
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We would not be a success without the support of our Board of County Commissioners:

Peter F. Murphy, Commissioner President
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IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

Through our diverse and varied programs and services, we were able to offer our community unique experiences, as well as educational assistance that is not offered anywhere else. CCPL’s mission is to create opportunities to engage, discover, and learn.

We are honored to be a trusted source for information, helping our community navigate through the overwhelming amount of information available to them, regardless of format: book, website, database, audio/video file, etc. We are also a place for community gathering, a neutral place for community conversations that allows for all viewpoints to be heard. We are a center for job seekers to get help with job searches and resume writing, and we even hold hiring events at the library.

As an integral part of community education, we hold classes on everything from early literacy to coding to Microsoft Office applications. Our branches provide space for crafting, book talks, computer use, story-times, gaming events, content creation, business meetings and much more.

“I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the Library’s Tea & Trivia program at P. D. Brown celebrating Native Americans and their culture and history. I thought the program was absolutely wonderful, informative, educational, and engaging. I learned a few things about Native Americans and their cultural heritage that I was not aware of--a plus for me, and kudos to your staff for having brought it to my (and those in attendance) attention.”

- Bob Martin, library patron
IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

CCPL also had many productive, community-enriching partnerships in 2018:

• With JobSource Mobile Career Center, we’ve offered assistance to 244 job seekers looking for help with resumes and job applications.

• Through partnerships with the Departments of Social Services, Aging and Economic Development we’ve introduced our community to services they may not have been aware of: adoption and fostering programs, Adult CARE services, Medicare planning and Veterans Benefits and business and economic development services.

• In partnering with the Registrar of Wills, the Small Business Development Center, the Foundation Center, Tri-County Youth Services Bureau and other groups we’ve highlighted ways for our community to improve their lives, protect their assets and build a stronger future for Charles County.

• Our partnership with Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc. has allowed us to help 129 families with tax preparation, as well as provide a free shower program. We have expanded this partnership enabling us to double our offerings of the program per month.

• Our children’s programming offers a variety of activities for all ages and abilities, from art to science, to music, to homeschool-specific youth and parent networking opportunities.

“I was grocery shopping at ALDI when the cashier who was checking me out said “I knew you looked familiar,” (I happened to be wearing my CCPL polo). She continued, “You helped me with my resume that got me this job, I’ve been here for 6 months now.”

- CCPL Staff
### ANNUAL & FINANCIAL STATISTICS

- **Total Budget:** $6,785,372

#### Operating Budget
- **Local:** $5,143,665
- **State:** $1,586,099
- **Federal:** $55,608

- **Grants:** $55,608

- **Total Expenditures** (personnel, materials, equipment, other): $6,682,146

#### Personnel (Total FTE): 68

#### Materials Circulated
- **Total:** 860,773 physical items
- **Adult:** 429,052
- **Children’s:** 431,721
- **E-content:** 85,787 checkouts

#### ILL (received and loaned)
- **Received:** 5,100
- **Loaned:** 10,725

#### Information (Reference) Questions
- Total Answered: 58,139

#### Registered Card Holders
- **Total:** 76,207
- **Active users:** 36,146
- **Kids cards:** 7,737

#### Number of Library Visits
- **Total:** 548,588
- **Meeting room use:** 63,199

#### Programs
- **Number of Programs:** 1,343
- **Program Attendance:** 25,730

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“P.D. Brown hosted a Curly Hair program that was covered by the Maryland Independent. This program got great feedback. A staff member ran into the reporter who covered the story and heard that it was an even bigger success than we knew. Since the program, the reporter was able to write an article about a local girl who created a coloring book for natural black hair and was interviewed by Essence magazine. She was also featured on WJLA and in the Prince George’s Sentinel.”

- **CCPL Staff**
The library appreciates the support from our community. Thank you to our community partners:

Charles H. Darby
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
DC United
Early Childhood Advisory Council
Gerald Elder
Shirley France
Forever Free Books
Foundation Information Network
Gray Brothers Market
Greater Waldorf Jaycees
Cyndi Greene
Sarah Guy
Gwynn Center
HeadStart
Health Department of Charles County
Indian Head Senior Center
Indian Head Community Center
Indian Head Town Hall
Internal Revenue Service
Island Music Company
James E. Richmond Science Center
Jeff Anderson
JobSource/DLLR
Journey Beyond
Jude House
La Plata Garden Club
La Plata Town Hall
Marcie Leggett
Life Journeys Writers’ Guild
Lifestyles of Southern Maryland, Inc.
Living the American Indian Experience
Mackaroni Kid of Charles County
Magic with K
Jehnell C. Linkins
Mark Walker/Edward Jones
Maryland AARP
MD Commission for Civil Rights
Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development
Maryland Department of Humanities
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs
Maryland Extension Service
Maryland Family Network
Maryland Insurance Administration
Maryland International Raceway
Maryland Science Center
Maryland State Arts Council
Maryland STEM Festival
Brandon Montclare
Nanjemoy Senior Center
Our Place Waldorf
Pets on Wheels
Rebecca Pinckney
Remembrance Antiques & Treasures
Robert D. Stethem Educational Center
Rotary Club of Waldorf
Ashleigh J. Skinner
SkyZone
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Silver Diner of Waldorf
SMECO
Southern Maryland Alzheimer’s Association
Southern Maryland Audubon Society
Southern Maryland Bob Crabs
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs
Southern Maryland Regional Library
Association (SMRLA)
Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee
Spring Dell Center
State Library Resource Center
Danielle Staudt
St. Charles Apartments
Sweet Thing Black Orchid
The Judy Center
The Playful Parent
University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
Waldorf West Mom’s Club
Andrea Watkins
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La Plata, MD 20646
301.934.9001

P.D. BROWN MEMORIAL BRANCH
50 Village Street
Waldorf, MD 20602
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POTOMAC BRANCH
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Indian Head, MD 20640
301.375.7375

WALDORF WEST BRANCH
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