BUILDING A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

As we reflect on our accomplishments of the past year, we are excited to share with you the transformative initiatives undertaken by our library. Your support has been instrumental in bringing these projects to life, and we invite you to join us in the next phase of our journey. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of those in our Charles County. Your generosity fuels our mission to provide access to knowledge, new technology, and spaces where everyone can learn, grow, and thrive.

NEW IN 2023

DETENTION CENTER LIBRARY: REACHING THE UNDERSERVED

Launched in April 2023, the Charles County Detention Center Library provides incarcerated individuals access to recreational, educational, and legal materials to improve and enrich their lives and facilitate successful community reentry.

The library contains paperback fiction and non-fiction books, including materials in several languages, Maryland State Law Books, and materials to help strengthen adult literacy skills.

24-HOUR LIBRARY KIOSK: ACCESS FOR ALL

Debuted to the public in June 2023, the 24-Hour Library Kiosk is the newest CCPL branch located at the Nanjemoy Community Center.

With the goal of using technology to serve underserved communities and
connect them with valuable resources, the Kiosk allows patrons to check out and return items and place holds at other library locations and arrange for pick up at the Kiosk...all from an easy-to-use touchscreen! It also provides a Wi-Fi signal within a 100-yard radius of the machine, free of charge.

**DISCOVERY LAB: BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

Delivered in January 2023, the new Discovery Lab is a mobile technology hub designed to empower our community with cutting-edge resources. From laptops and computers to printers and STEM/STEAM activities, the Discovery Lab is not just a vehicle; it’s a gateway to a world of possibilities. It will also be used to deliver materials to the 24-Hour Library Kiosk located at the Nanjemoy Community Center.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE!**

While we have had an amazing year, our work is not done. We are continuously searching for ways to improve how we serve Charles County, and this is where we need YOUR help. Our goal for the next year is to increase our technology offerings in our libraries. This means new and updated equipment--computers, printers, hotspots, and more, as well as adding cutting-edge resources and tools to our collection that would not be easily accessible outside of the library. Donations of any amount from our community can help make our plans a reality.

Supporting the Charles County Public Library makes a local and lasting impact on the Charles County community. When you donate to CCPL, you make it possible for us to provide free and equal access to information, technology, and programming that connects everyone. Learn more about becoming a donor at [ccplonline.org/support](http://ccplonline.org/support) today!