Libraries

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Fairfax County Public Library branches differ in size, collection, services available and customers served. The libraries all have one thing in common: a commitment to provide easy access to a multitude of resources for the education, entertainment, business or pleasure of Fairfax County and City of Fairfax residents of all ages.

LINK TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan has established a number of objectives and policies in order to:

- ✓ Provide at least 0.4 square foot of library space per resident, to be served by regional libraries between 30,000 to 40,000 square feet and community libraries between 10,000 to 20,000 square feet, as well as redesign and renovate existing libraries to maximize the use of information technologies.
- ✓ Renovate or expand Thomas Jefferson, Richard Byrd, Dolley Madison, Martha Washington, John Marshall, Woodrow Wilson, Tysons Pimmit, Pohick, and Reston libraries; construct a new regional library in Kingstowne.
- ✓ Consider future library presence in Merrifield Suburban Center and Tysons Corner Urban Center.

Source: 2007 Edition of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, Areas I, II, III, and IV, and the Policy Plan Element, Public Facilities Section, as amended

CURRENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Changing demographics indicate a growing diversity among residents and among communities within Fairfax County. Expanding technologies offer new opportunities and new users demand improvements to information resources and delivery. Increasing costs combined with shrinking resources mean that the Library cannot distribute all resources to all locations equally. The Library must provide a network of facilities that offer library services responding to the needs of the community in which each library is located, and it must provide system-wide mechanisms to share resources among branches. New facilities must be designed to utilize new technologies for information delivery, and existing facilities from the early 1960s must be redesigned and renovated to maximize the use of space and modern technologies.

The Library Board of Trustees, whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the School Board and the City of Fairfax Council, is responsible for library functions, policy and direction. The Library Board developed its library construction program after a study of long-range space needs. Planning is also based on “Recommended Minimum Standards for Virginia Public Libraries,” published by the Library of Virginia, which sets basic requirements for receiving supplemental State Aid. The approved construction projects are based on such factors as the age and condition of buildings, projected population growth, usage, insufficiencies at existing facilities and demand for services in unserved areas of the County. Library projects have been primarily financed with General Obligation Bonds.

The Kingstowne Library (15,000 square feet) opened in June 2000 in a retail partnership. The Great Falls Library (13,000 square feet) was completed in October 2000. Land for a community library in the Oakton area was acquired in 2000 through a developer's proffer, and land for Burke Centre Library and Kingstowne Regional Library was purchased at a combined cost of $5.367 million from bond monies. The new Oakton Library (17,300 square feet) opened in September of 2007. The new 16,720 square foot Burke Centre Library opened in June 2008. Funding for final design and construction of these two libraries was included in the 2004 Library bond referendum.

To evaluate the scope of work and costs associated with renovation and expansion of existing facilities, feasibility and conceptual design studies were completed in FY 2001 for: Thomas Jefferson Library, Richard Byrd Library, Dolley Madison Library and Martha Washington Library. Funding for design and construction of these four library projects was included in the 2004 Library bond referendum. The Martha Washington, Richard Byrd and Thomas Jefferson Library renovations began in FY 2009. The renovation of the Dolley Madison Library began in FY 2010.

The Burke Centre Library was opened in Summer 2008

Fairfax City and Fairfax County agreed to construct a new library on a site within the City to replace the existing City of Fairfax Regional Library. The City has entered into a partnership with a developer to redevelop its downtown and adjacent areas. As part of the redevelopment, the City negotiated an exchange of land between the County and the City for the construction of a new library at the intersection of North Street and Old Lee Highway. The new state-of-the-art library opened in January 2008 with expanded facilities for the Virginia Room and a parking garage. The County has agreed to support funding for the new library by granting a credit for library services purchased by the City from the County.

Feasibility and conceptual design studies are needed for the potential expansion and renovation of: Reston Regional Library, Pohick Regional Library, John Marshall Library, Woodrow Wilson Library and Tysons Pimmit Regional Library. Funding for these feasibility studies was approved in the 2004 bond referendum.

CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Thomas Jefferson Library** (Mason District): $8,056,000 for the expansion and renovation of the Thomas Jefferson Library, which will expand the building from 10,300 to 16,500 square feet. The existing 40-year old building could not be adapted to the requirements of modern technology. It needed a quiet study space and consistently exceeded the minimum standards for use because of increasing population density in the community. This cost estimate includes funding for feasibility and planning studies that have been completed, expansion/renovation costs and temporary facility space during construction. Funding for design and construction of this project was included in the 2004 Library bond referendum. Project design began in FY 2006 and construction will be completed in FY 2010.

2. **Dolley Madison Library** (Dranesville District): $10,970,453 for the expansion and renovation of the Dolley Madison Library, which will enlarge the existing library from 10,630 to 19,250 square feet. This 35-year old building cannot be adapted to the requirements of modern technology. It needs a quiet study space and consistently exceeds the minimum standards for use. This estimate includes funding for feasibility and planning studies that have been completed, expansion/renovation costs, and temporary facility space during construction. Funding for design and construction of this project was included in the 2004 Library bond referendum. Project design is complete and construction began in FY 2010, with completion expected the following fiscal year.

3. **Richard Byrd Library** (Lee District): $9,360,081 for the expansion and renovation of the Richard Byrd Library, which will enlarge the existing building from 10,000 to 18,200 square feet. This 36-year old building could not be efficiently adapted to the requirements of modern technology. It needed a quiet study space and consistently exceeded the minimum standards for use because of increasing population density. Renovation of the facility is coordinated with revitalization goals for the area. This estimate includes funding for feasibility and planning studies that have been completed, expansion/renovation costs and temporary facility space during construction. Funding for design and construction of this project was included in the 2004 Library bond referendum. Project design was completed in FY 2008 and construction will be completed in late FY 2010.

4. **Martha Washington Library** (Mt. Vernon District): $8,707,149 for the expansion and renovation of the Martha Washington Library, which will expand the existing building from 10,220 to 17,990 square feet. This 30-year old building could not be adapted to the requirements of modern technology. It needed a quiet study space and consistently exceeded the minimum standards for use. This estimate includes funding for feasibility and planning studies that have been completed, expansion/renovation costs and temporary facility space during construction. Funding for design and construction of this project was included in the 2004 Library bond referendum. Project design was completed in FY 2008 and construction will be completed late in FY 2010.

5. **Library Feasibility Studies** (Countywide): $400,000 to conduct feasibility studies to determine the scope and costs for potential renovations and expansions of Reston, Pohick and Tysons Pimmit Regional Libraries, and John Marshall and Woodrow Wilson Libraries. Funding for the feasibility studies was approved in the 2004 Library bond referendum.

PROJECT COST SUMMARIES
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($000's)

Project Title/ Project Number	Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total FY2011-FY2015	Total FY2016-FY2020	Total Project Estimate
1 Thomas Jefferson Library / 004842	B	***7,056***	***1,000***					1,000		8,056
2 Dolley Madison Library / 004844	B,G	***5,064***	***5,756***	***150***				5,906		10,970
3 Richard Byrd Library / 004843	B	***7,960***	***1,350***	***50***				1,400		9,360
4 Martha Washington Library / 004845	B	***6,117***	***2,000***	***590***				2,590		8,707
5 Library Feasibility Studies	B	***0***		***400***				400		400
TOTAL		***$26,197***	$10,106	$1,190	$0	$0	$0	$11,296	$0	$37,493

Key: Stage of Development
- Feasibility Study or Design
- Land Acquisition
- Construction

Notes:
Numbers in ***bold italics*** represent funded amounts.
A "***C***" in the 'Budgeted or Expended' column denotes a continuing project.

Key: Source of Funds

B	Bonds
G	General Fund
S	State
F	Federal
X	Other
U	Undetermined

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Project Locations

1 Thomas Jefferson Community
2 Dolley Madison Community
3 Richard Byrd Community
4 Martha Washington Community

Note: Map numbers correspond to project descriptions in the text and cost summary tables. Only CIP projects with selected, fixed sites are shown on the map.