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 Woodrow Wilson, John Marshall, Tysons Pimmit, and Pohick; develop a program for the relocation of Reston Regional; and 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 users demand improved access to information resources and service delivery. Increasing costs combined with shrinking resources mean that the Library cannot distribute all resources equally to all locations. 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 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. Board approval of construction projects is based on many factors, including the age and condition of buildings, projected population growth in the service area, usage patterns, insufficiencies at existing facilities and demand for library services in unserved areas of the County. Library projects have been primarily financed with General Obligation Bonds.

To better reach residents of high-growth areas, the County built new libraries in Burke and Oakton. The Oakton Library opened in the fall of 2007 and the Burke Centre Library opened in June 2008. In January 2008, the City of Fairfax Regional Library moved to a new facility built as a result of a partnership between the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County. Funded by a voter-approved bond referendum in 2004, four of the oldest libraries have recently undergone renovation. Thomas Jefferson Library in the Mason District, Richard Byrd Library in the Lee District and the Martha Washington Library in the Mount Vernon District are now facilities that meet the technological requirements of 21st century library service. Dolley Madison Library in the Dranesville District reopened after extensive renovation in July 2011.

The newly renovated Dolly Madison Library reopened in July 2011

Savings identified in the Richard Byrd Library project resulting from the extremely favorable bid climate for construction projects and the completion of other projects funded by the fall 2004 Library Bond Referendum, will support the construction costs associated with the renovation at Woodrow Wilson Community Library. Woodrow Wilson Community Library was built in 1965 and does not meet the electronic and technological needs of the community due to the limited capacity of available power and other utilities. This library serves as a multi-cultural community center, with special collections in Spanish and Vietnamese; and numerous community groups use the library's three meeting rooms to offer programs to the public. A renovated facility will provide for more efficient layout and use of the available space, upgrade the building systems for operations and energy efficiency, and provide updated power and technology capacity for more public access computers and wireless networking.

Funding for feasibility and conceptual design studies for the renovation of Pohick Regional Library, John Marshall Community Library, and Tysons Pimmit Regional Library was also approved in the 2004 bond referendum. Reston Regional Library will be studied to develop a program for possible relocation of the library. The four studies are expected to be completed in late 2012 and a library bond referendum to support construction is proposed for voter approval in November 2012.

CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Woodrow Wilson Community Library** (Mason District): $6,547,000 for the renovation of the Woodrow Wilson Library. The current library building was built in 1965 and renovated in 1976 with additional accessibility improvements made to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The existing facility does not meet the electronic and technological needs of the community due to the limited capacity of the available power and other utilities. A renovated library will provide for a more efficient layout and use of available space, upgrade the building systems for operations and energy efficiency and update power and technology capacity. The design phase of the project began in 2011.

2. **Library Feasibility Studies** (Countywide): $400,000 to conduct feasibility studies to determine the scope and costs for renovations of Pohick and Tysons Pimmit Regional Libraries, and John Marshall Community Library. Reston Regional Library will be studied to develop a program for possible relocation of the facility. Funding for the feasibility studies was approved in the 2004 Library bond referendum.

3. **Pohick Regional Library** (Springfield District): $5,000,000 for the renovation of the Pohick Library. This library is approximately 25,000 square feet and was built in 1986. The existing facility is in need of renovations to meet the needs of the community and prolong the life of building and building subsystems. Renovations will provide for a more efficient layout and use of the available space, upgrades to the building systems for operations and energy efficiency, and updates to the power and technology capacity for more public access computers and wireless networking to meet the technological demands of patrons. Funding for this renovation will be included in the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum.

4. **John Marshall Community Library** (Lee District): $5,000,000 for the renovation of the John Marshall Library. This library is approximately 16,500 square feet and was built in 1974. The existing facility is in need of renovations to meet the needs of the community and prolong the life of building and building subsystems. Renovations will provide for a more efficient layout and use of the available space, upgrades to the building systems for operations and energy efficiency, and updates to the power and technology capacity for more public access computers and wireless networking to meet the technological demands of patrons. Funding for this renovation will be included in the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum.

5. **Tysons Pimmit Regional Library (**Dranesville District)**:** $5,000,000 for the renovation of the Tysons Pimmit Library. This library is approximately 25,000 square feet and was built in 1986. The existing facility is in need of renovations to meet the needs of the community and prolong the life of building and building subsystems. Renovations will provide for a more efficient layout and use of the available space, upgrades to the building systems for operations and energy efficiency, and updates to the power and technology capacity for more public access computers and wireless networking to meet the technological demands of patrons. Funding for this renovation will be included in the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum.

6. **Reston Regional Library** (Hunter Mill District): $10,000,000 for possible relocation of the Reston Library. Funding will provide for programming and site studies for a future new facility to replace the existing 30,000 square-foot facility. The existing facility was constructed in 1985. Funding for this library will be included in the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum.

PROJECT COST SUMMARIES
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($000's)

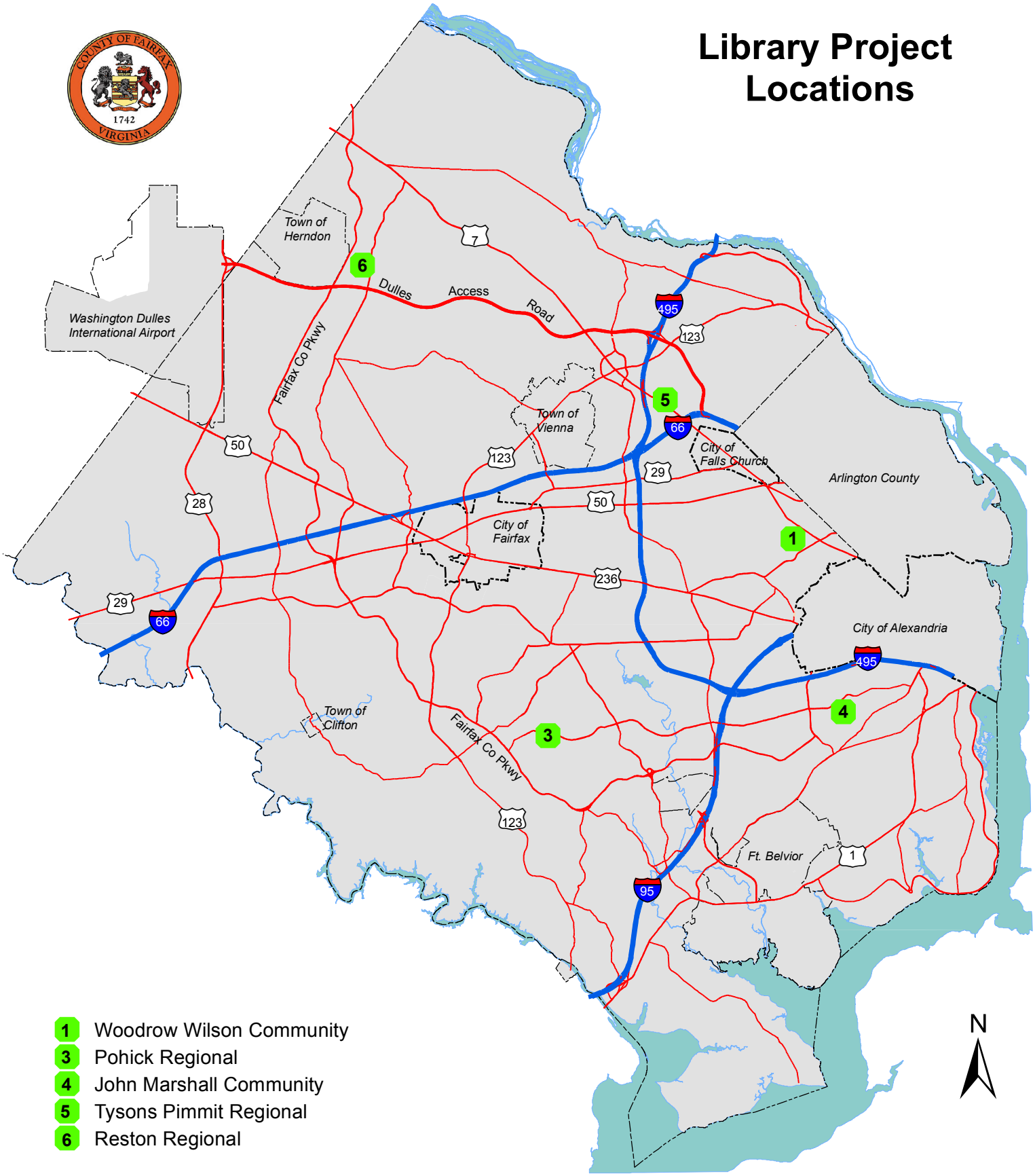
	Project Title/ Project Number	Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	Total FY2013-FY2017	Total FY2018-FY2022	Total Project Estimate
1	Woodrow Wilson Community Library / 004848	B	***920***	***600***	***1,600***	***3,027***	***400***		5,627		6,547
2	Library Feasibility Studies / 004850	B	***0***	***400***					400		400
3	Pohick Regional Library	B	*0*	400	500	1,500	2,200	400	5,000		5,000
4	John Marshall Community Library	B	*0*	400	500	1,500	2,200	400	5,000		5,000
5	Tysons Pimmit Regional Library	B	*0*	400	500	1,500	2,200	400	5,000		5,000
6	Reston Regional Library	B	*0*	500	700	2,900	5,300	600	10,000		10,000
	TOTAL		***$920***	$2,700	$3,800	$10,427	$12,300	$1,800	$31,027	$0	$31,947

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

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

Key: Source of Funds	
B	Bonds
G	General Fund
S	State
F	Federal
X	Other
U	Undetermined

Library Project Locations



1 Woodrow Wilson Community
3 Pohick Regional
4 John Marshall Community
5 Tysons Pimmit Regional
6 Reston Regional

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.