

Libraries

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Fairfax County Public Library branches differ in size, collection, 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 and pleasure of Fairfax County, Town of Herndon, Vienna 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 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 the Tyson's Urban Center.

Source: 2013 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. 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 incorporate 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, are responsible for library policy. Planning is 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 priority 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.

Funded by a voter-approved bond referendum in 2004, four of the oldest libraries have undergone expansion/renovation: Thomas Jefferson Library in the Mason District, Richard Byrd Library in the Lee District, Martha Washington Library in the Mount Vernon District and Dolley Madison Library in the Dranesville District. These facilities now meet the technological requirements of 21st century library service and better serve the needs of the community.

Savings from the projects funded by the fall 2004 Library Bond Referendum resulting from the extremely favorable bid climate for construction projects. These savings supported the design and construction costs associated with the major renovation at Woodrow Wilson Community Library. Woodrow Wilson Community Library was built in 1965 and did 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 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 provides for more efficient layout and effective use of the available space, upgrades the building systems for operations and energy efficiency, and provides updated power and technology capacity for more public access computers and wireless networking. The renovated library was reopened to the public in March 2015.

Funding in the amount of \$25 million was approved by the voters on November 6, 2012 to renovate Pohick Regional Library, John Marshall Community Library, Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library and Reston Regional Library.

CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Pohick Regional Library** (Springfield District): \$7,100,000 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 the 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 customers. This library was approved for renovations as part of the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum in the amount of \$5 million. Since then, staff has completed a feasibility study to determine and prioritize the renovation work and other project savings of \$2.1 million were redirected to this project to enable this library renovation to include several replacement/upgrades, rather than repairs, and extend the life cycle of several additional building subsystems. The renovation construction contract was awarded in the summer of 2015 and the library is projected to reopen in late fall 2016.
2. **Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library** (Dranesville District): \$5,610,000 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 the 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 customers. This library was approved for renovations as part of the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum in the amount of \$5 million. Since then, staff has completed a feasibility study to determine and prioritize the renovation work and other project savings of \$610,000 were redirected to this project to enable this library renovation to include several replacement/upgrades, rather than repairs, and extend the life cycle of several building subsystems. The renovation is projected to begin in the winter of 2016 and the library is scheduled to reopen in the summer of 2017.

3. **John Marshall Community Library** (Lee District): \$6,300,000 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 the 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 customers. This library was approved for renovations as part of the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum in the amount of \$5 million. Since then, staff has completed a feasibility study to determine and prioritize the renovation work and other project savings of \$1.3 million were redirected to this project to enable this library renovation to include several replacement/upgrades, rather than repairs, and extend the life cycle of several building subsystems. This project is currently in the design process.
4. **Reston Regional Library** (Hunter Mill District): \$10,000,000 for the Reston Library. The current library site has been identified as part of Reston Towne Center North project, which is being planned for redevelopment to create a more urban, mixed-use and governmental development that will have a number of public facilities, including the Reston Regional Library. Funding will be used for the library design and construction to replace the existing 30,000 square-foot facility. The existing facility was constructed in 1985. Funding for this library was approved as part of the fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum.
5. **Library Feasibility Studies** (Countywide): \$400,000 to conduct feasibility studies to determine the scope for renovations of various libraries. The Pohick and Tysons-Pimmit Regional Libraries, and John Marshall Community Library feasibility studies are completed. The Reston Regional Library is dependent on the completion of the Reston Towne Center North study, which will provide a redevelopment plan for the area including the library facility. A feasibility study will be prepared for a new Kingstowne Regional Library to include a new combined library and Center for Active Adults.

**PROJECT COST SUMMARIES
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	Project Title/ Project Number	Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	Total FY2017-FY2021	Total FY2022-FY2026	Total Project Estimate
1	Pohick Regional Library / LB-000009	B	3,346	2,000	1,000	754			3,754		7,100
2	Tysons Pimmit Regional Library / LB-000011	B	2,610	2,600	200	200			3,000		5,610
3	John Marshall Community Library / LB-000008	B	719	1,081	3,000	1,500			5,581		6,300
4	Reston Regional Library / LB-000010	B	200	500	3,750	3,000	1,750	800	9,800		10,000
5	Library Feasibility Studies / 5G25-011-000	B	400						0		400
TOTAL			\$7,275	\$6,181	\$7,950	\$5,454	\$1,750	\$800	\$22,135	\$0	\$29,410

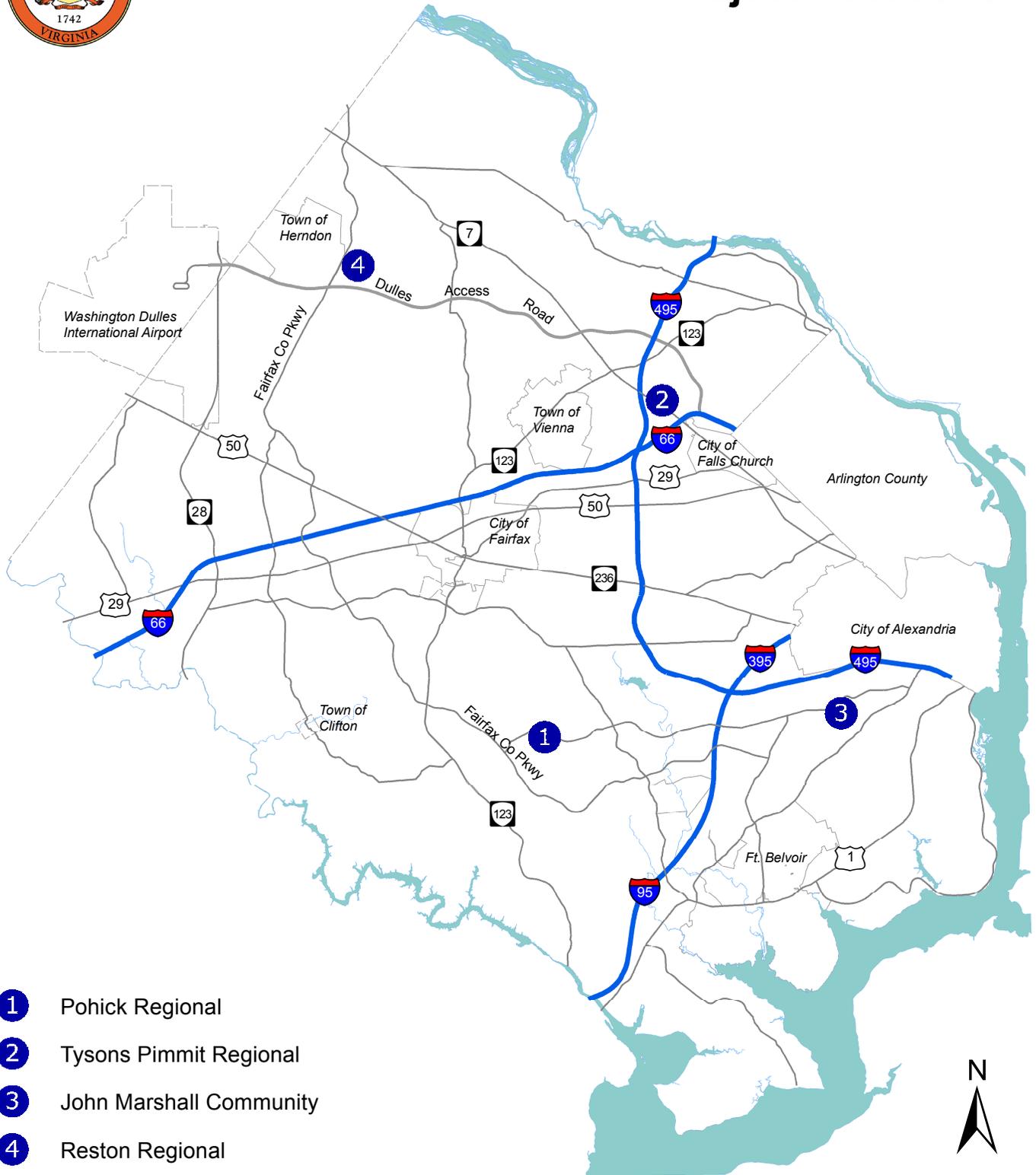
Notes: Numbers in **bold italics** represent funded amounts. A "C" in the 'Budgeted or Expended' column denotes a continuing project.

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



Libraries Project Locations



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.