

## Library Usage in FY 2018

- **1.6 million visits**
- **3.4 million items borrowed**
- **236,800 people attended library events**
  - 14% increase annually for five years
- **96,900 people used the free public access computers**
- **40,000 people used study and community rooms**
- **32,000 volunteer hours donated**
  - \$856,000 annual value; equivalent to 16 full time employees

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF INFORMATION


## Prince William Public Library System

### 2019–2023 Strategic Plan

**Vision**  
We are the hub connecting people to the transforming power of information.

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**Mission**  
Prince William Public Library System (PWPLS) brings people, information, and ideas together to enrich lives and build community in a welcoming, inclusive environment.



**Strategic Goals**

**Future-Ready, Easily Accessible**  
**Technology**  
PWPLS will provide access to state-of-the-art technology (following industry best practices) to patrons, both internal and external customer expectations.

**Community Building**  
PWPLS will expand activities to connect communities and schools to library resources.

**Approachable, Adaptive Experts**  
PWPLS will strengthen and broaden staff development and competencies to provide excellent user experiences.

**Versatile, Inviting Spaces**  
PWPLS will enhance the mix of multi-functional, inviting spaces to create attractive, modern community destinations.

**Community-Responsive Enrichment**  
PWPLS will provide programming that grows the system's user base and reflects our evolving community.

**Lifelong Learning**  
PWPLS will reach more adult users by providing more lifelong learning and workforce development opportunities.

**Physical & Virtual Media Collections**  
PWPLS will develop 357 access to robust collections in all available media that respond to public interest and demand.

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## Versatile, Inviting Spaces

- **GOAL: Enhance the mix of multi-functional, inviting spaces to create attractive, modern community destinations**
  - Achieve an 85 % patron satisfaction rating on library space
- **Expand multi-functional use of space**
  - Study rooms
  - Technology for existing and future collaborative workspaces (e.g., smartboards, writable walls)
  - Dedicated teen-friendly spaces

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## Library Facilities

Facility	Type/Size	Size (sq. ft.)	Date Opened
Central	Community	20,000	1971
Potomac	Community	18,000	1975
Dale City	Neighborhood	2,475	1986
Nokesville	Neighborhood	1,653	1986
Independent Hill	Neighborhood	2,059	1987
Chinn Park	Regional	25,000	1991
Bull Run	Regional	25,000	1994
Lake Ridge (lease)	Neighborhood	3,500	1985; moved in 2012
Haymarket-Gainesville	Community	20,000	2015
Montclair	Community	20,000	2016
Dumfries (lease)	Neighborhood	1,975	1985; moved in 2017

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## Library Facility Update

- **All regional and community libraries were approved by voter referenda**
- **Cash to capital and debt financing both appropriate for major renovations and replacements**
- **Libraries constructed before 1991 are grandfathered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**
  - Restroom facilities in Central and Potomac are not wheelchair accessible
- **No library projects are included in FY19-24 CIP**

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## **Current Situation - Central**

- **Opened in 1971; 48 years continuous service**
- **Funded by 1967 bond referendum**
- **Deed restriction**
  - Parcel ownership reverts to Manassas Park if library services are not offered onsite
- **Minimal building updates**
- **Renovation estimated at \$10-12 million**
- **\$743k in Coles district proffer funds**

## **Recommendation – Central**

- **Add capital project in County CIP for \$12 million renovation in FY 2025**
- **Reconfigure former administrative office space to maximize services, including a new maker space**
- **Utilize proffer funds for design costs**
- **Debt finance remainder of project**
  - Annual debt service estimated at \$1.2 million beginning in FY 2025

## Current Situation – Potomac

- **Opened in 1975; 44 years continuous service**
- **Funded by 1972 bond referendum**
- **Minimal building updates**
- **Inadequate parking**
- **Renovation estimated at \$9.6 million**
  - No expansion of building or parking possible
- **\$670k in Woodbridge district proffer funds**

## Alternatives – Potomac

- **Consider move to commercial space on Route 1**
  - Economic development opportunity
  - Better location and transit access for library users
  - Could co-locate other county facilities
  - Neighborhood stabilization
- **Private-Public Partnership opportunity**
  - Negotiate lease costs; expand commercial tax revenue
- **Annual lease cost estimated at \$600k**
  - Sell existing site to buy down lease cost of new location
    - **\$2.6 million assessed value; 3.77 acres**
  - Utilize proffer funds to expand capacity in library services at new location

## **Library Board Request**

- **The Library Board respectfully requests that the BOCS:**
  - Direct CXO to include Central Library renovation in last year of CIP at Budget Recap
  - Direct CXO to search for suitable public-private partnership opportunity for Potomac Library relocation