

FY22

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY

After 18 months of COVID-19 and construction, the library reopened its doors in September 2021! Throughout FY22, library staff worked tirelessly to safely return to in-person customer service and to introduce the newly renovated and expanded library building to the public. New projects initiated for FY23 will continue to focus and improve how library services are provided to the City of Falls Church community in the future.

New building. Same great service.

Completed Renovation

Planning for the Future

Additional Highlights

Completion of a \$10M renovation and expansion project, the first significant work on the library building since 1992.

- ▶ **SEPTEMBER GRAND OPENING**
The renovated building officially opened to the public on September 10, 2021 after 18 months of construction (and closure due to COVID-19). Overall square footage increased from 19K to 26K, with the majority of new space dedicated to public areas.
- ▶ **LEED SILVER & ADA COMPLIANT**
The new building is LEED Silver certified, ADA compliant, and offers several new amenities, including more comfortable and varied seating, additional bathrooms (on both floors), and a new elevator and staircase.
- ▶ **MEETING ROOMS & TEEN SPACE**
Meeting and study rooms are also now available for both expanded library programming and use by community groups, nonprofits, and individuals. And teens have a new, dedicated room. Group study rooms were reserved 1,158 times.

Several key initiatives were introduced in FY22 that will help focus and improve library services in FY23 and beyond.

- ▶ **NEW STRATEGIC PLAN**
Hired a strategic planning consultant to work with staff, the Library Board, City Council, and the greater Falls Church community to develop an updated vision and mission statement, primary service goals, and a targeted 3-5 year work plan for the library.
- ▶ **NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE**
ARPA funds were secured for the design and development of a new, more dynamic (and mobile friendly!) library website, which is expected to launch in Fall 2022.
- ▶ **NEW TOOL TO IMPROVE COLLECTION DIVERSITY**
New software was purchased to help perform ongoing DEI audits of our collections and more deeply and efficiently analyze how library materials are used by the community.

▶ **INCREASED CIRCULATION**
Despite being closed for two months to move back into the renovated building, FY22 total circulation increased by 57% from FY21 and rebounded to 73% of our pre-COVID peak in FY19.

▶ **READING PROGRAMS**
730 children, teens, and adults participated in the Summer Reading Program, and the community read for 474.4 hours for the Winter Read-A-Loud Program.

▶ **SELF-SERVICE CONVENIENCE**
New services were added to allow library users to scan and checkout physical items on their phone and print directly from personal devices.

▶ **FC HISTORY ROOM ACCESS**
Regular walk-in hours were reinstated to expand access to the Falls Church History Room.

▶ **CHET DE LONG AWARD**
Claudia Guitierrez, the library's Senior Administrative Assistant, received the 2nd annual Chet De Long Award from the MRSPL Foundation.



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by the NUMBERS

NOTE: The library was closed for more than 2 months at the beginning of FY22 to move back into the renovated building.

Top 5 Checked Out Titles



26,425

Total Cardholders

3,609

New Cards Registered



Study & Conference
Room Reservations

1,254



FY22 ADOPTED BUDGET

\$1,973,164 City Contribution

\$166,792 State Aid

\$2,139,956 Total Budget

The MRSPL Foundation contributed an additional \$17,000 to support library programs & services.

101,598

Library Visitors



131,138

Downloaded Ebooks, Audiobooks,
Magazines, Songs, and Movies

371,817

Items
Checked Out

322

Programs
Offered

4,999

Program
Attendance



103,280

Books & More in
Our Collection



\$3,600,666

Estimated Savings
by All Borrowers

\$330

Estimated Savings
by Average Borrower



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