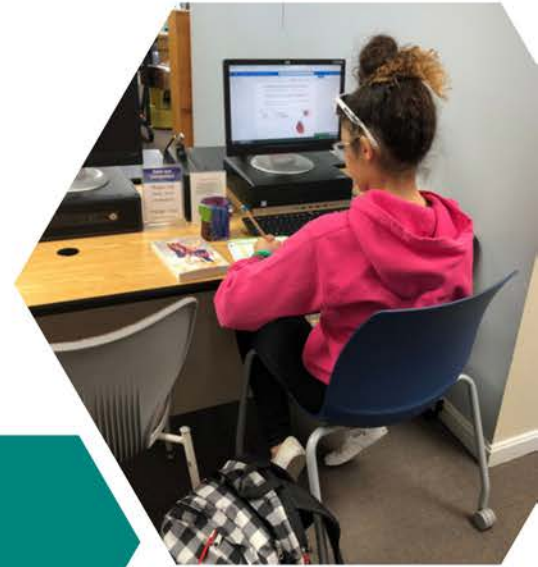


# ANNUAL REPORT

# FY22

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a year it has been! We continue to be very proud of the work that Calvert Library staff have done to make it through the pandemic and come out the other side with more services and accessibility for our users. FY22 was a year of transitions. We continued our work on studying anti-racism and used grant money from the Maryland State Library Agency to do a comprehensive Anti-Racism audit of the library's policies, programs and services. The Board of Library Trustees and Library staff worked hard on developing Steps to Anti-Racism based on the recommendations of the audit.

We have a lot of work to do to be the organization that we intend to be. We welcome community feedback and endeavor to be a public space and community resource that reflects the diversity of our community in Calvert County.

As we prepared this annual report, we reflected on the impact of the pandemic, both positive and negative on library services. You will see from the numbers that our visitor count, lending of materials and class and event attendance is not back to pre-pandemic levels; we are working hard to get those numbers back! While computer usage has dipped, our lending of hotspots and Chromebooks have increased dramatically. We are happy to be able to help our customers use the internet in the comfort of their own homes.

Thank you for your engagement with Calvert Library over the last year – we look forward to seeing you at the library this year!

Carrie Willson, Executive Director

## BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jeffrey Lewis, President  
Ron Crupi, Vice President  
Kip At Lee, Secretary

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Martha Grahame  
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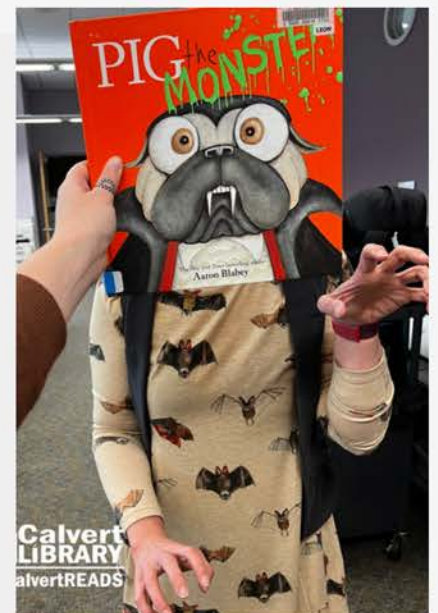
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Betsy Deacon  
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## FRIENDS OF CALVERT LIBRARY

Martha Grahame, President  
Laura Allison, Vice President  
Edward Dorsey, Secretary  
Tamea Bowen, Treasurer

Patti At Lee  
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Hilke Hoefler

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Joann Larkin  
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Kathleen O'Brien  
Crystal Tracy



# CALVERT LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>REFERENCE QUESTIONS</b>	<b>MATERIALS CIRCULATED</b>
1,294	279,927	874,726
<b>EVENT ATTENDEES</b>	<b>COMPUTER USES</b>	<b>PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING</b>
21,108	24,470	229,327

## CALVERT LIBRARY CONNECTS

	# Events	Attendance
Adult	497	5,963
Children	137	3,371
Preschool	539	6,282
Teen	84	860
General Audience	37	4,632



## PEOPLE @ CALVERT LIBRARY

74 volunteers gave us 3,310 hours of their time

52,110 cardholders

3,064 groups used our meeting rooms

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# #CALVERTREADS

Our goal was to read  
2 MILLION minutes – we read 2,361,571 minutes!!!

2,671 readers signed up for  
#calvertREADS summer reading.

Our successful Summer Splash  
Concert was attended by almost  
1,500 people!

313 children logged 32,170  
books for 500 by Five this year!

**OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES**

**Grammy-nominated  
Pierce Freelon**

**Free family concert!**

**June 25 | 2 – 6pm**

Food Trucks - Kids' Activities - Art Lab - Fishmobile

**Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center**

#calvertREADS  
**Summer  
Splash**  
food, fun & family

## MATERIALS AVAILABLE



Over 116,441 eBooks, eAudio, eMags, graphic novels, streaming movies & TV shows available for checkout



165,733 physical books



12,248 physical audio units



21,220 videos



211 mobile hotspots, children's tablets, laptops & other equipment



181 subscriptions

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## INCOME

County	\$4,492,524
State	\$567,560
State Retirement	\$425,706
Library Fines & Fees	\$1,780
Misc/other	\$39,958
Library Bank Account	\$1,853
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,529,381</b>

## EXPENSES

Customer Service	\$959,938
Research & Instruction	\$1,721,269
Administration	\$628,925
State retirement	\$425,706
Materials	\$387,436
Operating	\$1,394,387
Capital Outlay	\$9,866
Library Bank Acct	\$7,455
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,534,982</b>

## GRANTS

Staff Development	\$19,800
One MD One Book	\$500
Cares Act	\$9,474
Libraries	
Transforming	
Communities	\$3,000
Anti-Racism Audit	\$15,000
LSTA Equitable Wifi	\$40,000

## RESEARCH

84,121 search sessions occurred on library premium digital resources.

Our customers have used this resources for everything from homework help, stress relief through learning a new hobby, finding their family genealogy, learning a new language and so much more!

## TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

Calvert Librarians really enjoy helping our customers expand their knowledge of technology! Whether it's creating an email, assistance learning a new platform, learning social media to connect with others and not feel alone the library is here to help!

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# CIRCULATION



videos & audio books  
22.8%



4,005 items borrowed from other MD and US libraries

6,556 items lent to other MD and US libraries

Mobile Hotspots

Laptops

2,975 CHECKED OUT

Children's Tablets

Other Equipment

"I just returned from a visit to your library. Usually, I am in and out, finding books and checking them out but today I spent some time working in the main section of the Prince Frederick library. I wanted to let you know that I left completely in awe of your staff. I saw members of your staff helping people with so many different tasks: logging into computers, researching topics, helping people find jobs, applying for government aid, and accessing mental health resources but even more than the tasks being done I witnessed their compassion, humanity, and patience. Your staff members seem well-known and adored by everyone in the library today—they are literally on a first-name basis with most of the people there.

You are providing an invaluable resource. You and your team should be very proud of your contributions to the Calvert County community. Just wanted to extend my gratitude."

Port Republic, MD



**CALVERT  
LIBRARY  
MOBILE  
SERVICES**

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November 9, 2021

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**BOOKMOBILE GRAND OPENING**



Calvert Library Mobile Services visited 1,070 childcare, homebound, social services and community event locations this year. That is approximately 23,679 customers!

# CALVERT LIBRARY LOCATIONS

## **Calvert Library Prince Frederick**

850 Costley Way  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
(410) 535-0291  
Branch Manager  
Sarah Avant

## **Fairview Branch**

8120 Southern Maryland Boulevard  
Owings, MD 20736  
(410) 257-2101  
Branch Manager  
Lisa Tassa

## **Calvert Library Mobile Services**

850 Costley Way  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
(410) 535-0291  
Mobile Services Supervisor  
Lisa Wieland

*I've told many people over the years that one of the main reasons we moved, 20 years ago, to Calvert County was for the quality of the staff we encountered in places like the library , bank, post office , and school. I'm still delighted to find the Fairview library one of those extraordinary treasures that makes us proud to call this home .*

- Customer

## **Southern Branch**

13920 HG Trueman Rd  
PO Box 559  
Solomons, MD 20688  
(410) 326-5289  
Branch Manager  
Patti McConnell

## **Twin Beaches Branch**

3819 Harbor Road  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732  
(410) 257-2411  
Branch Manager  
Melissa Gray

