

ANNUAL  
REPORT

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our annual report is more than a reflection of the past twelve months—it's a celebration of what we've accomplished together. Behind every number in this report are stories of lifelong learning, meaningful connections, and the dedicated staff who make our library spaces welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring.

One of the most exciting milestones this year was the opening of the new Twin Beaches Branch of Calvert Library. Watching the community embrace this space has been pure joy. The response has been incredible, and the usage numbers speak volumes (see page 7). This branch is a powerful reminder that when we invest in our community, people show up, engage, and grow. We look forward to bringing that same energy and impact to future projects at the Southern and Fairview Branches.

We're also proud of the partnerships that have helped us expand learning opportunities. Through the SEED Project grant—STEAM Ecosystem Expansion Demonstration—we worked alongside Calvert County Public Schools, Bowie State University and Dramatic Results to offer hands-on, arts-integrated programming for middle school students. Over the course of the grant, which ended in September 2025, 511 students and 25 pre-service

teachers participated in camps and workshops that fostered creativity, collaboration and discovery. You can read more about this transformative program on page 8.

This year, we celebrated two book launches, including a beautiful collection of poetry and artwork created to complement the Smithsonian Waterways exhibit. We also launched a library history book that expands on our story and has encouraged more community sharing. These projects reflect the voices and talents of our community and are available through the Friends of Calvert Library bookstore at all locations.

Finally, we introduced a new strategic plan along with an updated mission, vision, and values. These guiding principles reflect our commitment to learning from one another, growing together and building a stronger, more connected community. You can explore the full plan on our website.

It is a pleasure to serve a community that values learning, creativity, and collaboration. Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Sincerely,  
Carrie Willson, Executive Director

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Thank you to the Calvert Library Foundation for your donation of \$14,554.

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Thank you to the Friends of Calvert Library for your donation of \$22,445.



# CALVERT LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>REFERENCE QUESTIONS</b>	<b>MATERIALS CIRCULATED</b>
2,761	296,736	1,091,801
<b>EVENT ATTENDEES</b>	<b>COMPUTER USES</b>	<b>PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING</b>
57,872	41,557	405,040

## CALVERT LIBRARY CONNECTS

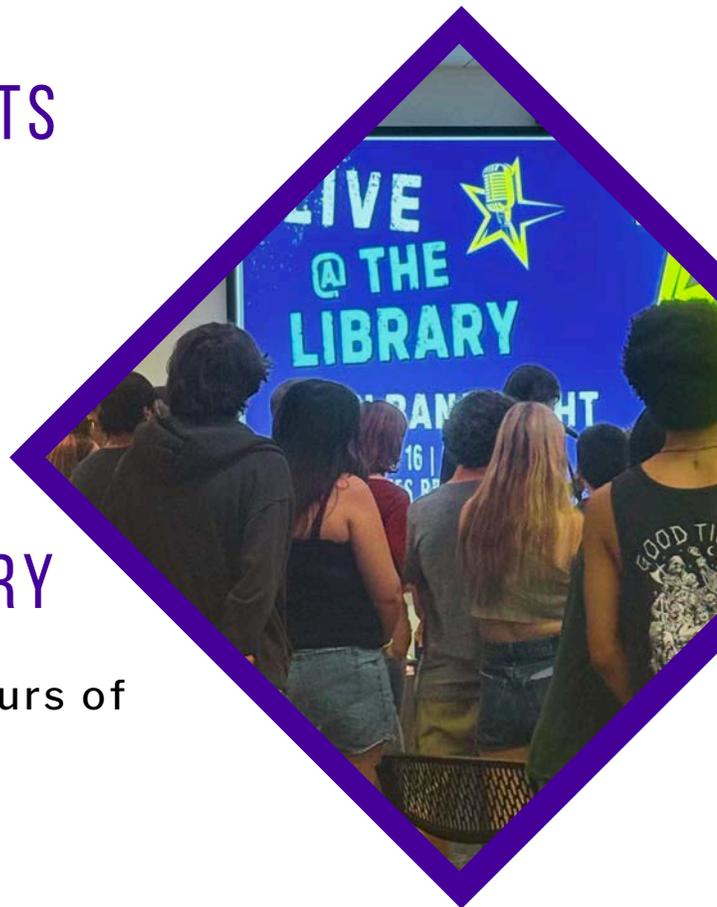
	# Events	Attendance
Adult	677	10,284
Children	476	12,991
Preschool	1,405	22,965
Teen	154	3,068
General Audience	49	8,564

## PEOPLE @ CALVERT LIBRARY

145 volunteers gave us 5,829 hours of their time

36,554 cardholders

11,411 meeting room uses by groups



# #CALVERTREADS

Our goal was to read  
2.5 MILLION minutes – we read 3,473,392 minutes!!!

3,132 readers signed up for  
#calvertREADS summer reading.

873 children logged 36,086 books for  
500 by Five this year!

“I have never had anything but an excellent experience at any library in Calvert County. The whole system is **WONDERFUL!**” - customer



## MATERIALS AVAILABLE



Over 179,570 eBooks, eAudio, eMags, graphic novels, streaming movies & TV shows available for checkout



172,671 physical books



10,908 physical audio units



21,826 videos



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



153 subscriptions

## INCOME

County	\$6,227,132
State per capita	\$610,440
State Retirement	\$654,416
Library Fees & Copies	\$33,530
Misc/other	\$34,055
Library Bank Account	\$16,786
MD State Library Agency	\$21,634
SEED grant salary	\$126,463
Total Income	\$7,724,456

## EXPENSES

Customer Service	\$1,560,422
Research & Instruction	\$2,289,724
Admin & Operations	\$949,083
Grant funded salaries	\$126,463
Materials	\$418,188
Operating	\$1,709,375
Retirement	\$654,416
Library Bank Acct	\$16,159
Total Expenditures	\$7,723,830

## GRANTS

MD Humanities One Maryland One Book	\$500
Direct Support from Southern MD Regional Library Association	\$61,808

## RESEARCH

127,821 search sessions occurred on library premium digital resources.

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

## TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

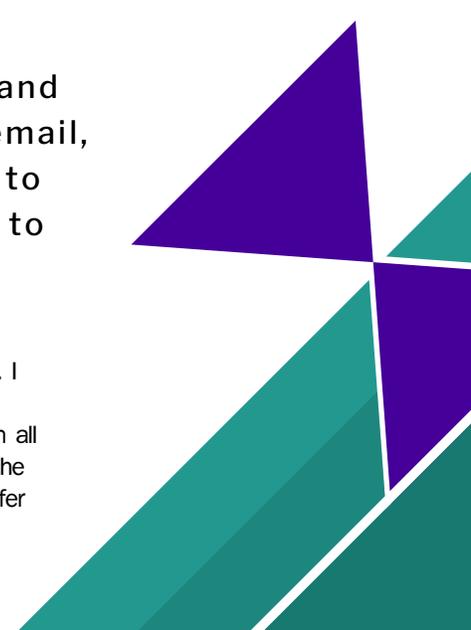
Calvert Librarians really enjoy helping our customers expand their knowledge of technology! Whether it's creating an email, assistance learning a new platform, learning social media to connect with others and not feel alone, the library is here to help!

"The Library is the backbone of the community. So many people miss out on what it has to offer. I was very blessed to have all the resources that it had to offer me and my family when we were homeless. It was a safe place for the kiddos to study every evening. It helped the kids to excel in all their classes. When we didn't have WIFI we borrowed the WIFI adaptor and once again it helped the kiddos to keep up on all their advanced classes. Without the resources that the Library has to offer it would have a devastating impact on the outcome of opportunities for the less fortunate. The Library is a true gem to the community". - Customer

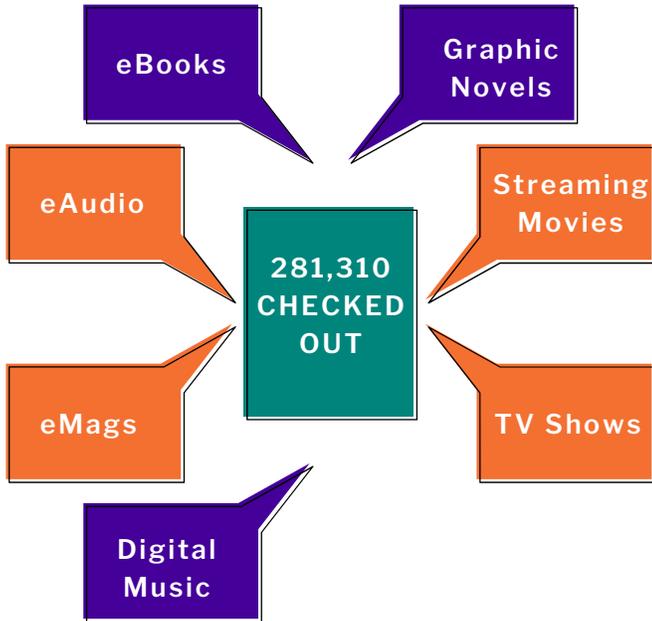
## MOBILE SERVICES

Calvert Library Mobile Services visited 1,237 childcare providers, homebound customers, neighborhoods, community partners and special event locations this year.

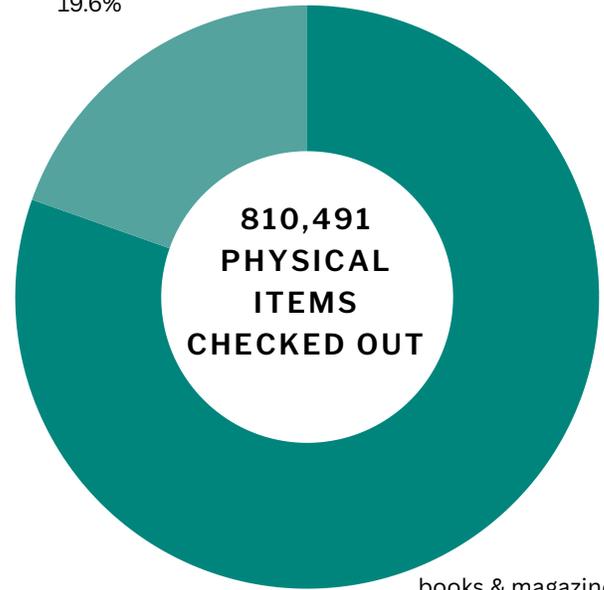
That is approximately 42,243 customers!



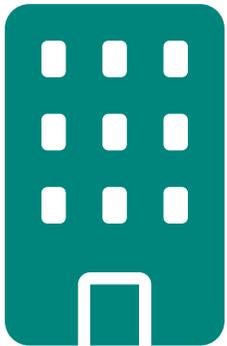
# CIRCULATION



videos & audio books  
19.6%

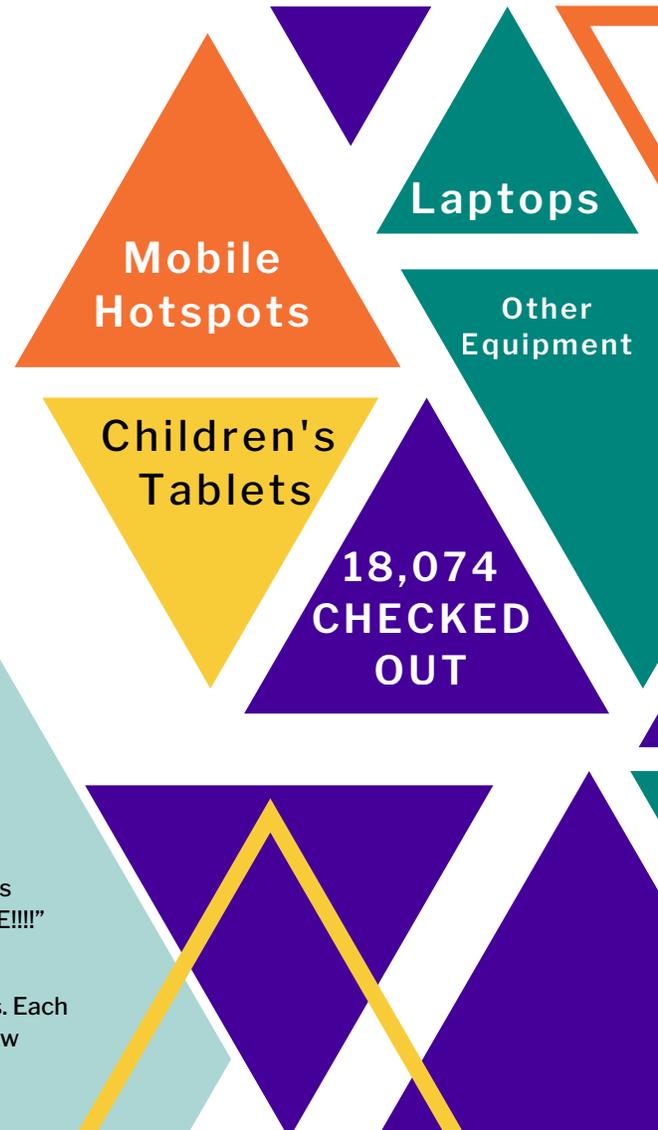


books & magazines  
80.4%



3,350 items borrowed from other MD and US libraries

6,570 items lent to other MD and US libraries



“So the library hosts a monthly gaming session for teens, and I've been going to it for the past few years, which has been a lot of fun for me because I get to connect with people who have the same interests and find fun in DND like I do. One time during one of our monthly games, we had this large ‘battle’ between these monsters and our entire party was going crazy over it and seeing how everyone had the same reactions I did really showed that without the games hosted by the library I would've never gotten the kind of friend group I have now.” - Customer

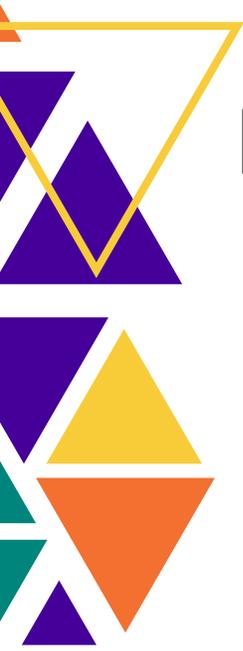
“The Calvert County Library is the Best Resource Center for the community. It has everything one needs to do research or for entertainment. The Staff is AWESOME!!!!” - Customer

“I'm a "frequent flyer" of the library. I'm there almost daily and have been for years. Each time I go, I'm impressed with not only the availability of the books/material, but how friendly and knowledgeable the staff are. I love our library.” - Customer

# Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Twin Beaches Branch!



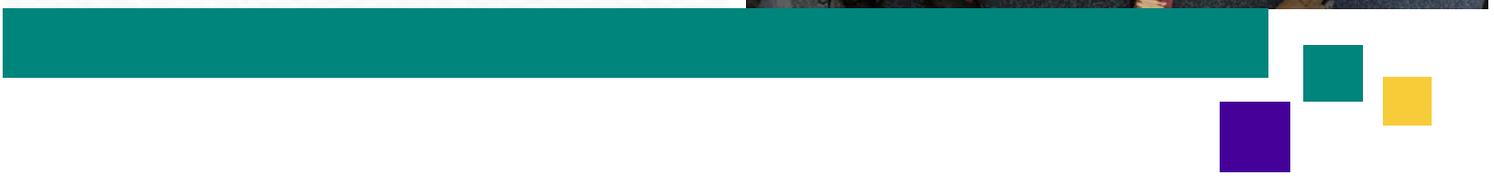
Customer Visits	127,395
New Library Cards	3,350
Number of Events	674
Attendance at Events	19,012
Meeting/Study Room Reservations	3,814
Materials Checked Out	210,265
Public Computer Sessions	11,317
Makerspace Programs	16
Makerspace Program Attendance	238
Makerspace Reservations	213
3D Print Jobs	78
WiFi Sessions	12,401



# EXPLORE, LEARN, CREATE— ALL AT CALVERT LIBRARY

The Tools You Need. The Community You Love.

**CREATE at Twin Beaches Branch Makerspace!**



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## LEARN with Calvert Library Digital Resources!



MANGO  
LANGUAGES

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**Learn ASL**  
American Sign Language



brainfuse  
**HelpNow™**



On-Demand, Anywhere Online Tutoring for All Learners  
**FREE** With Your Library Card

- Get help with a variety of school subjects
- Prep for standardized tests
- Work with live tutors
- Submit papers for feedback
- And much more!

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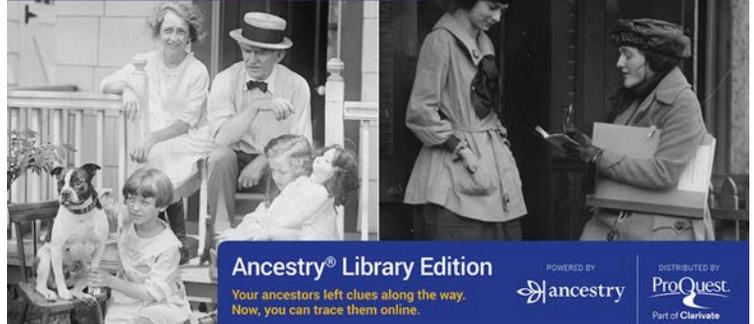
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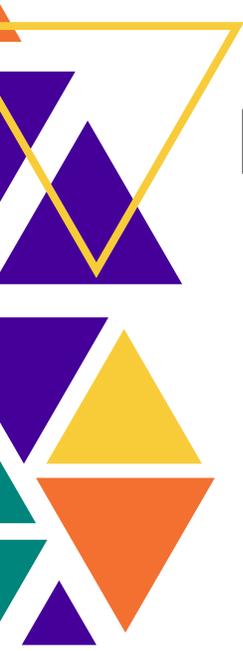
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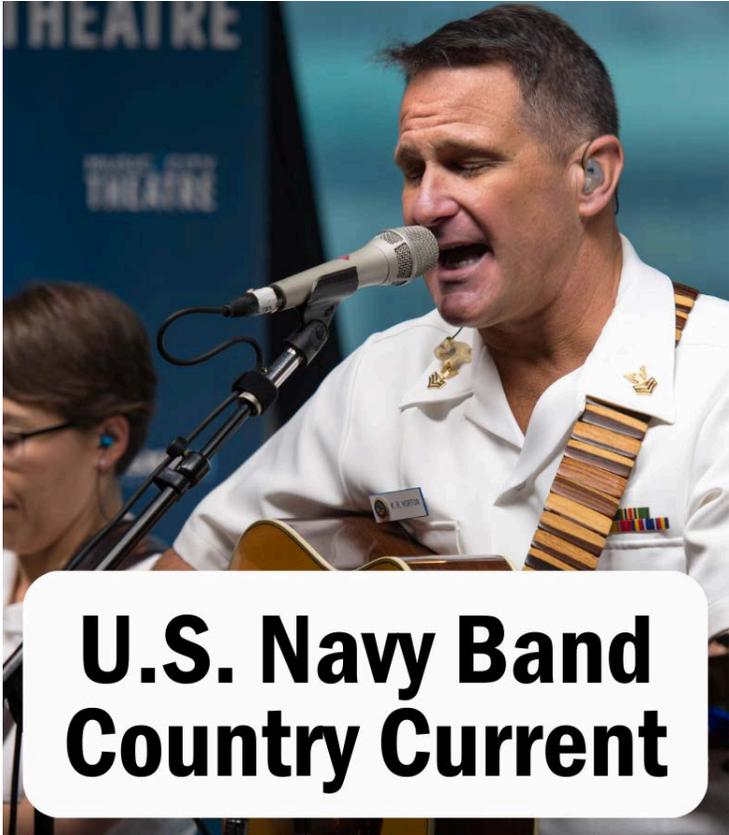
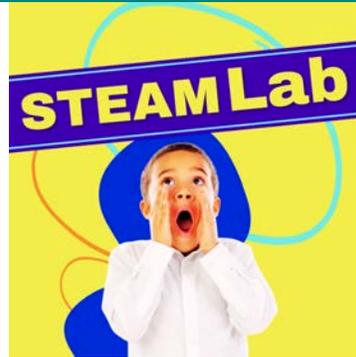
Read on Libby.



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**EXPLORE** our fun events for all ages!



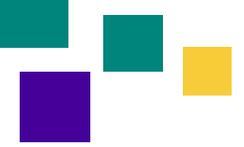
Meet the **AUTHOR** **EVENT** Thursday, Feb 27  
6 - 7:30pm  
Calvert Library  
Prince Frederick  
& Calvert Library's  
YouTube channel  
Books available for sale & signing

**Maryland Libraries TOGETHER** **Calvert LIBRARY**  
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**AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR**  
**MICHELLE COLES**




**U.S. Navy Band  
Country Current**



# REIMAGINETHINKING



This initiative empowered students to become thoughtful, capable, and compassionate learners, while also deepening their connection to the library as a hub for innovation and growth. At the heart of this success was a dedicated team whose professionalism and care elevated every aspect of the project. Their impact extended beyond the classroom, shaping a culture of excellence and collaboration that will continue to inspire future library and public classroom programming.



“It was really special to see middle school students deeply engaged in meaningful learning at the library. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were a joy to observe and the workshop sessions were full of exploration and growth. This project was a great demonstration of the library as a catalyst for lifelong learning.”

Carrie Willson, Calvert Library Executive Director

Reimagine Thinking is part of the SEED Project, a STEAM-focused collaboration between Calvert Library, CCPS, Bowie State University and Dramatic Results. Funded by a grant from the Department of Education, the library has hosted creative camps and workshops for middle schoolers over the past four years.



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**WHAT A GREAT YEAR!**  
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Our local library is just great, with a friendly and helpful staff. I have never had anything other than a wonderful experience there. Good choice of reading material and other things. Many thanks. - customer

# CALVERT LIBRARY LOCATIONS

## **Calvert Library Prince Frederick**

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

## **Southern Branch**

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

## **Fairview Branch**

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

## **Twin Beaches Branch**

4100 5th St.,  
PO Box 1157  
North Beach, MD 20714  
(410) 257-2411  
Branch Manager  
Melissa Gray

## **Calvert Library Mobile Services**

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

“I am a regular participant at book discussions, which I thoroughly enjoy (both in person and virtual on Zoom or other platforms). I attend rehearsals for local community theatre auditions and rehearsals in various Calvert locations. Community theatre needs inexpensive, comfortable locations for these meetings, and the Calvert Library is a BOON. I always enjoy seeing the displays in the Prince Frederick cases, and specialty events, such as the books in flowers creations that were at several branches.” - customer

