

A BOLD NEW CHAPTER

B BALTIMORE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

“There’s certain features that we want to make sure that all of our libraries have: that they are sustainable, filled with light and color and that they’re beautiful. Libraries should be like palaces for the people, where no matter how much money is in your pocket, no matter what zip code you live in—that you get the opportunity to experience the best library possible.”

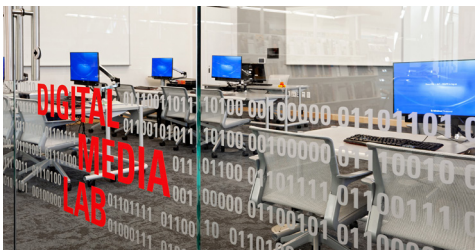
CEO, Sonia Alcántara-Antoine



Woodlawn Branch
Renovation Rendering

The Library of the 21st Century: A Modern Hub for Exploring, Learning, Creating and Connecting

Today’s libraries offer far more than books on shelves. A library for the 21st century is a vibrant, multifaceted community center providing lifelong learning, access to technology and community engagement. In today’s libraries, one can find:



Technology Access and Digital Literacy



Entrepreneur and Business Centers



Learning and Skill Development Centers



Early Childhood Learning



Community Engagement Hubs



Versatile Community Spaces



Inclusive and Safe Spaces



Expanded Resources Beyond Books



Sustainability and Accessibility

Pictures courtesy of Quinn Evans, the architectural firm for the \$22 million Woodlawn Branch renovation and expansion coming in fall 2025 and the brand-new Essex Branch, located at 1517 Old Eastern Avenue.

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Baltimore County Public Library's Building Philosophy

Our library buildings and spaces are:

- Designed and maintained to meet the 21st century needs of our users and communities.
- Exciting, gracious and welcoming destinations and community hubs.
- Open, light-filled and easy to navigate.
- Flexible and adaptable to a variety of individual and collaborative user experiences.
- Attractive inside and out.
- Sustainable and energy efficient.
- Secure, comfortable and accessible for all.



Catonsville Branch Renovation



Catonsville Branch Recording Studio



Woodlawn Branch Renovation Rendering



Middle River Branch Building Rendering

CATONSVILLE BRANCH

Renovated and reopened in August 2024

A \$7 million renovation featuring state-of-the-art recording studios. Partially funded by a \$3.5 million Maryland State Library capital grant.

WOODLAWN BRANCH

Renovation and Expansion

Designed by Quinn Evans and funded by Baltimore County. At \$22 million, this is the largest and most expansive renovation to take place in the history of the library system. This renovation leads the way for future projects.

RANDALLSTOWN BRANCH

Relocation and Expansion

Design to be completed in 2027 for 8212 Liberty Road, a 90,000-square-foot center featuring a 50,000-square-foot library and the Department of Recreation and Parks. State of Maryland funding of \$31 million.

ESSEX BRANCH

Relocation and Expansion

Relocated to property at 1517 Old Eastern Avenue. State of Maryland and Baltimore County funding of \$6 million to initiate design. Construction funding is still needed.

LANSDOWNE BRANCH

Proposed New Building

Maryland State funding of \$12 million for a feasibility study to move into design phase. Construction funding is still needed.

MIDDLE RIVER BRANCH

Proposed New Building

Located in the Greenleigh community. Public-private partnership with the developer to construct a new library to be leased by the county.

Other Ongoing Capital Investments:

- White Marsh Branch meeting room and restrooms renovation.
- White Marsh and Rosedale branches digital monument signs.
- North Point Branch HVAC upgrade and installation.
- Towson Branch/Administrative Offices improvements.

Thank you for helping us turn the page to a brighter future—your support is the foundation of our bold new chapter!