Howard County Library System

HI-LIGHTS 2018

FIVE STAR LIBRARY

ranked by *Library Journal*, the highest ranking attained by fewer than one percent of public libraries in the U.S. – and the only five star library system in Maryland.

8,160,705
ITEMS
borrowed
highest per capita in Maryland

2 1267 0113 3803 5

K-12

every public school student in Howard County has an account through A+ Partners in Education

292,213
library card holders

1,905,997
VISITS

1,543,220 research assistance interactions

AWARD WINNING LIBRARY

Gold Award Winner
for HCLS Now 4 Students campaign by Hermes Creative Awards

Civvy Awards Finalist for Choose Civility by National Conference on Citizenship

Top Innovator Honorable Mention for DIY Education Center by Urban Libraries Council

304,698
attendance at classes and events

104,429 online classes

10,552 classes taught for all ages by HCLS instructors

2,484 STEM classes

1,883 students participated in the Spelling Bee, Battle of the Books, and Rube Goldberg.

Self-Directed Education

STREAM: audiobooks, movies, and music

DOWNLOAD: eBooks, magazines, and newspapers, including *Baltimore Sun*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and Press Reader

LEARN: online classes and test prep with Lynda.com, Gale Courses, Mango Languages, and Rosetta Stone

Research Assistance & Instruction

One-on-one sessions

Classes for all ages

Instructive & Enlightening Experiences

A+ Partners in Education initiative with HCPSS and HCC

Notable authors

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Public Education for All

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stream. download. learn.

1,056,000 web site sessions

CONNECTING WHERE YOU ARE

OPENED

250% increase in class attendance at

Elkridge Branch + DIY Education Center
the first Maryland public library to lend tools

East Columbia Branch
after extensive renovation.
Now, **100+ teens** visit daily and class attendance has more than doubled.

INCREASING IMPACT IN 2019

- Asset Based Community Development
- Early Learning
- Art lending collection
- Makerspace
- Services to homebound population
- Increased strategic partnerships
- Increased community engagement

PROJECT LITERACY in 2018

10 adults gained their external high school diplomas

11 earned their U.S. citizenship

since 1987

9,200 instructional hours where students learn basic math, reading, and writing, speaking, citizenship skills through free, one-on-one tutoring, and class sessions, and distance learning.

90% of Project Literacy students are foreign-born, coming from **45** different countries and speaking **30** languages

73 students have received their high school diplomas

170 have become U.S. citizens

FRIENDS & FOUNDATION of **HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**

50% increase in funding for above-budget initiatives

95,996 community members using meeting rooms

PARTNERSHIPS across all sectors:

- Howard County Public School System
- Howard Community College
- Howard County General Hospital: A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development Authority
- Leadership Howard County
- Girls Scouts of Central MD
- #OneHoward
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Historical Society
- Candlelight Concert Society

Statewide leader for Choose Civility

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