

# Carroll County Public Library Fact Sheet

## Background

Library service in Carroll County began in 1863, when the Westminster Public Library was established and funded by membership dues. In 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Davis announced that they would give a public library building to Westminster and provide an endowment for its support. After ten years of lobbying, a county-wide library system was established in 1958, with the Davis Library operating as the central branch.

Six full-service regional branch libraries currently serve County residents: Westminster, Eldersburg, Taneytown, North Carroll, Finksburg, and Mount Airy.

## Current data (FY2011)

With circulation per capita of 25.4, CCPL has ranked first among Maryland libraries in circulation per capita for sixteen of the past seventeen years and is currently ranked first.

### Circulation

In fiscal year 2011 CCPL circulated 4.3 million items.

### FY2011 Activity

- 1,117,516 people visited library branches.
- 56 percent of Carroll County residents have a library card.
- 6,330 programs were presented for adults and children.
- 126,622 people attended programs at CCPL branches.
- 570,742 items owned by CCPL.