

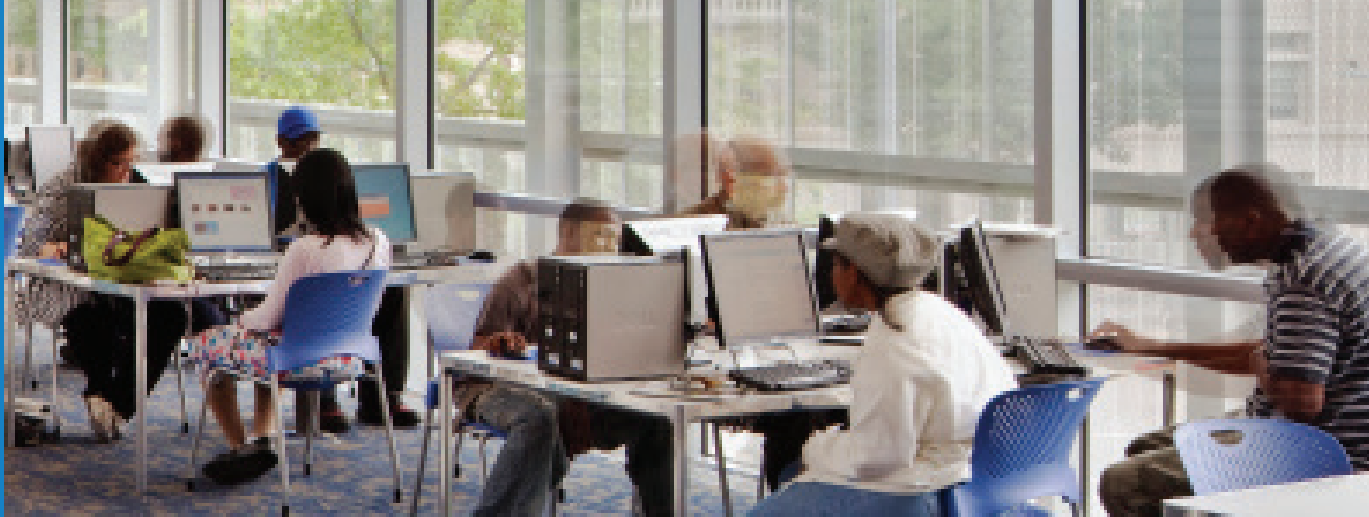


DC Public Library

Next Libris

Facilities Master Plan 2021-2030

Executive Summary



The District of Columbia Public Library is a vital learning institution committed to supporting the needs of all residents regardless of where they live, their income or educational attainment.

Next Libris, the DC Public Library's Facilities Master Plan, articulates the Library's commitment to not only maintain the city's public libraries, but to adapt them for new uses and continue to pursue strategic opportunities to grow and give even more residents access to this increasingly vital engine of community life. The Plan comes as the Library nears completion of a 10-year transformation in which 24 of 26 libraries will be new or fully modernized by 2024, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, the District's central library.

DC Public Library developed the Facilities Master Plan to help guide its physical service delivery strategy for the next 10

years and beyond. It is aspirational and proposes that in the future, the Library will need to and should serve more residents, more equitably, than it does today. The Library will accomplish this by tailoring libraries to respond to individual community needs and by growing the system to meet the needs of an expanding city.

Next Libris is a living document that will be updated as new information becomes available, enabling the Library to respond to changing circumstances and opportunities. The plan was developed prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, which we know may have profound long-term impacts on city services.



The Facilities Master Planning Goals

This Facilities Master Plan has three goals. These goals collectively frame the Library's decision-making philosophy for investments over the next decade. Drafted with Library staff and later refined through a robust community engagement process, the goals are as follows:

Manage assets wisely

The Library will be a good steward of existing facilities by proactively maintaining aging building systems.





Design and build responsively

The Library will regularly update building interiors to remain responsive to neighborhood needs.

Grow equitably and smartly

The Library will seek ways to provide more equitable services to more residents across the District of Columbia.



The Planning Process

The Library reviewed background information, collected and analyzed data and engaged with stakeholders and the community to get a fresh look at how well the existing footprint is meeting community needs. This approach informed a set of comprehensive findings and recommendations that position the Library to better serve residents.



Facility Condition Assessments and Functional Assessments



Staff and Community Engagement



Library Usage and Potential Usage Assessment

To read the full plan and learn more about the planning process, visit dclibrary.org/dclibraryfuture.

Current Library Map & Gaps in Service

What does DC Public Library look like today?

The DC Public Library is a system of 26 libraries with space totaling 900,000 square feet. Of the 26 buildings, 20 are new or fully modernized and four more are in the planning, design or construction phase including the central Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. The modernization of the Library's buildings over the past decade represents an extraordinary pace of project delivery across every ward of the District.

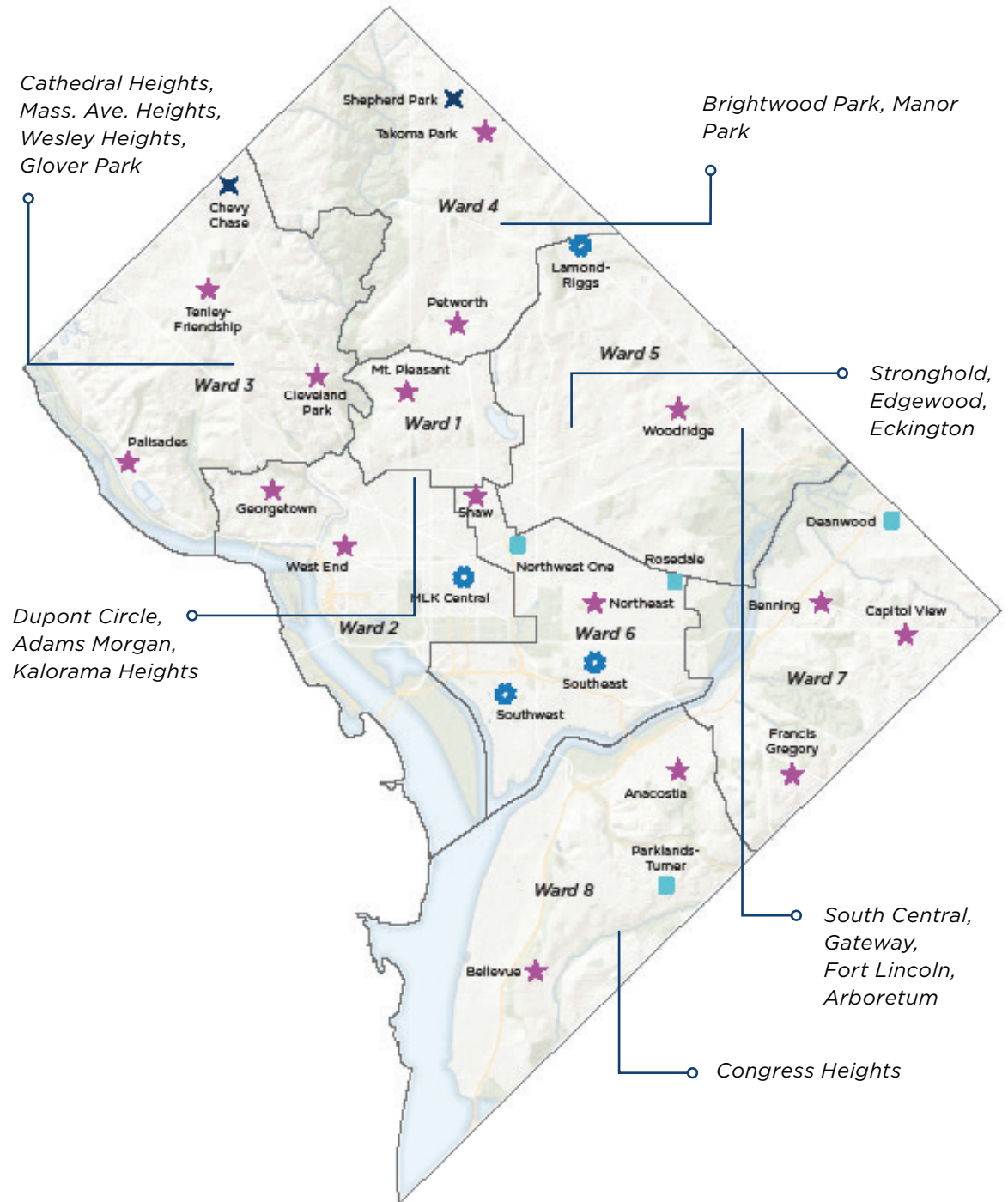
Most, but not all, of the libraries offer a full range of services in 15,000 to 20,000 square feet, including dedicated space for children, teens and adults, meeting rooms, program space and shelving capacity for thousands of books. As DC Public Library looks to expand services across the city more equitably, it bears noting that the smallest libraries serve predominantly low-income communities. An intentional commitment to equity demands exploring ways to provide full-service libraries to these communities.

There are six areas in the District identified as having gaps in service.

The District-wide scan identified six general geographic areas where residents do not have the same level of service as in other areas. Gaps result from geographic isolation, insufficient transportation options or insufficient feet-per-capita. A gap in service does not necessarily equate to a recommendation for a new library.

MAP OF LIBRARIES TODAY

- ★ Modernized or New Construction
- ✕ Not Modernized
- ⚙ Currently in Design or Construction
- Small Neighborhood Libraries
- Gaps in Service



Manage assets wisely

Be a good steward of existing facilities by proactively maintaining aging building systems.

↳ Maintain existing facilities according to the Facilities Conditions Assessments database

↳ Rebuild Chevy Chase Library

SYSTEMS RENEWAL PROJECTS, 2021-2030

YEARS 1-3	YEARS 4-6	YEARS 7-10
Mt. Pleasant	Georgetown	Tenley-Friendship
Shepherd Park	Chevy Chase*	Petworth
Northeast	Shaw	Francis A. Gregory
	Benning	Bellevue
	Anacostia	

Design and build responsively

Regularly update building interiors to remain responsive to neighborhood needs.

↳ Refresh of Petworth Library

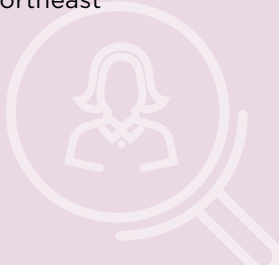
↳ Refresh of Shaw Library, Anacostia Library, Benning Library, Tenley-Friendship Library

↳ Functional assessments of Georgetown Library, Bellevue Library, Francis A. Gregory Library, Mt. Pleasant Library

↳ Functional assessments of Rosedale Library, Deanwood Library, Northwest One Library, Parklands-Turner Library*

FUNCTIONAL REFRESH PROJECTS, 2021-2030

YEARS 1-3	YEARS 4-6	YEARS 7-10
Tenley-Friendship	Mt. Pleasant	Woodridge
Petworth	Georgetown	Northeast
Shaw	Francis A. Gregory	
Benning	Bellevue	



Grow smartly and equitably

Seek ways to provide more equitable services to more residents across the District of Columbia.

TIER ONE	TIER TWO	TIER THREE
<div>Address existing operational issues and service gaps</div> <div><div>↳ New Congress Heights Library</div><div>↳ Replace Shepherd Park Library with new Ward 4 Library</div><div>↳ New Eckington/Edgewood Library</div></div>	<div>Address existing operational issues only</div> <div><div>↳ New Expanded/Full-Service Rosedale Library</div><div>↳ New Expanded/Full-Service Deanwood Library</div></div>	<div>Address existing service gaps only</div> <div><div>↳ New Adams Morgan/Dupont Circle Library</div><div>↳ Explore solutions for Fort Lincoln/Gateway/Arboretum gap</div><div>↳ Explore solutions for Cathedral Heights/Wesley Heights/Glover Park gap</div></div>

*Refresh and/or renewal projects will be necessary if the facility is not replaced.

Cleveland Park Library, photo: Joseph Romeo

2019 STATISTICS

3.8M

ANNUAL GATE COUNT

446K

TOTAL ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

944K

COMPUTER SESSIONS

4.9M

ANNUAL CIRCULATION

24K

MEETING ROOM RESERVATIONS

4