

Frostburg

65 E. Main Street

Frostburg, MD 21532

301-687-0790 (Fax 301-687-0791)

Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm

Wed. thru Sat., 10 am-5 pm

George's Creek

76 Main Street

Lonaconing, MD 21539

301-463-2629 (Fax 301-463-2485)

Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm

Wed. & Thurs., 10 am-5 pm

Closed Fri. & Sat., 10 am-5 pm

LaVale

815 National Highway

LaVale, MD 21502

301-729-0855 (Fax 301-729-3490)

Mon. thru Thurs., 10 am-8 pm

Fri. & Sat., 10 am-5 pm

South Cumberland

100 Seymour Street

Cumberland, MD 21502

301-724-1607 (Fax 301-724-1504)

Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm

Wed. thru Sat., 10 am-5 pm

Washington Street

31 Washington Street

Cumberland, MD 21502

301-777-1200 (Fax 301-777-7299)

Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm

Wed. & Thurs., 10 am-5 pm

Closed Fri. & Sat.

Westernport

66 Main Street

Westernport, MD 21562

301-359-0455 (Fax 301-359-0046)

Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm

Wed. & Thurs., 10 am-5 pm

Closed Fri. & Sat.

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Welcome to Allegany County Library System!



Something for Everyone



Serving Our Communities for Over 60 Years

On July 1, 1960, the public libraries located in Cumberland, Frostburg, LaVale, Pennsylvania Avenue School and Westernport became the **Allegany County Library System** with the George's Creek Library joining upon its completion in 2001.

In March of 2020, the Allegany County Library System joined Washington County Free Library and Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County in the Western Maryland Library Partnership. This collaboration allows the borrowing of library materials throughout each of these counties in one shared collection.

The Cumberland Free Public Library was opened in March 1924 on Greene Street. In June 1934, the library was moved to its present location which formerly housed the Allegany County Academy and a temporary Civil War hospital for Union soldiers in 1865. In 2005, the **Washington Street Library** reopened after a 10 month renovation that added an elevator to the mezzanine, and 2nd floor, a meeting room, and space for staff offices.

The **Frostburg Library** occupied a vacant grocery store when it first opened in 1955 then moved to the first floor of a Masonic Temple two years later. A dedicated library facility opened at 90 E Main Street in 1961. Through fundraising efforts, the current building was constructed and opened at 65 E Main in January 1999. In 2003, thanks to a gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, staff transitioned a meeting room into the 11-station Gates Computer Lab.

In 1989, the citizens of the George's Creek region began fundraising for a branch of their own. Completed in 2001, the **George's Creek Regional Library** was built to resemble an Iron Furnace and the library's dedicated local history collection pays homage to the region's rich history of coal mining, iron blasting, and local baseball legend, Robert "Lefty" Grove. The library houses Grove's MVP trophy, the only one not in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The **LaVale Library** occupied the corner of a Rexall Drug Store and a vacated State Police Barracks before the LaVale Civic Improvement Association raised the money to build a dedicated library in 1975. In 2020, a two year renovation began to transform the LaVale Library into the hub of the Allegany County Library System. The expanded LaVale Library houses the largest collection, the most service hours, and the largest staff.

The **South Cumberland Library** began in 1934 in a classroom at the Pennsylvania Avenue School. In 1965, it moved to Virginia Avenue until the facility it currently occupies was built in 1982. The library underwent a year-long renovation and reopened in July 2017 featuring a new front entrance, meeting room, children's room, and main room with large, stylish windows which invite natural light into the building.

In 1924, a small group of Westernport residents solicited the donation of a little over 100 books and secured permission from the City Council to house them in the city building. Construction on the present **Westernport Library** building began on April 1969 and the new building was dedicated in February 1970.

Lending Policies

Books ~ loan for 21 days
DVDs ~ loan for 7 days
Chromebook & Hotspots~ loan for 14 days

10 DVDs limit per card
1 Chromebook and hotspot per card

How to Renew Items

You can renew items from home by visiting our website. Click on "Account", Click on "Items Out", Select desired items, Click "Renew Selected Items" at bottom of list. Or, call us and give us your library card number. We can renew over the phone.

Fines and Fees

Overdue books ~ .20 per day
Overdue DVDs ~ .50 per day
Chromebook and Hotspots ~ 5.00 per day
A fine of \$20.00 or higher on your card will result in suspension of privileges until the fine is paid.
Youth accounts, or those 17 and under are fine free and are not charged overdue fines. Lost and damaged charges still apply.

HOW DO I GET A LIBRARY CARD?

Allegany County Library cards are **FREE** to all Maryland residents.



Just provide a photo ID with your current Maryland address and you are eligible.

Out of state residents can also get a card for just \$10.00 every three years.

"STAR cards" are automatically created for all K through 12 students in Allegany County at a participating school. STAR cards are virtual cards that allow students to check out books, use library databases, and get homework help.

Allegany County "One Card" may be used at The Alexander Library of Allegany College of MD and at the FSU Ort Library. Your ACLS Library card may be used at public libraries throughout Maryland.

DID YOU KNOW?

The library offers free access to new and popular DVDs, internet, online magazines and newspapers, music through Hoopla, guest lectures, author visits, special programming, and more. Oh. And we have books, too.

We offer free access to print books as well as downloadable e-books for Kindle, iPad, Nook, and other devices. We also offer audio-books for your CD player, PC, Mac, iPod, MP3 player, and almost any device.

JUST VISITING?

Out of town visitors can request a Guest Pass to log on to our computers, check email, and catch up with family and friends.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Allegany County Library System seeks to provide a seamless delivery of service to all residents from birth to senior citizen.

With that goal in mind, we offer:

- Story Time
- Virtual Programs
- Adult Book Discussion Groups
- Summer with Your Library program
- Special events for the whole family

All programs and events sponsored by the Allegany County Library System are free and open to the public.

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS?

Today it's easier than ever to keep up with library programs and events. Stay connected:

- Sign up to receive our email updates
- Visit and follow our Facebook page
- Subscribe to our Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube Channel
- View library events on our Calendars from our homepage

HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST?

The Allegany County Library System offers free access to over 30 databases on topics like genealogy, language learning, early childhood literacy, test prep, career planning, small business management, and more.



Manage your library account from your smartphone.

www.alleganycountylibrary.info

Public Computer Use

Cost to print
.20 per page B&W
.50 per page Color

Other Services

Faxing
First page ~ 2.00
Additional pages ~ .25 each

Our libraries offer free Wi-Fi for laptops, phones, and other devices.

