

# HCLS Central Branch Renovation VISION / FACTS



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## Welcome to the **Grand Re-Opening** of the *revitalized* **HCLS Central Branch** *Delivering a lifetime of education, today and for generations to come.*

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Howard County Government:	Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive
Howard County Library System Board of Trustees:	Thomas K. Munns, Chair
Howard County Library System:	Valerie J. Gross, President & CEO
Architect:	Symmetry First Architects
Builder:	North Point Builders
Project Cost:	\$900,000 (funded by Howard County and the Maryland State Department of Education)
HCLS Central Branch Address:	10375 Little Patuxent Parkway Columbia, MD 21044

### Vision

Welcome to Howard County Library System's latest destination for the future!

The HCLS Central Branch further positions HCLS as a key component of Howard County's renowned education enterprise, delivering 21<sup>st</sup> century public education for all.

A major destination not only for downtown Columbia but also for all of Howard County, the Central Branch of Howard County Library System (HCLS) is an education center featuring research, instruction, and a myriad of community and cultural events. Housing more than 231,000 items in its various collections and a full slate of educational opportunities, the Central Branch welcomes half a million children, teens, and adults annually.

Conveniently located on major thoroughfares with access to local transit, the HCLS Central Branch takes pride in offering high-quality public education for all on a daily basis.

## Highlights

- New **welcoming lobby**
- Greatly expanded **Children’s Classroom**
- Dedicated **HCLS Project Literacy** space that triples its former size
- New **Customer Service + Research Desk**
- New **STEM classroom**
- More **study rooms**
- Updated **furnishings**
- Vivid **new carpet** throughout



A must-see community destination, the venue’s array of welcoming spaces and highlights is conducive to studying, conducting research, attending classes and events—and the sheer enjoyment of reading.

Customers are greeted by an expanded *Customer Service & Research Desk* and inviting, modern seating.

The vibrant children's area, highlighted by a bright new classroom, is double the size of the former space. Books and educational toys abound throughout this area for our youngest customers through fifth grade students.

On the second floor, 72 computers feature the best, most contemporary specialized online research tools and instructional sites for students and researchers. A new STEM classroom offers a venue for learning the latest trends in science, while HCLS Project Literacy features triple its former educational space, including a new classroom.

## Facts – General

- Total square feet: 47,500
- Project cost: \$900,000 (funded by Howard County and the Maryland State Department of Education)
- Number of parking spaces: 104

## Facts – Curriculum

- *Self-Directed Education*
  - 231,000 items (new collection of materials, including books, audiobooks, e-books, films, music, and specialized online research tools)
  - 72 public computers with word processing capabilities
  - 2 study rooms

- *Research Assistance & Instruction*
  - New Customer Service + Research Desk
  - Expanded Children’s classroom: 760 sq. ft. (40 percent larger)
  - New STEM classroom: 750 sq. ft. (seats 60)
  - Expanded Project Literacy suite: 1,600 sq. ft. (triples the current space)
    - Classroom for group instruction
    - Tutoring space for individualized instruction (accommodates 24 students)
    - Research Lab
  
- *Instructive & Enlightening Experiences*
  - Maxine White Warfield Meeting Room: 815 sq. ft. (seats 80)
  - Two conference rooms:
    - 440 sq. ft. (seats 15)
    - 200 sq. ft. (seats 10)

