



HCLS Glenwood Branch Renovation FACT SHEET

Howard County Government:	Calvin Ball, County Executive
Howard County Library System Board of Trustees:	Thomas Munns, Chair
Howard County Library System:	Tonya Aikens, President & CEO
Architect:	Quinn Evans
Project Manager:	Howard County Government, Department of Public Works
Construction Manager:	North Point Builders
Location:	2350 State Route 97, Cooksville, 21723
Project Cost:	\$1M (\$730K from County Government, \$350 from HCLS Board of Trustees)
Grand Opening:	December 4, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

The renovated Glenwood Branch includes:

- A makerspace, featuring 3D printers, a digital memory station, large format printer, laser cutter engraver, recording booth, and tinker bins
- Reimagined and collaborative teen area with new seating and gaming station
- A builders' barn in the children's area featuring age-appropriate supplies and activities
- Refreshed and more open children's area with new shelving and relocated information desk
- Two new multi-use studios for classes and community meetings, enabling instructors to teach more classes for all ages and giving the community more space for public meetings.
- New passport office for greater confidentiality
- Renovated vending café area in a new central location, serving as a snack area, collaborative, and social space.
- New customer service desk
- New self-service area, enabling customers to pick up their own holds
- New flooring in the teen, adult, studio, study, café, existing meeting room, and makerspace areas
- Selected artworks from HCLS' art education collection, available for borrowing
- A new outdoor patio with seating

COMING SOON

Interactive learning spaces that encourage young children to learn through play arrive in early 2022. These new spaces are specifically designed to teach pre-literacy skills through tactile activities. The Glenwood Branch will receive three "seed pod kiosks" and one ABC "whirligig."

Additional indoor and outdoor furnishings scheduled to arrive in the spring.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- FY18 Capital Budget cycle: HCLS received \$730K for renovation.
- FY19 – 21: HCLS held dream sessions for Glenwood community. Requested balance of project funding. Updated [HCLS Master Plan](#) published.
- March 2020: All six HCLS branches closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- June 2020: Glenwood Branch Capital Budget finalized.
- June 2020: All six HCLS branches open for contactless pickup only.
- November 2020: Renovation kickoff.*
- March 2021: Renovation construction begins.
- June 2021: HCLS Board of Trustees invests an additional \$350K in the project to supplement County funding.
- July – November 2021: The project experienced a number of significant pandemic-related supply chain delays, including steel, labor, shelving and furniture.
- August 2021: HCLS instructors begin teaching in-person children’s classes in the Glenwood Branch meeting room.
- December 4, 2021: Ribbon cutting and grand reopening
- Early 2022: Children’s interactive learning spaces and additional furnishings scheduled to arrive.

HCLS Glenwood Branch opened in 2000. The award-winning architectural design reflects the area’s agricultural heritage. The Branch is adjacent to the Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood and Western Regional Park.

Visit hclibrary.org/locations/glenwood-branch for the complete timeline, list of current children’s classes, and additional information about the branch.

Questions:

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