

HANDLEY LIBRARY

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Currently the Library System has one library in each jurisdiction served. As population grows in Frederick County, the demand for library services also continues to grow. Each library in the Handley Regional Library system functions as a community center, a search engine, and a place that welcomes everyone to lifelong learning. Frederick County's larger population and land area mean that there are Frederick County locations not well served by the Winchester or Stephens City libraries.

FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE

As the residential population in Frederick County continues to grow the Library System has plans for opening new facilities. Within the next five years the Library Board plans for a library to open in the Gainesboro district and new libraries at Senseny and Greenwood and at Route 522 and Justice Drive are planned for the next ten years. The inclusion of small library branches that can offer delivery of materials from anywhere in the system as well as providing information and training to customers about new online services is also being considered.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Ideally, a new library can best serve as community centers when they are located within a walkable community, near schools, parks and retail establishments.

GOALS/STRATEGIES

GOAL: PLAN FOR GROWTH WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE LIBRARY SPACE FOR LIBRARY USERS IN THE FUTURE.

STRATEGIES:

- The Handley Regional Library Board will review and update its long-range plan for facilities growth, using the criteria of cost, need, safety, and proximity to the greatest number of residents.
- Continue to monitor the growth throughout the County to determine where new library facilities are needed.