

## **HANDLEY LIBRARY**

### **CURRENT CONDITIONS**

The goal of the Handley Regional Library System is to be a resource to the communities they serve by creating connections to information and entertainment and being the center of learning. Currently the Handley Regional Library System has one library in each jurisdiction served. As population grows in Frederick County, the demand for library services also continues to increase. 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 portions of the County that are not well served by the Winchester or Stephens City branches.

### **FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE**

As the residential population in Frederick County continues to grow the Library System has plans for opening new facilities. The Library Board plans for future libraries to open in the Gainesboro area, Senseny/Greenwood area and the Route 522/Justus Drive area. 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 should also be considered.

### **COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

With easy access to computer workstations, libraries are a primary source of technology services and resources to County residents, especially those who may lack such access in their homes. Ideal locations for new libraries would be within close proximity to residential uses, schools and commercial uses.

### **GOALS/STRATEGIES**

**GOAL: PROVIDE ADEQUATE LIBRARY SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS.**

#### **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.