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County Library	Contact person	Partnership with the Public Schools
Allegany County Library System	ACLS contact would be Lisa McKenney (301-777-1200 <a href="mailto:lmckenney@allconet.org">lmckenney@allconet.org</a> )	We are formal partnership in the BoE 21st Century Learning Center. Children from 5 schools visit local libraries after school once per week and get programming from Children's librarians. BoE Contact is Gary Delaney.  <a href="http://www.alleganycountylibrary.info/">http://www.alleganycountylibrary.info/</a>
Anne Arundel County Public Library	Betty Morganstern (410-222-7371)  Skip Auld, Director	"Radical Researcher"  Training in public library and school media center research skills. Assignment part of AACPS curriculum.  Elementary School Art Exhibit  Student art on exhibit in branches every year during the month of March.  Judy Center  Partner with Anne Arundel County Public Schools' Judy Center.  Brainfuse Homework Help  Online Tutoring and Writing Assistance for students.  <a href="http://www.aacpl.net/">http://www.aacpl.net/</a>
Enoch Pratt Free Library	Deborah Taylor <a href="mailto:dtaylor@prattlibrary.org">dtaylor@prattlibrary.org</a>  400 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201  (410) 396-5356  (419) 396-1095 fax	The Pratt Library has an active partnership with schools in Baltimore City. I am Coordinator of School and Student Services and I work with all of our educational programs. Some examples of our services include: workshops for teachers, special Teacher's Card, preparation of special resource lists, library visits, library card registration programs (just completed our second ninth grade library card drive.  <a href="http://www.prattlibrary.org/">http://www.prattlibrary.org/</a>

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<p>Baltimore County Public Library</p>	<p>Jim Fish, Director <a href="mailto:jfish@bcpl.net">jfish@bcpl.net</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Summer Reading Club - all ages (Infants and Toddlers, Pre-K/Elementary, Middle and High School)</li><li>2. My First Library Card Program - BCPS Kindergarten Students - special card for this age group.</li><li>3. Infants and Toddlers Program - Service providers in the Infants and Toddlers program regularly conduct weekly programs in our children's areas for children birth to three and their parents/caregivers. BCPS staff use our space and early literacy materials, including both Storyville locations as educational environments where youngsters with developmental delays can interact with their typically developing peers in a "natural environment".</li><li>4. Community-based Preschool Programs - similar to the Infants and Toddlers partnership, this program is for children ages 3-5 who have not yet started Kindergarten.</li><li>5. School visits: our branch library staff develop and maintain a relationship with school library media specialists and offer come to schools to share information about library services (such as homework help, databases, etc.)</li><li>6. School Library Nights: many schools partner with their local libraries to offer special nights at the library for their school community.</li><li>7. Teacher Loan Cards: special library cards are offered to teachers in Baltimore County.</li></ol>
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		<p>8. Materials requests: Teachers can contact their local branches for assistance in gathering books and materials for instructional purposes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bcpl.info/">http://www.bcpl.info/</a></p>
Calvert Library	Robbie McGaughran	<p><b>CLASS – Calvert Library Assists School Success</b>, formal partnership with Board of Education since 2003. Librarians visit each 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class each year with a presentation to help them use library resources to enhance their educational experience. Strong collaboration to promote Calvert Career and Technology Education. And much more.</p> <p><a href="http://calvert.lib.md.us/">http://calvert.lib.md.us/</a></p>
Caroline County Public Library	Amanda Courie Ann Reinecke	<p>1) Shared ILS - We share our subscription to Sirsi, and share materials between the public library and all public schools. The Library provides monthly statistics and reports to the school media specialists. The Library also provides training, support, and troubleshooting to school media specialists regarding all ILS issues.</p> <p>2) Annual Booktalks &amp; Summer Reading Presentations to all classes grades K-5.</p> <p>3) Middle schools house their Black Eyed Susan-nominated books at the public library over the summer so that students have access to them all summer.</p> <p>4) At the elementary level, library field trips are used as rewards for school-based reading incentive programs.</p> <p>5) Classroom teachers frequently use library databases &amp; electronic services that the school system doesn't have the budget for, especially BrainPOP, Tumblebooks, and Help</p>

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		<p>Now.</p> <p>6) Information literacy sessions are provided at the high school level, in the classroom, in partnership with Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center.</p> <p>7) Public school students come to the library to attend the Annual Children's Author Visit sponsored by ESRL</p> <p>8) I serve on the Judy Center Steering Committee &amp; Early Head Start Policy Committee.</p> <p><a href="http://www.carolib.org/">http://www.carolib.org/</a></p>
Carroll County Public Library	<p>Lynn Wheeler, Director</p> <p><a href="mailto:lwheeler@carr.org">lwheeler@carr.org</a></p>	<p>Carroll County has a formal partnership with CCPS ("Learning Advantage Partnership). Partnership activities include: Special programs performed in branches, schools, and community settings, such as literature-based puppet shows; storytimes including "soundbites" or tips for parents, using MSDE's Maryland Model for School Readiness (MMSR) guidelines; class visits; Educator Loan cards; Head Start and Judy Center partnerships; summer reading booktalks; library card campaigns; early literacy training for parents and childcare educators; booklists; Teachers Toolbox website; student art exhibits in branches; Summer Shorts writing contest for teens.</p> <p><a href="http://library.carr.org">http://library.carr.org</a></p>
Cecil County Public Library	<p>Carol Starzmann, Assistant Director</p> <p>4100996-1055 x131</p> <p><a href="mailto:mstarzmann@ccplnet.org">mstarzmann@ccplnet.org</a></p> <p>Denise Davis, Director</p> <p><a href="mailto:ddavis@ccplnet.org">ddavis@ccplnet.org</a></p>	<p>CCPL collaborates with Cecil County Public Schools in the Read to Succeed initiative in which we coordinate a county wide library card drive for students in K, 6th and 9th grades to encourage children to visit the public library and utilize its resources. Students visit the library Bookmobile at each school early in the school year to use their library cards for</p>

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		<p>the first time and check out a book. Staff visits Jumpstart orientation classes for 6th graders entering middle school prior to the start of school and freshman seminar classes for 9th graders to demonstrate databases and emphasize the value of library resources in achieving academic success.</p> <p>CCPL sends staff to 17 elementary schools to promote the Summer Reading program with presentations in classrooms or assemblies and Bookmobile visits to Field Days. Staff provides monthly storytime visits to pre-K classes in two elementary schools.</p> <p>Staff also responds to requests for guest readers or booktalks at special functions held at the school.</p> <p>The library participates in three schools with Family Involvement Advisors, providing reading activities to improve children's reading skills and emphasize the value of reading to parents.</p> <p>CCPL partners with the Judy Center to provide early childhood services to at risk children through monthly storytime visits. A recent grant written by the Cecil County Judy Center establishes a new program in which library staff will train the Center's staff and parents in how to promote reading readiness along with language, cognitive and motor skills so necessary to the development of physical and emotional needs. A library staff member attends monthly committee meetings, and we collaborate on developing special programs like the annual Story Day.</p> <p>The library's Bookmobile visits and participates in afterschool programs at 6 elementary schools in partnership with the YMCA.</p>
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		<p>CCPL hosts a Cecilwood film festival in which students from local schools can submit their original films for judging. Winners are selected and shown to highlight the imagination and creativity of talented future filmmakers.</p> <p><a href="http://www.cecil.ebranch.info/">http://www.cecil.ebranch.info/</a></p>
<p>Charles County Public Library</p>	<p>Emily Ferren, Director  <a href="mailto:eferren@somd.lib.md.us">eferren@somd.lib.md.us</a>            (301) 934-9001 ext. 20</p>	<p>Currently in place are regular visits to Headstart, Judy Center schools, and Family Nights. We also visit licensed day care centers and day care homes.</p> <p>We also provide bilingual story times in Spanish and English- originally started through a LSTA grant and still continuing.</p> <p>We are looking to add French and Korean using community volunteers to read to children in their native language at the Life Long Learning Center.</p> <p>We serve on the Judy Center Steering Committee, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and look forward to additional opportunities with our school system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Headstart, Judy Center, Family Nights</li> <li>-Bilingual story times in Spanish and English</li> <li>-Judy Center Steering Committee, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.ccplonline.org/">http://www.ccplonline.org/</a></p>
<p>Dorchester County Public Library</p>	<p>Jean S. Del Sordo, Director  <a href="mailto:jdelsordo@dorchesterlibrary.org">jdelsordo@dorchesterlibrary.org</a></p>	<p>The Dorchester County Public Library partners with the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center in visiting health classes at the local high schools. Library staff inform and demonstrate the online resources available to the students, particularly with reference to science and health related topics, while the ESAHEC staff teach the students how to</p>

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		<p>identify a reliable website for health information, and of career opportunities and scholarships available for medical-related studies.</p> <p>The Dorchester County Public Library's youth services manager serves as a community representative on the Dorchester County Judy Center's steering committee. This position on the steering committee provides an important opportunity to network with Judy Center staff and fellow steering committee members (Infants and Toddlers program, Head Start and Early Head Start, the county health department and others) and share information about library services available to children and families. The Judy Center and library have collaborated on early literacy events, story times, and information-sharing with Judy Center parents, and will continue to plan similar programs in the future.</p> <p>The Dorchester County Public Library's Bookmobile makes bi-weekly stops at five Dorchester County elementary schools to supply children with educational and recreational reading materials.</p> <p><a href="http://www.dorchesterlibrary.org/">http://www.dorchesterlibrary.org/</a></p>
Frederick County Public Libraries	Darrell Batson, Director <a href="mailto:dbatson@FrederickCountyMD.gov">dbatson@FrederickCountyMD.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.fcpl.org/">http://www.fcpl.org/</a>
The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County	Cathy Ashby, Director <a href="mailto:cashby@relib.net">cashby@relib.net</a>	The Ruth Enlow Library and the Garrett County School system maintain a public library/public school partnership at the Kitzmiller School. The public library resides in the school and shares the same physical space, materials, equipment, and furnishings with the school library. The two parties coordinate needs assessment, children's programming, classroom/

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		<p>homework assignments, and combined collection development. The partnership benefits both parties, in that the school provides space, utilities, and other physical necessities to the public library, while the later provides a cataloging and circulation system, reports, and free services such as faxes and copies to the school.</p> <p><a href="http://www.relib.net/">http://www.relib.net/</a></p>
<p>Harford County Public Library</p>	<p>Mary L. Hastler, Director  <a href="mailto:hastler@hcplonline.info">hastler@hcplonline.info</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partners in Reading</b> program – Volunteers meet weekly with elementary age students to read books together, thus improving the reading skills of the students and increasing their love of reading.</li> <li>• <b>Rolling Reader</b> – The Harford County Public Library Rolling Reader, a mobile outreach vehicle, promotes reading for pleasure in the form of targeted outreach. The Rolling Reader visits after-school programs that serve children in kindergarten through eighth grade.</li> <li>• <b>Educators’ Training Team</b> – This Harford County Public Library team, comprised of professional library staff, works extensively with the Harford County Public Schools to present information about the library to school employees at in-service days and other school events.</li> <li>• <b>Booktalking</b> – As requested by the teachers, Harford County Public Library librarians visit schools throughout the year to provide booktalks about specific topics. Library staff, for example, recently visited local schools to share books related to Black History month and Women’s History month. Our librarians also visit schools before the Summer</li> </ul>



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		<p>Reading Program to share information about the program and talk about books the children may be interested in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>John Archer Outreach</b> – Harford County Public Library librarians visit the John Archer School, a Harford County public school serving students with disabilities, and present a monthly interactive storytime.</li><li>• <b>Information Literacy Symposium</b> – On November 5, 2009, the Harford County Public Library partnered with the Harford County Public Schools and Harford Community College to present a day-long symposium for staff about each organization’s involvement and role in teaching information literacy.</li><li>• <b>Musical Celebrations</b> - Bands and orchestras from a number of public schools provide music at library programs and holiday open houses throughout the year.</li><li>• <b>Visual Art Partnership</b> - The Aberdeen branch hosts Art Receptions, where the students (via the art teacher) display their art in the children's area. This year they are hosting Halls Cross Roads, Darlington Elementary, Lisby Hillsdale Elementary and Churchville Elementary.</li><li>• <b>Harford County Transitional Services for Youth Partnership</b> - The Aberdeen branch partners with Harford County Transitional Services for Youth at Aberdeen High School to provide programming for students with disabilities.</li></ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Karma Dogs</b> – Offered at several Harford County Public Library locations, this popular program provides reading support for early and/or struggling readers called HEARTS: Help Encourage All Readers to Succeed. This partnership is a robust and committed collaboration between library staff, reading specialists and the school library media specialists. The program provides 30-minute reading sessions for students with a therapy dog and is a proven method of increasing reading level.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.hcplonline.info/">http://www.hcplonline.info/</a></p>
Howard County Public Library	Valerie Gross, Director <a href="mailto:valerie.gross@hclibrary.org">valerie.gross@hclibrary.org</a>	<p>Our collective vision is to provide for Howard County students the best possible chance to achieve overall academic success. What makes A+ unique?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every HCPSS school, and each HCC department, is assigned an HCL branch and liaison.</li> <li>• Each student receives an HCL card through school registration.</li> <li>• Kindergarten field trips to HCL are part of HCPSS' curriculum.</li> <li>• HCL instructors teach A+ Curriculum Enhancement classes at HCL branches, and in the schools.</li> <li>• Faculty send HCL instructors Assignment Alerts.</li> <li>• The partnership is celebrated annually at the A+ Partners in Education Celebration</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.hclibrary.org/">http://www.hclibrary.org/</a></p>

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Montgomery County Public Libraries	<p>Michelle Sellars Parker Hamilton, Director <a href="mailto:parker.hamilton@montgomerycountymd.gov">parker.hamilton@montgomerycountymd.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>Current Active Partnerships</u></b></p> <p>Library Card Registration.</p> <p>Support “Every Child Ready to Read” Initiative through our preschool programming.</p> <p>Working with Family Services, Inc. and the Early Headstart, conduct Parent Child-Mother Goose story times that emphasize early literacy and school readiness.</p> <p>Work with schools to place a direct link to library website from MCPS website to facilitate the sharing of information and the use of online databases available through the library website.</p> <p>Preparation and sharing of grade level booklists – online and print.</p> <p>Library Representative on the Collaboration Council Summer Reading Program Coordination.</p> <p>Participation in Reading Buddies and Dog Therapy R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) Programs.</p> <p>MCPL staff serve as co-lead at Teen Parent Conference workshop (2010 and 2011), providing teen parents with information about the importance of early literacy, early literacy techniques, and services/resources at the public library.</p>

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		<p><b><u>Past Programs</u></b></p> <p>Childcare Provider Workshops intended to assist providers and parents working to understand and improve kindergarten readiness.</p> <p>Visits to high schools to conduct childcare development classes for pregnant and teen mothers; emphasis on the importance of early literacy and learning and modeling early literacy techniques.</p> <p><a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library</a></p>
<p>Prince George's County Memorial Library</p>	<p><b>Public Library</b></p> <p>Irene Briggs, Associate Director for Public Affairs</p> <p><b>Public School Contacts</b></p> <p>Shari Blohm, Supervisor of Media Specialists</p> <p>A. Simone McQuaige, Supervisor Reading/English Language Arts, PreK-5</p> <p>Andrea Thomas Munson, Supervisor, Reading/English Language Arts, Middle School</p> <p>Doreen Myers, Supervisor, Reading/Language Arts, High School</p> <p>Dr. Duane Arbogast, Chief Academic Office</p> <p>Sanders Shivers, Program Coordinator</p> <p>Tamura Gray, Dept. Chair of Human Growth and Development and</p> <p>Maxine Thompson-Burroughs, Teacher</p>	<p>Shari is the main contact for most activities with PGCPs. She meets annually with senior management of PGCMLS to discuss issues of concern and upcoming projects for the year. In addition, Library staff provides workshops for new incoming media specialists and parenting workshops, as needed. Shari accompanies PGCMLS staff every year to Maryland Legislative Day.</p> <p>PGCMLS staff works annually with A. Simone McQuaige to create a summer reading list. PGCMLS staff selects the materials, annotates the titles and prepares the final product for distribution to all schools. PGCPs reviews and approves the selections before distributions</p> <p>In 2010, a new partnership with PGCPs, and Maryland National Park and Planning to discuss the feasibility of creating a universal card for students to use in the Public Schools, Recreation, and Libraries was created.</p> <p>Annual Library Card Sign-up Campaign to promote emergent literacy so that parents acknowledge responsibility to prepare preschoolers for formal learning in school. Also to promote usage of Library by students. Library staff prepares packets of</p>

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	<p>Coordinator Karen Lynch, Chief of Student Services Eileen Kaplan, Program Manager</p>	<p>information to aid students in homework and joint promotion of HelpNow online tutoring assistance. Black History Month seminars, tours and performances at the Sojourner Truth Room at the Oxon Hill Branch.</p> <p>Even Start Program - Library Staff provide ongoing literacy programs to children and parents on a regular basis.</p> <p>Even Start Teen Family Literacy Program at Bladensburg High School and Northwestern High School. Library staff visits each program regularly to promote early literacy with the teen parents and children.</p> <p>Eleanor Roosevelt High School Parent – Youth Conference. Staff participates and provides information to parents on the resources of the Library.</p> <p>Beltsville Parent Academy. Staff at the Library provides ongoing resources to parents for their student’s success in school.</p> <p>Judy Hoyer Family Center – staff attend monthly committee meetings and provide</p> <p>Ready at Five – Staff conduct Learning Parties with local schools to encourage literacy with preschool children.</p> <p>Boys Read Club – cooperative grant program to reach boys in grades 3-6 who are struggling with reading. Male staff works with local principals and media specialists in several communities. Currently there are three active programs in elementary schools in the Fairmount Heights, Oxon Hill and Laurel communities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.pgcmls.info/">http://www.pgcmls.info/</a></p>
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<p>Queen Anne's County Free Library</p>	<p>Chuck Powers, Director <a href="mailto:cpowers@quan.lib.md.us">cpowers@quan.lib.md.us</a></p> <p>Kim Baklarz <a href="mailto:kbaklarz@quan.lib.md.us">kbaklarz@quan.lib.md.us</a></p>	<p>Each year kindergarteners at Centreville and Kent Island Elementary Schools walk to their branch for a program and tour. Library staff coordinates with the teachers to register children for library cards. At least one or two classes from Stevensville Middle School visit the Kent Island Branch to learn about database research. Most years this is in combination with Maryland History Day projects.</p> <p>Yearly author visit for school classes sponsored by ESRL. This year Kennard Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be treated to a visit by author Henry Cole.</p> <p>Librarians attend back to school nights and other special evening school events such as Pirate-Palooza. At which times we display books, promote Teen Read Week, library databases and sign students up for library cards.</p> <p>Librarians, often accompanied by Sneaks the Cat, visit schools each spring to promote Summer Reading.</p> <p>The library works with the two High School Librarians to register students for library cards and introduce them to the databases available on the Library's web site.</p> <p>This month we partnered with the Special Ed Dept. to have the Quillsoft software loaded on all public access computers in the public library. This will allow access and services to children and families who do not have a home computer.</p> <p>Provide materials and support for the Community Partnership for Families Character Counts program which places volunteer character coaches in the classrooms.</p> <p>Provides Sailor Internet access to the Schools saving them the cost of paid service.</p>
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		<p>Provides support with materials and staff time of school related homework, projects, research and summer reading assignments. Supports school programs such as featuring the Centreville Middle School audio library project on the front page of the Library's web site.</p> <p>Library staff produce a number and variety of reading lists that are needed by the schools. This includes books over 200+ pages by genre, award winners, special subject areas, and grade specific recommended reading.</p> <p><a href="http://www.quan.lib.md.us/">http://www.quan.lib.md.us/</a></p>
<p>St. Mary's County Library</p>	<p>Janis Cooker, Youth Coordinator  <a href="mailto:jcoordinator@stmalib.org">jcoordinator@stmalib.org</a></p> <p>Kathleen Reif, Director  <a href="mailto:kreif@stmalib.org">kreif@stmalib.org</a></p>	<p>Library Card campaign in every school through the Media Specialists.</p> <p>Pre-K classes visit their local library for tour, story time, and library card.</p> <p>Class visits to each branch from a variety of schools</p> <p>Branch staff visit schools for variety of purposes: career day, reading nights, Read Across American, Summer Reading promotion, Preschool Special Education Fair</p> <p>Special Education students visit the library on a regular basis to practice communication skills and to choose their own books.</p> <p>Gateway to Independence Program: Leonardtown Library is a work-experience placement site for special education students.</p> <p>Staff sits on planning committee and provides an information booth and staff for So MD College Fair</p> <p>Wiggle Giggle Story times with Infants &amp; Toddlers</p>

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		<p>Summer programs conducted in elementary school gymnasiums</p> <p>Judy Center: Library staff sit on the Judy Center Steering Committee and conduct programs at Family Nights; donate books to give to the children.</p> <p>WoW! van service visits two schools monthly for the Read, Play &amp; Learn Program.</p> <p>GED and ESL outreach: staff visit the classes and students go to library to receive library card and a tour.</p> <p>Teen Specialists work with Middle Schools to engage teens in their library and reading for pleasure.</p> <p>One Maryland One Book and The Big Read events involved the schools</p> <p>Teen Video Contest with the Tech Center</p> <p>Annual CyberSafety program at each branch with the school's Safety &amp; Security staff</p> <p>Class in library's computer lab to help families complete the FAFSA form</p> <p>Black History Program: Dr. Ben Carson</p> <p>Paying for College program in the library conducted by school guidance counselors</p> <p>Annual Art Show in each branch</p> <p>Director sits on various school committees: Safety &amp; Security Advisory Council, Race to the Top, etc.</p> <p><a href="http://www.stmalib.org/">http://www.stmalib.org/</a></p>
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<p>Somerset County Library System</p>	<p>Mary Zimmermann, Children's Librarian; Jennifer Ranck, Director</p>	<p>Library and class visits Pre-K - 5; Sports Days; parent/teacher programs (Back to school nights, etc.); summer reading promotion; GED classes meet at Princess Anne library; Summer Technology Academy for Teachers meet at the library (Database overview provided by library staff); Library represented in Somerset Co. Strategic Planning Process; database presentations to new/incoming teachers, school media specialists, high school science class; Library helped fund "DEFinitely Real" program (designed to show students the value of an education and the impact it has on their financial security); annual author visit sponsored by ESRL; 4 page positions (must be matriculating at a high school in Somerset County to qualify).</p> <p><a href="http://www.somelibrary.org/">http://www.somelibrary.org/</a></p>
<p>Talbot County Free Library</p>	<p>Rosemary Morris Robert Horvath, Director <a href="mailto:rhovath@tcfl.org">rhovath@tcfl.org</a></p>	<p>There is a partnership consisting of a broadband initiative linking Easton public schools and the Talbot County Board of Education in a fiber ring with the Talbot County Free Library. In 2010, the schools connected to the library's wireless point of access in the state police tower. The library provides the schools with broadband access to the internet via the Sailor network.</p> <p>Library staff instruct school staff and students on the use of the library's many resources, including electronic databases. Visiting the schools allows the children's librarian an opportunity to share literature and promote library programs, including the summer reading program.</p> <p>There has been a shared public library branch/school media center at Tilghman Elementary School since 2003.</p> <p><a href="http://www.tcfl.org">http://www.tcfl.org</a></p>

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		<p>held in March. We also have a (9) Washington County Reading Day in May in which the WCPS is involved in supporting us through committees and in funding.</p> <p><a href="http://www.washcolibrary.org/">http://www.washcolibrary.org/</a></p>
Wicomico Public Library	<p>Barb Graham Thomas Hehman, Director <a href="mailto:tomh@wicomico.org">tomh@wicomico.org</a></p>	<p>Our partnership with Public Schools include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Youth Services Manager serves on the Judy Center Steering Committee.</li><li>2. We have a new initiative called "Ramp Up Summer Reading". We received an LMB grant to purchase several copies of titles on our Summer Reading lists. The lists were co-created by our librarians and Pittsville school teachers and will be on our website this summer. Kids will be encouraged to participate in Summer Reading and choose titles from the lists.</li><li>3. The Library co-hosts the finale night in a series called Lightning Bug School. Lightning Bug School is for pre-K special needs kids and their parents. They meet once a week for four weeks to read a book, do an activity aligned with the book and have dinner! The fourth week they have Happy Meals at the library, read a story and then tour the library and get a library card.</li><li>4. Each spring, the Children's librarians write and perform a skit with the Summer Reading theme in several of our schools, often at an assembly with the entire school.</li><li>5. Our library, along with the Eastern Shore Regional Library, is hosting an author visit starring Henry Cole. All fourth grade classes have been invited to come to the library for this special presentation.</li></ol>

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		<p>6. The library is a partner, with our Board of Education, in hosting the School Readiness Fair. This fair takes place each July and acquaints all children entering school for the first time with all places they can find support as they begin their school career.</p> <p>7. The library is the location for the Board of Education's Art Show. Students' art is displayed for a week throughout the library.</p> <p>8. The Children's staff hosts school visits offering a story time and a library talk upon request. This spring we average 4 a month.</p> <p>9. Pittsville Branch library is located on the grounds of the Pittsville Elementary and Middle School. The Board of Education provides the land for the site at no cost; the library provides the building and services; the library serves the school with afterschool programs and support for teachers as well as the local community.</p> <p>10. The Library serves as a community partner for the Board of Education STARS afterschool program, and provides a story time activity at each participating school monthly. This project is in its 5th year and serves approximately 350 students per month</p> <p><a href="http://www.wicomicolibrary.org/">http://www.wicomicolibrary.org/</a></p>
Worcester County Library	<p>Dawn Ingrassia, Youth Services Manager 443.235.5597</p> <p>Mark Thomas, Director <a href="mailto:mthomas@worc.lib.md.us">mthomas@worc.lib.md.us</a></p>	<p>1. Buckingham Elementary pre-k &amp; kindergarten classes attend story programs at Worcester - Berlin Branch Library.</p> <p>2. Stephen Decatur High School students display their art work at Worcester - Ocean Pines Branch Library.</p> <p>3. Worcester – Pocomoke Branch Library manager attends</p>

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		<p>planning meetings for Pocomoke Middle and Pocomoke High School After School Academy.</p> <p>4. Worcester – Snow Hill Branch Library hosts two orientation visits for Snow Hill Middle 7<sup>th</sup> grade integrated language arts students. Topics: online databases &amp; library card sign-up.</p> <p>5. Worcester County Library Foundation Klein Leister – John Staley Scholarship (college bound twelfth graders can apply).</p> <p>6. Worcester County Library offers One Maryland One Book reading selections to public school students and teachers. Library hosted author Warren St. John at public program held 9.29.2010 at Worcester Technical High School. Students attended.</p> <p>7. Worcester County Library Youth Specialist attends Judy Center planning meetings.</p> <p>8. Worcester County Library encourages public school students to attend library programs, library sponsored cultural events &amp; summer reading activities.</p> <p>9. Worcester County Library staff supervise Worcester County Public School students when students perform service learning hours at the library.</p> <p>10. Online databases &amp; HelpNow! Online tutoring, AR Bookfinder and link to Worcester County Public School web site accessible from Worcester County Library web site.</p> <p><a href="http://www.worcesterlibrary.org/">http://www.worcesterlibrary.org/</a>.</p>
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