

## MARY RILEY STYLES PUBLIC LIBRARY



In FY24, we honored the library's 125th anniversary by celebrating the value of public libraries and the importance of intellectual freedom. As we share the story of the library's past, we work toward a future focused on our commitment to **Community**, **Discovery**, and **Literacy**.

### 125th Anniversary Celebration

In 2024, MRSPL celebrated 125 years of library service to the Falls Church community! To commemorate the occasion, on January 13 a 125th Anniversary Kick Off Reception was held, featuring:

- The unveiling of a newly framed portrait photo of Mary Riley Styles
- A reading of a 125th Anniversary Proclamation from City Council
- Displays highlighting the history and different locations of the library
- A "1899 Collection" featuring titles from 1899 still in circulation
- 125 Anniversary bookmarks & handouts promoting library services
- The launch of an expanded MRSPL history site ([www.mrspl.org/125](http://www.mrspl.org/125))



Members of the Falls Church Women's History Group (pictured above with the Library Board at their April 2024 meeting) donated two copies of their book *Falls Church Women's History All Stars*, which profiles the honorees from their annual Women's History Walk.

### Expansion of Hours, Programs & Outreach

- Weekend operational hours increased (by 2 hours)
- Library visits up 17% and program attendance up 10% from FY23
- Increased partnerships with local organizations/businesses for programs
- Library info tables at FC Fall Festival and Women's History Walk
- Weekly "Library to Your Door" deliveries for homebound FC residents
- Monthly outreach visits to Jessie Thackrey Preschool & FCCPS



In March 2024, local historian and activist Edwin Henderson II discussed his new book, *The Grandfather of Black Basketball: The Life and Times of Dr. E.B. Henderson*. A recording of the discussion (made in cooperation with FCCTV) is available on the City's YouTube channel and at [www.mrspl.org/videos](http://www.mrspl.org/videos).

### New Initiatives

- Installation of large touch screen catalog stations
- Creation of a photo digitization station & STEM "Tech Carts"
- Addition of a gaming station (Switch & TV) to the Teen Room
- Reorganization of picture books for easier browsing by popular subjects
- Realignment of top/bottom adult collection shelves for easier access
- New TV billboard software for library promotional signage
- New local history digital collection software (launching FY25)

### VPLDA Award & Gold Standard

During the Spring 2024 Virginia Public Library Directors Association (VPLDA) meeting, MRSPL was awarded "Outstanding Program in Cooperation with Other Libraries or Agencies" for last year's panel and community conversation on the history of library desegregation in Falls Church. MRSPL also received "Gold Standard" recognition for falling in the top tier of service and collection benchmarks set by the Library of Virginia's recommended standards for public libraries serving communities under 25,000 people.



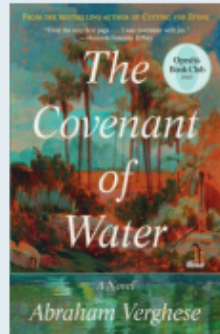
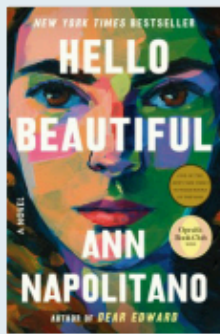
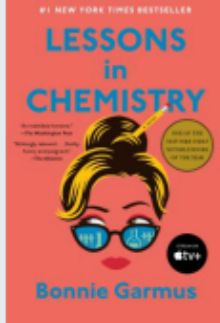
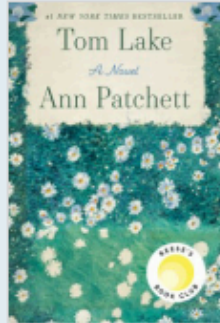
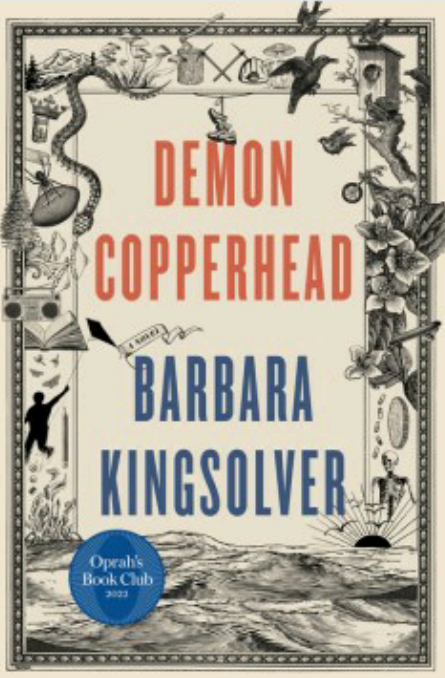
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# FY24

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

# by the NUMBERS

## Top 5 Checked Out Titles



## 31,283

up 10% from FY23  
Total Cardholders



## 4,356

New Cards Registered



Study & Conference  
Room Reservations

## 2,345

up 7%  
from FY23



## FY24 ADOPTED BUDGET

\$2,253,026 City Contribution

\$191,525 State Aid & Revenue

**\$2,444,551** Total Budget

The MRSPL Foundation contributed an additional \$56,026 to support library programs and services.

## 167,901

up 17% from FY23  
Visits to the Library



## 139,766

up 4% from FY23

Downloaded eBooks, eAudiobooks,  
& eMagazines

## 449,528

Items  
Checked Out

up 4% from FY23

## 451

Programs  
Offered

## 12,407

Program  
Attendance

up 10% from FY23



## 105,150

Total Items in  
Our Collection



## \$4,124,898

Estimated Savings  
by All Borrowers

## \$665

Estimated Savings  
by Average Borrower



## 7,902

up 28%  
from FY23

Sessions  
Logged on  
Library  
Computer  
Stations



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