

# **New Leonardtown Library Space**

**Please Attend.....**

**A Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting  
to Discuss**

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**Tuesday, February 10**

**6:30 PM**

**County Commissioners Meeting Room  
Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown**

The St. Mary's County Commissioners recognize the need for a larger Leonardtown Library. The FY 2009 Capital Budget provides \$180,000 to begin the planning process: \$108,000 will come from county funds and \$72,000 from the state.

At this public meeting, Library Director Kathleen Reif will present the library's needs, based on national standards and local usage, and Department of Public Works Director George Erichsen will describe possible options for expansion.

**This is a VERY significant chapter for our county.  
We need YOUR voice to be heard!**

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## **A few facts:**

- St. Mary's County Library ranks 5<sup>th</sup> highest in circulation per resident in the entire state!
- Leonardtown's usage continues to grow at an extraordinary pace: 237,000 visitors checked out 214,000 items in FY2008 for a 6% increase over FY2007. Usage from July through December 2008 has increased 12% over the same months in 2007.
- The current Leonardtown Library was built as a National Guard Armory in 1954 and was renovated into a Library in 1985. It has 15,000 square feet on the first floor for the library and 4,000 square feet on the second floor for the library system's administrative offices. A study conducted by Providence Associates\* concluded that, based on national standards and statistics, Leonardtown requires 40,000 square feet for the projected population in 2025.

\*View the study conducted by Providence Associates, LLC at <http://www.stmalib.org/pdfs/FacilitiesStudy.pdf>.

## **What would you like to have in Your Dream Library?**

### **New Leonardtown Library Space could have:**

- Larger and more meeting rooms and conference rooms for community meetings
- More shelving space for more materials to be borrowed
- A Computer Lab to conduct classes and more computers for public use
- Larger children's area with early learning activities, family reading areas, and program room
- Teen area
- Café
- Reading & lounging areas
- Study and tutoring rooms
- Exhibit cases to showcase local history and art displays

**For further information or to share your thoughts, contact:**

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