



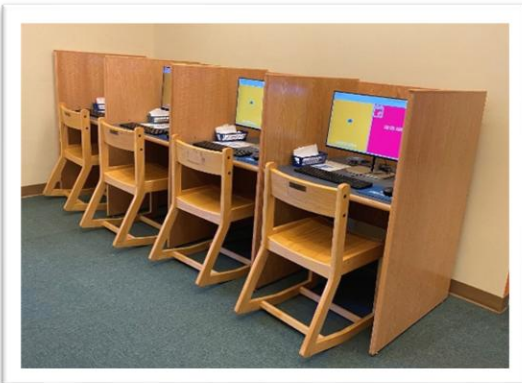
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Director's Report and Highlights

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A New Look And A Better Experience

After months of preparation, new furniture was installed in the Handley Library's North Room. The furniture includes three new tables, six new comfy chairs, and two new service desks for maximum seating capacity and better sight lines. The previous renovation-era furniture was remodeled, repurposed or relocated. The North Room now provides more seating overall with flexible seating zones for patrons in an inviting and open area for reading, working, or browsing.



At the Clarke County Library, October saw the installation of new study carrels for the public computers. The streamlined design of the new carrels offers more privacy for patron internet viewing and working. All four of the easily accessible public computers are now in a single line and the durable, hardwood construction of the carrels should mean they will see many years of use.

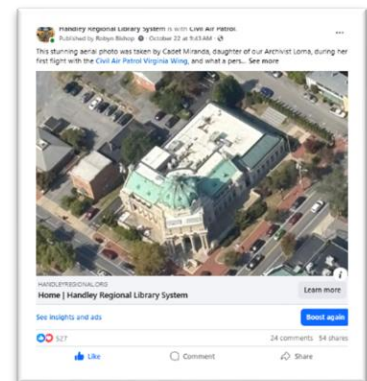
At the Bowman Library patrons are enjoying the newly installed X25 Envisionware self-checkout kiosks. Replacing our older X11 models at all of the branches, these new units offer upgraded graphics, easier library card scanning and simpler receipt printing.





The “new look” at the Bowman Library includes new trees planted by John Pacovich and volunteers with Shenandoah Valley Trees, (SVT). Per their website, SVT is a volunteer, community-based, non-profit organization formed to protect, enhance, and restore the tree canopy, woodlands, and forests of the greater Shenandoah Valley. Coordinating with Frederick County Parks and Recreation on their location, the trees were planted along the overflow parking lot fence parallel with Tasker Road and near the amphitheater behind the library,

Our PR and Outreach Department is also creating a “new look” social media campaign on Facebook to spread the word about our amazing Handley Regional Library System. Whether about our programs, the beautiful lake at the Bowman Library, the historic architecture of the Handley Library, the treasures to be found in Archives, our electronic resources, or the incredible community involving events the system sponsors, the postings will spread the word and encourage people to come, see and experience what we have to offer. And it’s working! HRLS now has almost 10,000 Facebook followers.



And finally, a new look at an historic topic. Archives, Friends and the 250th Committee are organizing a new book club to read books associated with the Revolutionary War.

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