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Optelec® CCTV Technology Available Now at Your Library

Largo, MD – The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) offers the Optelec® CCTV (close circuit television) magnifier with Optical Character Reading (OCR) capabilities that will read aloud any print text for customers with related disabilities at 11 of its 19 library branches. Accokeek, Beltsville, Bowie (upon reopening), Fairmount Heights, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Laurel, Largo-Kettering, Oxon Hill, Spauldings and Surratts-Clinton are the PGCMLS branches with this assistive technology. Moreover, all PGCMLS public computers are equipped with the Microsoft Windows® magnifier.

The County Library would like to thank the Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) for meeting the special needs of our library customers that would otherwise not have access to information over the internet or in print without the Optelec CCTV magnifier. Library Chief Executive Officer Kathleen Teaze remarked, “The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System is delighted that a new door of opportunity has opened for our local residents with disabilities.”

Funding for this project was provided through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Training for library staff on how to use the equipment will be provided by the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), a branch of DLDS.

About Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse’s HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Playaway Launchpads and PebbleGo. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab, chess clubs and MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) free at your library. Engage with us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flicker](#), [Pinterest](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Check out our [mobile apps](#)! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at www.pgcmls.info.

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