

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 78-2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Howard County Library System- Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget

Title: A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes.

Introduced and read first time May 4, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 20, 2026.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on May 26, 2026

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 23-401 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of
2 Maryland authorizes a county to establish a public library; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Library System has submitted an expense budget for
5 Fiscal Year 2027 to the County Executive; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has recommended that the budget for the Howard
8 County Library System be approved.

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10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
11 Maryland this 20 day of May, 2026 that the Fiscal Year 2027 budget of the Howard
12 County Library System in the amount of \$32,437,778 is hereby approved and that appropriations
13 are made for the object classes as attached.

**HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

REVENUES

Category	Total
County Funding	28,974,000
MD Department of Education	1,363,778
HCLS	1,000,000
Use of HCLS Fund Balance	100,000
Sub-Total	31,437,778
Grants (Contingent)	1,000,000
TOTAL	32,437,778

EXPENDITURES

Category	Total
Salaries & Benefits	25,991,911
Contracts	1,353,819
Curriculum	3,772,923
Professional Development	132,500
Equipment	186,624
Sub-Total	31,437,778
Grants (Contingent)	1,000,000
TOTAL	32,437,778

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 26, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod
Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2026.

Michelle R. Harrod, Administrator to the County Council