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“Learn, Explore, Create, Connect”
"I read a story about this place on the Internet. But I didn't think it actually existed."
Good bye!
A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH…

Alexandria Library Company was founded July 24, 1794. Which of the following were NOT included in the Company's earliest addresses?

a) Mr. Stabler's Apothecary Shop
b) Old City Hall
c) The Lyceum
d) Masonic Temple
e) Peabody Hall
In 1937:

- Dr. Robert South Barrett and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett
- The Society of Friends and 99-year lease
- Alexandria Library Company collections
- The City line item and its budget.
1939 LIBRARY SIT-IN

ROBERT H. ROBINSON LIBRARY
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BRANCH LIBRARY
717 Queen Street

- Built in 1937
- Renovated in 1995
- Size: 25,000 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 111,749
- Circulation: 213,972
- Foundation Center
CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
CENTRAL LIBRARY
5005 Duke Street

- Opened in 2000
- Size: 62,400 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 372,557
- Circulation: 596,664
- Designed by Michael Graves
- Named after mayor
- Has Reading Garden
ELLEN COOLIDGE BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY
4701 Seminary Road

- Built in 1968
- Closed in 2000
- Reopened in 2002
- Size: 20,234 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 99,527
- Circulation: 125,412
- Housed on 2nd floor
- 2002-2014 shared building with ACPS IT department and ESL program
JAMES M. DUNCAN, JR. BRANCH LIBRARY
2501 Commonwealth Avenue

- Opened in 1969
- Size: 13,130 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 158,646
- Circulation: 336,014
- Expanded in 2005
- Green roof
LOCAL HISTORY/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
BRANCH LIBRARY
717 Queen Street

- Formerly in Lloyd House
- Moved to Barrett in 2000
- Size: 4,928 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 10,854
- Circulation: 7,602
- Resources related to Alexandria, VA, American history
LAW LIBRARY
520 King Street, LL34

- Became branch in 2015
- Size: 3,520 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 3,585
- Circulation: 8,750
- Located in Courthouse basement
- Provides legal resources
- Westlaw and LexisNexis databases
ONLINE PRESENCE

Website & Online Catalog

- Libraries website = virtual branch
- Manage library accounts online, pay fines and fees, place holds
- Ebooks, eaudiobooks, emagazines, digital movies and music, databases

Social Media

FB, Instagram, Twitter - @alexlibraryva

Online Blog

PROGRAMS - ADULT

Alexandria Library Sit-In of 1939

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A Peaceful Protest Ahead of its Time

all alexandria reads

The Alexandria Library invites you to read

It’s All Relative
Adventures Up and Down the World’s Family Tree
by A.J. Jacobs

AUTHOR TALK WITH A.J. JACOBS
Wednesday, April 10 at 7 PM | Beatley Central Library (5005 Duke Street)

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PROGRAMS - TEENS

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DIGITAL SERVICES

Alexandria Library at Your Fingertips

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online and on your mobile device
SERVICES

[Images of passport processing, a sign reading "Talking Books To request more information, click here!", a group of women in a vehicle, and a table with literature and people seated behind it.]
SPECIAL EVENTS

Protesting ‘Whites Only’ Library

1939 Library Sit-In ignited Civil Rights era.

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FAMILY

News

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COVID-19 SERVICES

Databases remotely (Ancestry, Westlaw)

eBooks  eBooks  eBooks

Virtual programming  Curbside service

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Starting June 15

Curbside pickup hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11am-4pm
Wednesday from 11am-6pm

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PARTNERSHIPS
HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

[Image of a woman in a library]

[Logo of Alexandria Library]

[Logo of Friends of the Beatley Central Library]

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