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“How You Bean?”

“Ours are the best beans in town,” says Sherrie Gore, of offerings provided by the Moss Bay Espresso Café that opened shop on Monday, May 12 in the walkway of the third level garage entrance to the Towson Library of the Baltimore County Public Library. “They come from all over the world before being roasted in Seattle and sent for us to use here.”

Gore manages the full service coffee bar in the Towson branch, which is the only concept of its kind in a public library in the country. Customers can choose from a full menu of authentic, top-of-the-line Seattle espresso, cappuccinos and lattes, regular coffee, or tea and specialty drinks, to go with selections from freshly baked pastries, muffins, scones, croissants and cookies – kosher as well as low fat. McCauley Coffee Roasters whole beans and syrups are also available for sale.

The bar’s name was derived from a bay in Seattle where the idea for the concept originated. The company Straight from Seattle Espresso specializes in operating institutional installations, beginning in Baltimore in 1996 with a café located in the Johns Hopkins Eisenhower Library. Since then, it has developed more than a dozen sites located in the Baltimore and D.C. area.

“Oh, the coffee smells so good!,” says a potential customer as she exits the Towson Library with her armful of free books and steps up to the bar.

Already seated with his coffee in hand, first-time customer Jim Steadman says, “The coffee is excellent. A nice addition to the library, it’s great to have a place where you can have a cup of coffee and read for a while.”

Seven days a week customers can enjoy their hot or cold beverages while seated and reading nearby at the small round tables. The bar opens for business during the week at 8 a.m., two hours before library service begins, and closes at 8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 5 p.m. on Friday. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, while the library is open.

For further information, call 410-887-6166, and for a cup of coffee, visit the Moss Bay Espresso Café in the Towson Library at 320 York Road.

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