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Maryland State Library Agency Launches New, Improved Website

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The Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA) is pleased to announce the launch of its new website, msla.maryland.gov, which provides valuable information on resources, services, programs and more.

The fully-accessible site was launched on December 1 and features a streamlined, user-friendly design, improved mobile browsing experience and up-to-date information for users. The website was funded by the American Rescue Plan Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which created opportunities for libraries to grow and modernize their services, reimagine library spaces and address digital equity.

“The needs of Maryland’s public libraries, leadership and staff continue to evolve,” said State Librarian Irene Padilla. “At MSLA, we recognize this evolution and continue to work hard to provide the resources and information that will help our libraries thrive. I’m proud of the work that went into this terrific new site and know our users will benefit from it greatly.”

MSLA worked extensively with the Maryland Department of Information Technology on the website’s design, accessibility and other components to determine the most effective ways to present information to users. This effort is reflected in the new, easy-to-navigate site, with sleeker navigation bars, larger text, brighter colors and other features. Information from the former MSLA website still can be found on the new site.

The launch comes as MSLA continues to grow and fulfill its mission to provide leadership and consultation in technology, training, marketing, funding, resource sharing, research and planning for Maryland libraries. MSLA also continues to lead on issues ranging from broadband access and e-book availability to equity, diversity, and inclusion, with a focus on ensuring public libraries make computers and resources accessible to all.

About MSLA

As the state library agency for Maryland, MSLA administers state and federal funds to support Maryland public libraries in their mission to offer outstanding resources, programs, and excellent customer service. The State Library Resource Center, at the main branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, serves as the official state library. MSLA has oversight of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled; Maryland’s Public Libraries; the State Library Network; the Library Capital Grants Programs; and the Deaf Culture Digital Library.