



Maryland State Library

Telling the Library Story

For many residents of Maryland, the public library serves as the primary access point for information and services that would otherwise be too costly or too difficult to find. The Maryland State Library (MSL) provides leadership, advocacy, and support to all Maryland libraries. MSL administers state and federal funding for programs, capital development, and educational opportunities that support communities. MSL supports public libraries across the state as they provide invaluable services to their communities.

#MDLibraries by the Numbers

3.3+ Million

registered users

25 Million

library visits

57+ Million

items borrowed

7+ Million

questions answered

2.6+ Million

people attended 100k+ library events

1.7+ Million

children's event attendance

3,300+

staff members

190+ Libraries

all branches provide free wireless Internet access

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Irene Padilla, State Librarian
Lawrence Hogan, Governor





Learning Across a Lifetime

Young library users build early literacy skills, participate in after-school events, and are part of their library's summer reading program. Learners of all ages use their library's resources for continued personal and professional growth.

Strengthening Communities

Marylanders are stronger when they work together. Maryland libraries serve as the community's kitchen table; they offer educational and entertaining events, community resources, and meeting spaces.



Preparing for the Future

Maryland residents can experience and learn about cutting-edge technology at their local libraries. This helps prepare all Marylanders for personal and professional success.

Equalizing Access

All Marylanders can access quality resources, programs, and services. Maryland libraries provide accessible technologies, resources for the visually impaired, and events in multiple languages, including American Sign Language.

