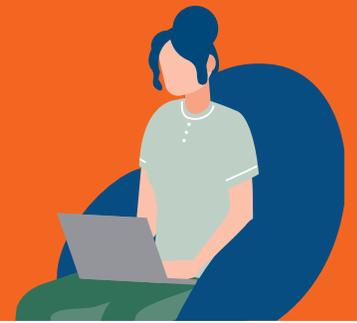
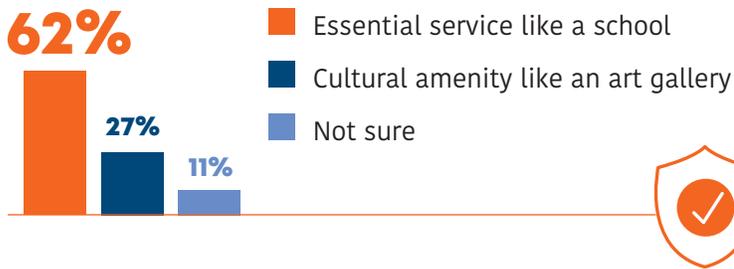


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## MARYLAND'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE



## Marylanders depend on their libraries.

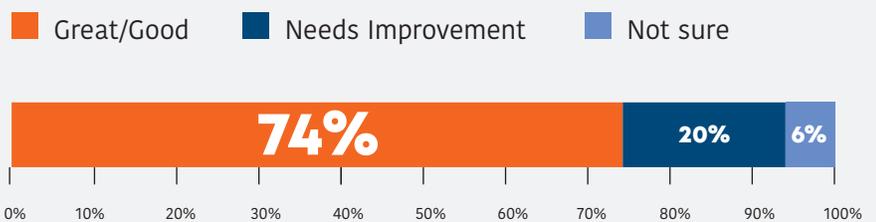
ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THE STATE'S RESIDENTS  
THINK OF THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AS  
"AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE LIKE A SCHOOL."



## Marylanders give their libraries top marks.

THREE-QUARTERS OF  
MARYLANDERS GRADE  
THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC  
LIBRARIES AS GREAT OR GOOD

## HIGH SCORES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MARYLAND

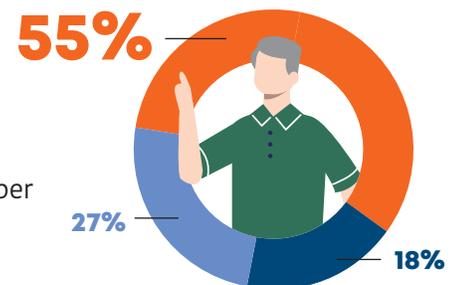


## Public Libraries across Maryland touch many lives.

OVER HALF OF MARYLANDERS  
VISITED A LIBRARY IN THE LAST  
SEVERAL WEEKS

## MARYLANDERS ARE ACCESSING THEIR PUBLIC LIBRARIES FREQUENTLY

- Within the last several weeks
- Within the last 12 months
- Longer, never or can't remember



### How This Survey Was Conducted

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NEARLY FOUR OUT OF FIVE  
MARYLANDERS BELIEVE

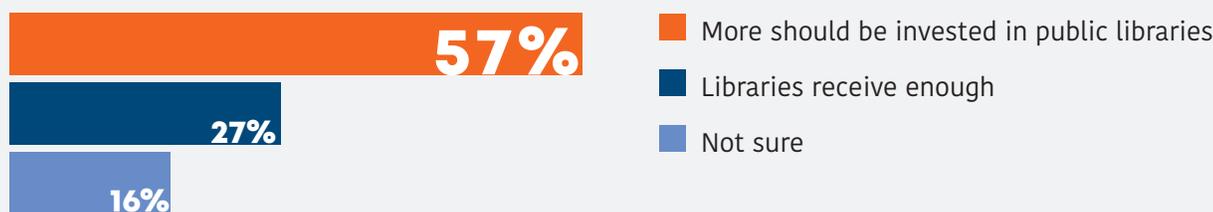
**libraries are  
a good  
investment.**

MARYLANDERS SEE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AS  
A GOOD INVESTMENT OF TAX DOLLARS

**77%**



A MAJORITY OF MARYLANDERS WANT TO INVEST MORE IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES



BY A 30-POINT MARGIN, MARYLANDERS SAID THEY BELIEVE  
**more public money should be  
invested in our libraries.**

**87%**

OF MARYLANDERS  
THINK THAT PUBLIC  
LIBRARIES HELP PEOPLE

**learn new  
things.**

**82%**

OF MARYLANDERS THINK  
THAT A LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

**builds a sense  
of community.**

**80%**

OF MARYLANDERS THINK  
THAT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**improve a  
community.**



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