

Maryland State Library Agency

MISSION

The mission of the Maryland State Library Agency (MSL) is to provide leadership and consultation in technology, training, marketing, funding, resource sharing, research, and planning, so that Maryland libraries can fulfill their missions now and in the future to the people of Maryland.

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Maryland libraries will be the first thought of Maryland residents for information in the 21st century.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Libraries will anticipate and meet the educational and informational needs of their communities.

Obj. 1.1 Maryland Public Libraries will provide equitable access to educational, social, and informational services.

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Number of library materials (digital and physical) owned by MD Public Libraries	16,049,911	17,960,695	18,388,964	20,793,517	19,112,780	20,239,593	20,807,594
Number of digital materials owned	1,742,849	2,434,774	3,573,275	4,734,865	4,289,899	4,808,621	5,260,885
Number of library materials (digital and physical) accessed	67,496,633	66,887,132	66,810,856	57,301,080	46,686,273	52,918,493	50,613,256
Number of digital materials accessed	16,614,650	16,506,162	17,640,434	21,676,322	23,152,915	23,629,724	28,420,629
Number of early literacy programs for children under 5	36,845	35,254	37,192	27,557	4,829	14,359	22,974
Attendance at early literacy programs for children under 5	1,043,046	950,267	994,634	751,680	178,928	563,029	844,543
Number of library programs	88,663	92,393	100,403	76,369	22,897	53,765	86,024
Attendance at library programs	2,393,632	2,451,554	2,596,482	1,959,959	606,569	1,361,219	1,905,706

Obj. 1.2 The Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBDP) will coordinate statewide library services for all blind, visually impaired, and print disabled Maryland residents and for institutions serving these individuals.

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Number of materials available through LBDP	391,491	299,797	394,957	434,144	563,554	518,004	475,363
Number of LBDP programs	126	93	94	111	144	150	156
Number of LBDP materials checked out	201,534	227,079	224,794	220,439	302,945	336,269	373,259
Number of individuals engaged in LBDP programs	5,398	6,167	3,488	1,054	813	975	1,072
Number of LBDP patrons served	10,258	9,872	8,745	8,394	10,339	11,476	12,739
Increase in customer access to LBDP materials	2%	13%	-1%	-2%	37%	11%	11%
Number of textbook chapters completed for students through the Maryland Accessible Textbook (MAT) Program	9,719	8,618	6,169	3,538	3,570	3,748	3,860
Number of students served through the MAT Program	77	66	47	52	72	75	77