

Maryland State Library Agency

MISSION

The mission of the Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA) 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	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of library materials (digital and physical) owned by MD Public Libraries	17,960,695	17,940,964	19,573,242	18,570,129	17,617,058	16,872,754	17,099,718
Number of digital materials owned	2,434,774	3,125,275	3,514,590	3,747,248	3,346,638	4,009,775	4,672,911
Number of library materials (digital and physical) accessed	66,887,132	66,810,856	57,301,080	46,686,273	57,186,375	59,236,507	61,286,638
Number of digital materials accessed	16,506,162	17,640,434	21,676,322	23,152,915	21,323,271	24,496,174	28,141,204
Number of early literacy programs for children under 5	35,254	37,192	27,557	4,829	13,793	15,200	16,750
Attendance at early literacy programs for children under 5	950,267	994,634	751,680	178,928	338,259	371,679	408,401
Number of library programs	92,393	100,403	76,369	22,897	41,402	44,561	47,961
Attendance at library programs	2,451,554	2,596,482	1,959,959	606,569	1,004,307	1,097,708	1,199,794

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	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of materials available through LBDP	299,797	394,957	434,144	563,554	679,622	685,301	739,691
Number of LBDP programs	93	94	111	144	373	375	380
Number of LBDP materials checked out	227,079	224,794	220,439	302,945	397,777	517,110	672,243
Number of individuals engaged in LBDP programs	6,167	3,488	1,054	813	2,045	2,050	2,055
Number of LBDP patrons served	9,872	8,745	8,394	10,339	12,988	16,170	20,132
Increase in customer access to LBDP materials	13%	-1%	-2%	37%	31%	30%	30%
Number of textbook chapters completed for students through the Maryland Accessible Textbook (MAT) Program	8,618	6,169	3,538	3,570	1,325	1,340	1,355
Number of students served through the MAT Program	66	47	52	72	101	110	120