

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	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of library materials (digital and physical) owned by MD Public Libraries	17,940,964	19,573,242	18,570,129	17,617,058	18,683,131	19,617,288	20,598,152
Number of digital materials owned	3,125,275	3,514,590	3,747,248	3,346,638	4,006,077	4,406,685	4,847,354
Number of library materials (digital and physical) accessed	66,810,856	57,301,080	46,686,273	57,186,375	65,164,323	67,119,253	69,132,831
Number of digital materials accessed	17,640,434	21,676,322	23,152,915	21,323,271	26,351,544	28,141,204	30,111,088
Number of early literacy programs for children under 5	37,192	27,557	4,829	13,793	25,654	28,219	31,041
Attendance at early literacy programs for children under 5	994,634	751,680	178,928	338,259	705,844	776,428	854,071
Number of library programs	100,403	76,369	22,897	41,402	73,814	81,195	89,315
Attendance at library programs	2,596,482	1,959,959	606,569	1,004,307	1,839,511	2,023,462	2,225,808

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	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Number of materials available through LBDP	394,957	434,144	563,554	679,622	612,391	596,046	580,251
Number of LBDP programs	94	111	144	373	474	450	450
Number of LBDP materials checked out	224,794	220,439	302,945	397,777	382,889	397,439	412,541
Number of individuals engaged in LBDP programs	3,488	1,054	813	2,045	1,709	1,800	1,900
Number of LBDP patrons served	8,745	8,394	10,339	12,988	12,386	12,400	12,500
Increase in customer access to LBDP materials	-1%	-2%	37%	31%	-4%	4%	4%
Number of textbook chapters completed for students through the Maryland Accessible Textbook (MAT) Program	6,169	3,538	3,570	1,325	1,314	1,325	1,325
Number of students served through the MAT Program	47	52	72	101	79	101	101