

# 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.

## VISION

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  | 2021 Act.  | 2022 Act.  | 2023 Act.  | 2024 Act.  | 2025 Act.  | 2026 Est.  | 2027 Est.  |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number of library materials (digital and physical) owned by MD Public Libraries | 19,573,242 | 18,570,129 | 17,617,058 | 18,683,131 | 18,350,341 | 19,267,858 | 20,231,251 |
| Number of digital materials owned   | 3,514,590  | 3,747,248  | 3,346,638  | 4,006,077  | 3,773,368  | 4,150,705  | 4,565,775  |
| Number of library materials (digital and physical) accessed                     | 57,301,080 | 46,686,273 | 57,186,375 | 65,164,323 | 64,258,088 | 66,185,831 | 68,171,406 |
| Number of digital materials accessed  | 21,676,322 | 23,152,915 | 21,323,271 | 26,351,544 | 26,516,002 | 28,372,122 | 30,358,171 |
| Number of early literacy programs for children under 5                          | 27,557     | 4,829      | 13,793     | 25,654     | 29,742     | 32,716     | 35,988     |
| Attendance at early literacy programs for children under 5                      | 751,680    | 178,928    | 338,259    | 705,844    | 886,277    | 974,905    | 1,072,395  |
| Number of library programs  | 76,369     | 22,897     | 41,402     | 73,814     | 84,576     | 93,034     | 102,337    |
| Attendance at library programs  | 1,959,959  | 606,569    | 1,004,307  | 1,839,511  | 2,171,049  | 2,388,154  | 2,626,969  |

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

| Performance Measures  | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of materials available through LBPD  | 434,144   | 563,554   | 679,622   | 612,391   | 539,281   | 503,823   | 480,210   |
| Number of LBPD programs   | 111       | 144       | 373       | 474       | 450       | 464       | 477       |
| Number of LBPD materials checked out  | 220,439   | 302,945   | 397,777   | 382,889   | 364,661   | 375,601   | 386,869   |
| Number of individuals engaged in LBPD programs  | 1,054     | 813       | 2,045     | 1,709     | 1,781     | 1,834     | 1,889     |
| Number of LBPD patrons served   | 8,394     | 10,339    | 12,988    | 12,386    | 10,988    | 11,318    | 11,657    |
| Increase in customer access to LBPD materials   | -2%       | 37%       | 31%       | -4%       | -5%       | 3%        | 3%        |
| Number of textbook chapters completed for students through the Maryland Accessible Textbook (MAT) Program | 3,538     | 3,570     | 1,325     | 1,314     | 1,082     | 1,114     | 1,148     |
| Number of students served through the MAT Program   | 52        | 72        | 101       | 79        | 54        | 56        | 57        |