MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

FY2019
MARYLAND LIBRARIES

3,600,000 customers
(that’s 60% of Maryland residents)

57,000,000 items borrowed

2,400,000 Marylanders attended 90,000 programs

25,000,000 visits to Maryland libraries

190 branches with 5,500 computers and 100% wireless internet access

9,000,000 questions answered
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

$2,000,000+ in federal Library Services and Technology Act funds distributed to libraries to support staff development, early literacy initiatives, summer reading programs, mobile makerspaces, loanable WiFi hotspots, STEM education, strategic and facilities plans, and more.

CAPITAL GRANTS

$55,000,000 distributed since 2008 to renovate or replace 50+ library facilities

$300,000,000 in local matching funds generated since 2008
The mission of LBPH is to provide comprehensive library services to blind and print-disabled Maryland residents. LBPH provides a full range of reading and tactile materials, as well as book clubs and innovative cultural and educational programs. LBPH also manages the Maryland Accessible Textbook (MAT) program, which provides print-disabled students in higher education programs with their required course textbooks in a converted format.
SPOTLIGHT: SUMMER READING

118K REGISTERED
Maryland youth ages birth-18 beat the summer slide by reading and participating in STEM and literacy activities at library branches.

537K+
Youth and families engaged in over 17,000 fun and educational programs across the state.

37,600 MEALS SERVED
Food in the Summer programs provided children ages birth-18 with nutritious meals at 37 library branches.

171K IN OUR COMMUNITY
Youth and adults connected to library services at laundromats, WIC Centers, Judy Centers, churches, farmers’ markets, and beyond.

“The kids love it and as a low income family not having the funds to be able to take the kids many places this summer it’s been a great getaway for them to meet new friends and connect with old ones. Thank you for offering such a wonderful program and more.”
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Note: The most recent data available reflects FY2018