

DLDS FY 2014

Annual Report for the Division of Library Development and Services

MARYLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS STATEWIDE: 3,491,938

59 MILLION items borrowed

8.6 MILLION questions answered

NUMBER OF LIBRARY VISITS: 27,793,912

9 MILLION internet users

3.1 MILLION free library WiFi uses

YOUTH SUMMER READING PARTICIPANTS: 196,446

100% INTERNET CONNECTIVITY in all branches

12.8 MILLION print and e-books available

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of lives for the better.”

- Sidney Sheldon



Innovation Expo at the State Library Resource Center

FOCUS ON STEM

- Libraries hosted numerous Hour of Code events in November.
- Minecraft Edu programs were made available for youth visiting Maryland Public Libraries
- Many libraries hosted STEM related University of Maryland Extension classes throughout the summer.
- Several libraries opened permanent youth STEM labs.



Construction is almost complete for the Somerset Public Library's new Crisfield Branch, with support from state capital grant funds

FY2014 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Some of the projects being completed with Capital Grant money awarded by The State of Maryland include:

- Roof Replacement, Allegany County Library System's South Cumberland Branch
- Renovation, Anne Arundel County Public Library's Severna Park Branch
- Renovation, Carroll County Public Library's Mt. Airy Branch
- Renovation, Cecil County Public Library's Elkton Branch
- Renovation, Enoch Pratt Free Library's Waverly Branch
- New Construction, Somerset Public Library's Crisfield Branch
- New Construction, Harford County Public Library's Havre de Grace Branch

LATI 2014

Mandated by the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Maryland's Library Associate Training Institute ensures that Maryland Public Libraries have well-trained Library Associates who are prepared to meet the challenges of all aspects of contemporary libraries. Ninety (90) hours of course work are completed over fourteen (14) weeks of face-to-face and virtual classes. Course topics include: advanced search techniques, emerging digital content and technologies, excellent customer service for all age groups, workforce development services, and values of public libraries and professional librarianship. In FY2014, two cohorts of forty-eight (48) librarians from over 15 counties in Maryland participated in the institute.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

FY2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Library Cardholders: 10,056
 Total Items Borrowed 160,282
 New Borrowers: 674
 Total Items Owned: 342,658
 Total Outreach programs: 440
 Technology classes: 384
 Total Program attendance: 2,925

Libraries participated in the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant by reaching out to families in need.



A Library Family Café at Talbot County Free Library.



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