

# Instructional Technology & School Library Media Program

Division of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability  
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**Vision** ♦ School library media programs are essential to student achievement and college and career readiness. They provide all students and staff members with equitable and timely access to ideas and information. Through an integrated instructional program, school library media specialists ensure that students and staff are ethical, effective users of ideas and information, and lifelong learners.

**Mission** ♦ The school library media program provides leadership, instruction, resources, and services to assist students and teachers in becoming critical thinkers in the pursuit and use of ideas and information. With well-prepared and highly qualified professional personnel supported by appropriate technical and clerical staff, a school library media program realizes the vision by providing:

- *An instructional program that supports the goals of the school is integrated with the curriculum, and results in student achievement of learning outcomes in information and technology literacy, independent learning, and socially responsible use of information and information technology.*
- *Effective and knowledgeable instructional partnerships in all curricular areas to foster a culture of questioning, information seeking, evaluation, and discovery that facilitates learning and the development of instructional resources.*
- *Support of classroom reading instruction and reading for personal and academic success.*
- *Support for all students in developing an appreciation of literature and reading to access information in a variety of formats.*
- *Support for all students and staff in developing skills in understanding, using, and producing media in appropriate and multiple formats.*
- *Equitable and timely access to organized collections of resources and delivery of services in digital and traditional formats during and beyond the school day.*
- *Ongoing development and analysis of a diverse collection of information resources in a variety of formats, and representing multiple perspectives that support curricula and encourage all students and staff to pursue personal interests.*
- *Equitable access to current instructional and information technologies that enhance learning for all students and teachers.*
- *Professional development and other support for teachers in their effective use of various technologies in the classroom and library media center.*
- *Partnerships with parents and community members to establish and foster a community of learners.*
- *Facilities that are welcoming and supportive for engaging with information in multiple formats and conducive to participatory learning.*
- *Facilities and sponsorship for clubs, afterschool activities, and special events both face-to-face and virtually.*

- Standards for School Library Media Programs in Maryland, Vision/Mission – Revised Oct. 2014

## Selected Links

- [School Library Media State Curriculum](#)
- [Maryland Common Core Curriculum Frameworks for English Language Arts](#) (includes SLM State Curriculum Indicators)
- [AASL Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner](#)
- [Standards for School Library Media Programs in Maryland](#)
- [School Improvement in Maryland](#)
- [Maryland Technology Literacy Standards](#)
- [Implementing the Common Core State Standards](#)
- [MDK12 Digital Library](#)
- [Ask Us Now!](#)
- [SAILOR – Maryland's Public Info Network](#)
- [AASL 2016 Best Websites for Teaching & Learning](#)
- [AASL 2016 Best Apps for Teaching and Learning](#)
- [AASL Learning Standards & Program Guidelines](#)

## State and National Associations

- [American Association of School Librarians \(AASL\)](#) • [Membership](#)
- [Maryland Association of School Librarians \(MASL\)](#) • [Membership](#)
- [Maryland Society for Educational Technology \(MSET\)](#) • [Membership](#)
- [International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#) • [Membership](#)
- [Maryland Library Association \(MLA\)](#) • [Membership](#)

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