

MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY

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The State Library was established by an Act of the General Assembly (Acts 1826, Ch. 53).

The Library Committee, which is composed of at least three members appointed by the Judges of the Court of Appeals, exercises general supervision over the Library and appoints the Director and other employees; except the State Librarian, who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to serve for the term of the Governor.

The Library consists of a legal section of approximately seventy-two thousand (72,000) volumes, and a reference section of approximately forty-eight thousand (48,000) volumes. The reference section contains many rare books, maps, and documents, including the subscription edition of the four elephant folio volumes of Audubon's *Birds of America*, the most complete file now in existence of the early issues (1745-1838) of the *Maryland Gazette*, bound volumes and microfilm copies of the *Baltimore Sunpapers* from 1837 to date, as well as other early newspapers and periodicals. In addition, the Library possesses an almost complete set of the United States Documents, serial number series, dating back to the Continental Congress.

The Law Library, which contains all State, Federal, and many foreign court reports, session laws, codes, legal texts, compendiums, legal periodicals, and other legal reference material, is an integral part of the operation of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and furnishes legal, reference, and research material and facilities to the Court, Judges, Lawyers, State Departments and officials, and the general public. The Library is designated as a U. S. Depository Library. All State officials and agencies are required by law to place one copy of all of their reports and other publications in the Library. The Library is the distributing agency for the session laws, journals, Maryland reports, and the annotated code of Maryland.

Appropriations General Funds

Appropriations	1957	1958
Operation of Library.....	\$30,651	\$31,286
Md. Reports & Code Supp....	5,400	*
Total	\$36,051	\$31,286

*Appropriations for Md. Reports transferred to Court of Appeals and funds for the purchase of the Code to be provided by the Board of Public Works.

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