

State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board of Education, and the Governor.

The Council comprises twelve members. Five serve ex officio and seven are appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Of those appointed, one must be a library trustee and one a professional librarian. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Assistant State Superintendent for Library Development and Services serves as secretary to the Council (Code Education Article, sec. 23-106).

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES & STATE
NETWORKING BRANCH**

M. Sue Baughman, *Chief*

333-2117

Origins of the Public Libraries and State Networking Branch trace to 1902 when the State Library Commission was created (Chapter 47, Acts of 1902). Commission responsibilities for public library development were assigned to the Office of Public Libraries under the State Board of Education in 1935, and to the Division of Library Extension from 1947 to 1971. Within the Division of Library Development and Services, the Public Libraries Branch was formed in 1971 and renamed the Public Libraries and State Networking Branch in 1988.

The Branch oversees the State Library Network through which Maryland residents obtain library materials and gain access to information not available in their local library. The Network is centered at Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore City. The Pratt Library functions as the State library for Maryland. Three regional resource centers include the Eastern Shore Regional Library (Salisbury), Southern Maryland Regional Library Association (Charlotte Hall), and the Western Maryland Public Libraries (Hagerstown). More than 400 Maryland libraries participate in the State Library Network. (Code Education Article, secs. 23-201, 23-202).

STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER

Anna Curry, *Director*

Enoch Pratt Free Library
400 Cathedral St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

396-5395

In 1971, the Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library System was designated as the State Library Resource Center (Chapter 770, Acts of 1971). The Center coordinates State Library Network procedures and interlibrary loan by the Maryland Interlibrary Organization and provides reference information to State government through the Government Reference Service. The Center also produces the statewide union catalog of materials in 101 Maryland libraries by the Bibliographic Control Center and lends materials by the Audio-Visual Department (Code Education Article, sec. 23-201).

**MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND &
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

Lance Finney, *Chief*

1715 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

333-2668

The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was established in 1968. The Library provides comprehensive library services to eligible blind and physically handicapped residents of Maryland. It also serves as the Maryland regional library in the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

The Library has two subregional libraries: the Special Needs Library, established in Bethesda in 1972; and the Talking Book Center, formed in Hyattsville in 1980.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES &
STATE MEDIA SERVICES BRANCH**

Rosa Presberry, *Chief*

333-2125

The School Library Media Services and State Media Services Branch originated in 1968 as the Office of School Libraries and Instructional Materials Services. The Office, reorganized as the School Library Media Services Section in 1970, became the School Library Media Services Branch in 1978 and received its present name in 1987.

The Branch helps local school systems develop, improve and use school library media programs. For public and private schools, the Branch provides technical assistance in planning; selection, acquisition, and use of materials and resources; instruction; program management; information dissemination; and program evaluation.

**DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL
TECHNOLOGY**

Francis A. Windsor, *Assistant State Superintendent*

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Owings Mills, MD 21117

581-4101

The Division of Instructional Technology, formerly the Division of Instructional Television, received its present name in 1988. The Division provides innovative and timely instruction via television, media services, and computer technology. It works with local school systems, State Instructional Television (ITV) Regional Advisory Boards, State ITV Curriculum Committees, local ITV coordinators, divisions within the State Department of Education, and the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission to implement State education policies.