

property located in each of the buildings, and transmits a copy to the Secretary of State (Code 1939, Art. 41, secs. 93-98).

	1948	1949
Appropriations	\$146,510	\$148,723
Staff: 62		

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MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY

Library Committee

Chairman: Ogle Marbury, Chief Judge Court of Appeals
 Stephen R. Collins, Associate Judge Court of Appeals
 Edward S. Delaplaine, Associate Judge Court of Appeals
 Gertrude E. Horigan, State Librarian
 Nelson J. Molter, Law Librarian

Court of Appeals Building, Annapolis Telephone: Annapolis 4401

The State Librarian is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to serve for the term of the Governor (Const. 1867, Art. VII, sec. 3). 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, purchases books, and appoints the Law Librarian and other employees (Code 1939, 1947 Supp. Art. 41, secs. 117, 119, 127). The Maryland State Library was established in 1827 by an Act of the General Assembly (Ch. 53, Acts 1826, Dec. Sess.). The Library is divided into two sections, the Law Library and the General Reference Library. The Law Library has on its shelves a large collection of law books including the acts and court decisions of the federal government, the various states and territories, and the District of Columbia. There is also a collection of English laws, as well as current legal periodicals and journals. The library also has a number of rare books including the four volumes of the Audubon subscription edition and the most complete file of the *Maryland Gazette* now in existence. All together there are approximately 112,000 volumes on the shelves of the library. The library is also a depository for publications of the State government, and all State officials and State agencies are required to place in the library one copy of all reports and publications (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 41, sec. 103). The library also acts as the distributing agency for the Journals of the General Assembly, the Laws of Maryland, the Maryland Reports and Annotated Code (Code 1939, 1947 Supp. Art. 41, secs. 113-116, 118). The reading rooms are open to the public Monday through Friday.

Appropriations:	1948	1949
Library	\$13,266	\$12,769
Library Committee	2,940	2,940
Staff: 4		

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COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE

J. Lee Ball, Commissioner, 1951

Arthur Trader, Administrative Assistant

Hall of Records, Annapolis Telephone: Annapolis 3451

The Commissioner of the Land Office is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to hold office during the term of the Governor. The Land Office is a court of record which keeps records pertaining to boundaries of land, including records of all warrants,