



The Pratt Central Library is the State Library Resource Center.

The Central Library of Baltimore City’s public library system, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, was designated the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) by the Maryland General Assembly in 1971.

This designation and accompanying state support allow all Maryland citizens to have access to a public library whose resources are unparalleled in the state. Acting in place of the state library, which exists in most states, SLRC works cooperatively with regional, local public, school, special and academic libraries in a network, which allows materials and information to be shared statewide. SLRC provides services to Marylanders and serves as a back-up information resource for local libraries and their customers.

SOME QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

To give you some idea of what Marylanders have already asked the State Library Resource Center, here is a sampling of questions:

- Do you have a repair manual for a 1937 DeSoto?
- What are the effects of having multi-personality disorder?
- What are the lyrics to *Cincinnati Dancing Pig*?
- Do you have all the novels of Nobel Prize winner Kenzaburo Oe?
- What are the largest national associations headquartered in Maryland?
- Can you tell me how to trace my African-American genealogy?
- How many translations of the Bible have there been and does the Library have them?
- What were the living and working conditions of children at the turn of century?
- How many school-aged children live within a three-mile radius of my tutoring service?

MARYLAND STATE
LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER
ENOCH PRATT *free* LIBRARY

Hours:
Monday–Wednesday
10 – 8
Thursday
10 – 5:30
Friday & Saturday
10 – 5
Sunday
1 – 5
Sunday hours apply October – May

State Library Resource Center
400 Cathedral Street • Baltimore, MD 21201
410-396-5430
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THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER GIVES MARYLANDERS FREE ACCESS TO:

BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS

The Library's collection includes over 3 million items.

- Books and Audio Books
- Films, Videos, DVDs
- Maps
- Music (recorded and sheet)
- Newspapers and Magazines
- Maps
- Music
- Photographs
- Prints, Drawings, Special Collections
- U.S. Government & Maryland State documents

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Databases: Full text and/or indexes to newspapers and periodicals, telephone numbers, biographical data, census information, business, and other databases. State funded databases available statewide can be found at the Sailor web site: www.sailor.lib.md.us

Enoch Pratt Free Library Web Page:

SLRC/Central and its departments, web-based subject and how-to guides, and online learning modules at www.prattlibrary.org

SAILOR—Maryland's online public information

network: The SAILOR Operation Center is located at Pratt's Central Library. www.sailor.lib.md.us

Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage:

The Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage Program is a collaborative, statewide digitization program bringing together the stories of Maryland's cultural heritage by providing access to artifacts and records of history. www.mdch.org

CUSTOMER SERVICES:

- Reference assistance for answering questions and helping you find material on all subjects
- Telephone service during library hours; and after hours telephone service Monday through Friday until 11 p.m.
- Customized demographic charting and mapping of Maryland census information (there is a fee for customized service)
- Government Reference Service providing research for Maryland State government agencies
- Reserve booking of videotapes, DVDs and films
- Subject and age-level specialists
- Maryland AskUsNow Online reference

SPECIAL IN DEPTH COLLECTIONS

- African-American Department
- Business Collection
- Grants Collection
- H. L. Mencken Collection
- Job and Career Information Center
- Maryland Department
- Regional Information Center (demographic and economic trends, transportation, the environment, land use, and planning)
- Special Collections Department (art work, posters, ephemera)

HOW DO YOU TAP THIS RESOURCE DIRECTLY?

VISIT THE LIBRARY AT:

Enoch Pratt Free Library
Central Library / State Library Resource Center
400 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Get a Pratt library card here, at any Pratt branch, OR use your public library card from any Maryland public library. (Most materials can be returned to any public library in the state.)

HAVE A QUESTION?

Call the Librarian:

410-396-5430 during regular hours

410-396-3557 after hours;

800-325-6483 toll-free in Maryland

Fax a Question:

410-396-1441

Email a Question or Chat with a Librarian:

[www.prattlibrary.org/findanswers/
email_question.html](http://www.prattlibrary.org/findanswers/email_question.html)

Visit the Enoch Pratt Free Library State Library Resource Center/Central Library Web Page:

www.prattlibrary.org

Visit SAILOR Web Page:

www.sailor.lib.md.us

Visit Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage:

www.mdch.org

HOW DO YOU TAP THIS RESOURCE FROM AROUND THE STATE?

If you are not within easy driving or within local telephone calling distance or do not have home Internet access, you may use the extensive resources of the State Library Resource Center through your local public library. All public libraries in Maryland, and most academic and special libraries, have access to SLRC collections and expertise through the Maryland Interlibrary Organization (MILO), which has its headquarters in Pratt's Central Library.

MILO PROVIDES:

- Interlibrary loan of books, films, videotapes, DVDs, CDs, and other materials
- Photocopies of periodical articles and pages from reference books (ask your local library about fees)
- Research using specialized information sources and trained, experienced subject experts

SUBJECT RESOURCES AT THE STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER

- African American Department
- Audio-Visual/Sights and Sounds (Videos, Films, CDs, DVDs)
- Business Center
- Business, Science, and Technology
- Children's Department
- Fiction / Young Adult / Student Express
- Fine Arts and Recreation (Art, Architecture, Music, Dance, Sports)
- Government Reference
- Grants Collection
- Humanities (Literature, Religion, Philosophy, Library Science)
- Information Services
- Job and Career Information Center
- Maryland Department
- Periodicals
- Regional Information Center
- Social Science and History (including Education, Travel, Politics, Historical Biography, and more)
- Special Collections