

**Mary S. Mallery**  
**Marion Satterthwaite Award**  
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Citizens for Maryland Libraries established the Marion Satterthwaite Award to recognize outstanding advocacy efforts to improve library service in Maryland.

It is my great honor to present this award to Mary Mallery who epitomizes the qualities for which this award was established.

Mary has been a passionate advocate for libraries for more than 40 years.

Mary received a Bachelor of Science degree from Simmons College, an MLS from Drexel University and an MBA from Frostburg University.

Mary helped to establish and was the first Director of the Western Maryland Regional Library or WMPL as it is known in libraryland.

While there, she was a tireless advocate for libraries. She looked for opportunities to represent the library on numerous local and statewide organizations. She created the Cumberland Valley Library Association which took advantage of the close proximity of MD, VA, WVA and PA libraries in Western Maryland to foster cooperative agreements and resource sharing of very special collections including the Army War College Library in Carlisle, PA and the National Sporting Library in Middleburg, VA.

Prior to working in Maryland, Mary served as consultant to twelve member libraries in a Pennsylvania library district, where she helped with planning and marketing.

Since retiring, Mary has continued to be active in the library community in Washington County and is the very capable executive Director of Citizens for Maryland Libraries.

Mary has served on MLA Marketing Committee several times, represents library interests on the Forum for Rural Maryland, represents libraries on the Regional Education Service Agency for Western Maryland and is on the Western Maryland Technology Council.

Mary also serves as a SCORE counselor and helped to establish business consulting services in Allegany County.

In addition to her advocacy work, Mary has most definitely left her mark on libraries. As part of a WMPL grant, Mary developed a distinctive graphic that would let the public know a library was near. Her design became the National Library Symbol and is now used throughout the world to direct people to the nearest library.