

YOU CAN HELP!



We need you to tell your family, friends, neighbors and elected officials how much you value your community library.

Share your stories about how the library has served you and those you know.

We need you to use CML resources to stay on top of issues that affect your local library. These resources facilitate speaking effectively to your community and your legislators about the importance of supporting libraries.

Your Tax \$ at Work and Legislative News are links on CML's website that provide information on services provided by your library and provide access to an online tool to contact your elected officials.

We need you to join CML because there is power in numbers!

CML can amplify your voice with elected officials and their staffs.

To join CML, just fill out the form inside to let your voice be heard. And, if you choose to do more, you can attend the CML annual membership meeting; attend Board meetings; and serve on CML standing committees. Also, after one year of CML membership, you could consider serving on the Board of Directors.

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WHO WE ARE

A nonprofit organization founded in 1982, Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) is the major voice of people who value Maryland libraries. This strong statewide network of individuals and organizations advocates for libraries, librarians and the services they provide across the state of Maryland.



WHY WE ADVOCATE FOR LIBRARIES

We want to enable all communities in Maryland to have well-funded libraries.

Libraries are a Door to the World

“Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.”

Former First Lady Laura Bush

“When I was young, we couldn’t afford much. But, my library card was my key to the world.”

Actor John Goodman

Libraries are the Hub of the Community

“... today’s library is a place that extends far beyond its physical walls with the addition of digital information and access. Particularly in small towns, the library is often the hub of the community, providing a place for residents to meet, as well as to learn.”

Champlain Business Journal,
“Libraries Anchor Small Communities”

WHAT WE DO FOR LIBRARIES & OUR MEMBERS



Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) is dedicated to ensuring the best possible library service for all the people of Maryland. Hence, it:

- Studies library issues and develops positions on relevant major library policy debates
- Educates and informs members to testify at local, state and national hearings in support of library service, libraries and library legislation

- Educates and informs members to campaign for increased funding for libraries at both the local and state level
- Provides funding for the competitive grant, Mary Lou Dewey Advocacy Grant, which encourages CML members and their support groups to get citizens involved with their libraries



- Distributes a newsletter, THE CITIZEN, featuring news and activities occurring in libraries across the state of Maryland
- Honors longtime library advocates with its annual Satterthwaite award, and library technology innovators with the McCarn award
- Maintains a website on the Internet: www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org with access to library statistics, links to public library websites, information on upcoming CML activities and information on legislation which affects libraries.
- Has an agreement with the Maryland Library Association (MLA) which allows CML members to attend MLA events at member rates