

enactments, both in session law form and as statutory compilations, are also filed in the Library from almost every state, as are all federal and some foreign statutes. The Library's legal periodical holdings includes 400 current subscriptions from all the major law schools and many bar associations and commercial publishers. In addition, there is a strong and growing collection of legal texts and topical loose-leaf reporting services, briefs and record extracts from the U. S. Supreme Court and Maryland's appellate courts, along with the other legal reference materials found in most law libraries.

The State and federal government documents holdings is a vast area of valuable information. The Library has been a select U.S. Government depository for federal agency and congressional publications for many years. As a result, it has collected and indexed thousands of reference publications in the area of social sciences, economics, law enforcement, legislative histories, and numerous other disciplines. The Library is also a depository for all Maryland State agency publications and contains one of the most complete retrospective collections of State government information in Maryland. In addition, all county governments must file copies of their codes with the State Law Library.

A third distinct subject collection and a heavily-used resource is the local history and genealogy

collection. This resource, which has been actively developed over the years, complements much of the original source records researchers have access to in the State Archives and Maryland Historical Society. Included among the holdings are the Maryland census schedules from 1776 through 1910 with name indexes through 1850; a complete and invaluable original file of the earlier issues of the *Maryland Gazette* (1745-1838); a complete run of the *Baltimore Sun* (1837 to date); and numerous county histories, family genealogies, and research guides.

Additional items of interest are the Library's holdings of rare books, early Maryland maps and documents, including the subscription edition of James Audubon's four-volume elephant folio, *Birds of America*. Also on display in the Library are the classic lithograph prints of each of the official state birds for thirty-five states and the American Bald Eagle, commissioned by the Nature Society and painted by Richard Sloane. The State Law Library was designated as the official depository for these prints by the Governor in 1970.

The Library publishes a quarterly list entitled *Recent Acquisitions*, as well as miscellaneous bibliographies and a descriptive brochure on the Library.