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The State Law Library was originally established as the State Library in 1827. At that time, the Library was an agency of the executive branch (Chapter 53, Acts of 1827). Its primary purpose was to serve the legal and general reference needs of the legislative and judicial branches of State government. The Library operated under this organizational structure until 1978, when it was placed under the Judiciary and renamed the State Law Library (Chapter 128, Laws of 1978).

Besides meeting the legal information needs of the State's appellate courts and other branches of State government and serving as a resource center for circuit court libraries throughout the State, the Library is open to the public and encourages the use of its extremely valuable reference resources, including laws, general reference materials, State and federal government documents, and State and local histories and genealogies. With a total collection of over 226,000 volumes, the Library offers the researcher access to a unique information resource. The collection, basically composed of reference material, does not circulate, except to State agency personnel. Much of the collection, however, is available on interlibrary loan and photocopy facilities are available to patrons.

Legal materials constitute the major part of the collection. They include reported court decisions from all appellate jurisdictions across the country and Great Britain. Legislative enactments, both in session law form and as statutory compilations, also are filed in the Library from almost every state, as are all federal and some foreign statutes. The Library's legal periodical holdings include 400 current subscriptions from all 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 document collection is a vast trove 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 areas of social sciences, economics, law enforcement, legislative histories, and numerous other disciplines. The Library also is 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 much used resource is the local history and genealogy collection. This resource, developed over two centuries, complements much of the original source material available for research at the State Archives and Maryland Historical Society. Included in the collection are 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);