

mately forty-eight thousand (48,000) volumes. The reference section contains many rare books, maps, and documents, including the subscription edition of the four elephant folio volumes of Audubon's *Birds of America*, the most complete file now in existence of the early issues (1745-1838) of the *Maryland Gazette*, bound volumes between 1837 and 1883 and microfilm copies of the Baltimore Sunpapers from 1884 to date, as well as other early newspapers and periodicals. In addition, the Library possesses an almost complete set of the United States Documents, Serial number series, dating back to the Continental Congress. In 1970, the Governor designated the State Library as the official depository for the classic lithograph print of each of the twenty-nine state bird species by Richard Sloan and donated by the Greggville Wild Bird Society.

The Law Library, which contains all state, federal, and many foreign court reports, session laws, codes, legal texts, compendiums, legal periodicals, and other legal reference material, is an integral part of the operation of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland and furnishes legal, reference and

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