

## MAPLA Covenant

MAPLA is an organization of public, regional, and state library administrative officers advocating for excellent public library services for all Maryland residents.

To prepare for the next century we agree to target key issues and develop strategies for addressing them, including:

- resource sharing;
- access development;
- intellectual freedom;
- public library development, including resource development and leadership development; and
- the future of public libraries.

To address the issues we agree to:

- anticipate and respond to emerging opportunities and challenges;
- build partnerships outside the library environment;
- advocate to secure financial, political, and legislative support for public libraries;
- market;
- cooperate, identifying what we can do better together; and
- provide collegial support
  - meet four times per year
  - work on common goals to enhance services throughout the state
  - work closely with DLDS to strengthen communications
  - respond to issues presented by members and the profession.

### **Vision:**

Residents of Maryland will know that public libraries are essential and fundamental to their quality of life.

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