

**What Marylanders
are saying about
public libraries.**



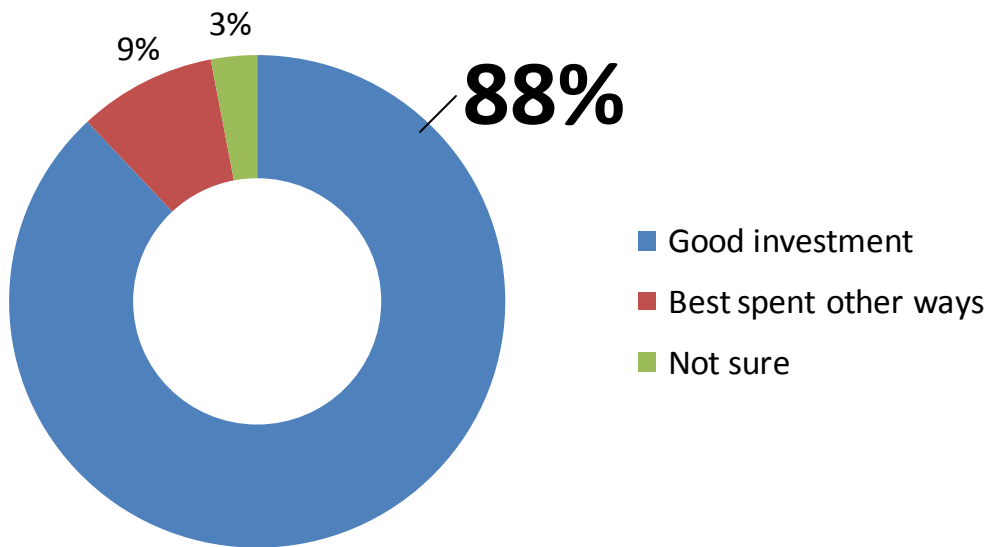
Libraries are rated higher than other public services.

	"A"	G.P.A.
Public libraries	49%	3.4
Police and public safety	32%	2.9
Parks and recreation	33%	3.0
Public schools	18%	2.6
Social services	13%	2.4
Roads and mass transit	17%	2.4

When asked to grade local services, Marylanders gave libraries the highest marks. With a 3.4 rating overall, public libraries get an "A" grade from almost half (49%) of citizens.



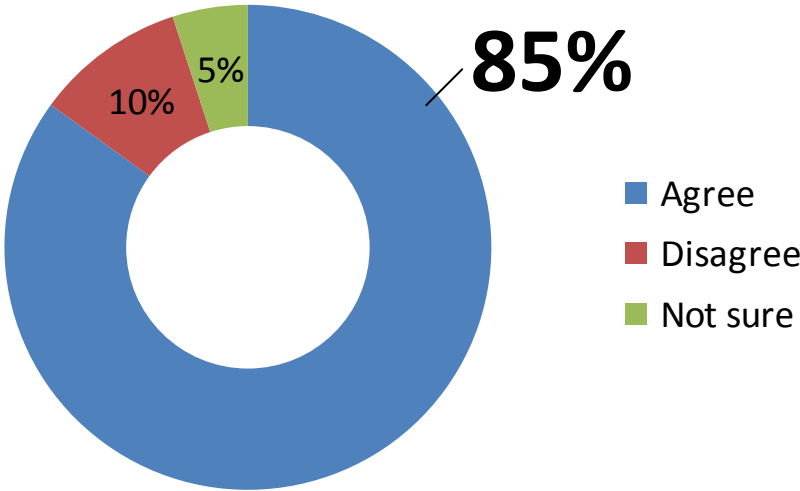
Public libraries are a good investment of tax dollars.



The overwhelming majority of Maryland citizens (88%) see public libraries as a good investment of their tax dollars.



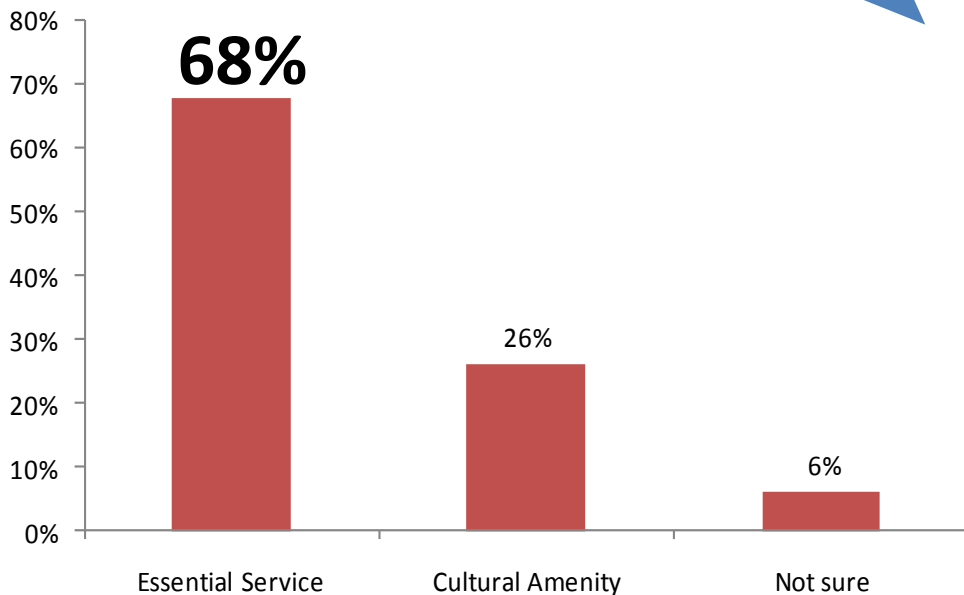
Public libraries improve the community by nurturing job skills.



Marylanders see how public libraries help economic development—85% say that libraries improve the community by helping people learn new skills so they can get better jobs.



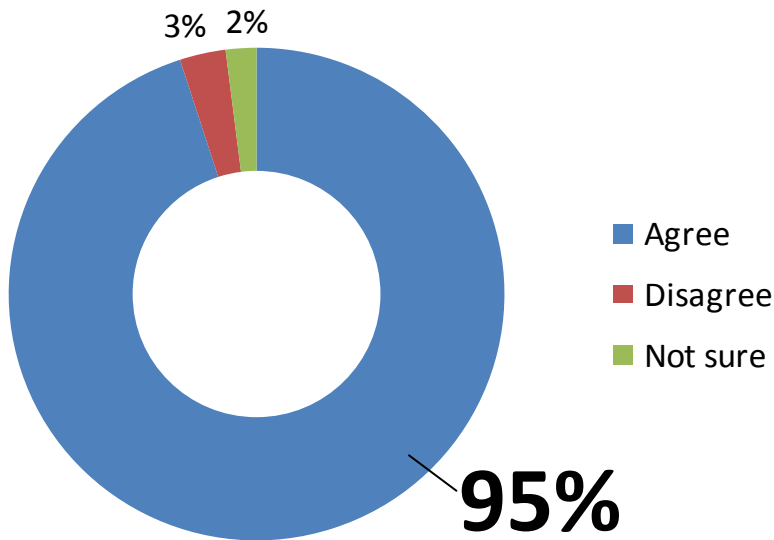
Public libraries are an essential service.



Most Marylanders say that public libraries are an “essential service” and not just a “cultural amenity”.



Public libraries are a vital source of lifelong learning.



Virtually all Marylanders agree that public libraries perform this essential function, providing opportunity to people of all ages.



What Cecil Countians are saying about Cecil County Public Library:

Invaluable to children and schools. • They are a real **community asset**!!! • I use the library every week. The programs for children are **amazing**. • My children and myself enjoy the library several times a week! It has been a positive factor in my daughter **learning** to read!! • They have a ton of reference material, help me with all of my **research** and answer any questions I have and provide programs for my family. • The books on tape I listen to while driving keep me from developing road rage! • Lots of interesting books! We return to get books every other day. All sorts of topics to please retired folks. Your system is a **MD treasure**! • I'd be lost without my books, and **our library is the best**! It gives us adults and our kids a chance to read and use our imagination, also to learn! • I am military and since moving to Cecil County, I have found your library system to be the most **user-friendly** I have ever known. • Thank you so much for your kindness and for having all of the bestsellers and the latest DVDs. Keep up the **good work**. • No matter what I need – facts, info, books or entertainment – the library is the place I go. My librarians seem to go **above and beyond the call**. No matter what it is, they look till they find it. • I've gone to the library all my life. It means a lot to me. I read everyday. • I read to relax. I can't imagine my life without reading. It is truly a "doorway to the world"! • Our library is an **incredible RESOURCE**. • My husband and I are both senior citizens, we enjoy the library, we are taking the **computer courses** and we also like the DVDs that are offered. The staff is very **helpful**. • It gives me books for doing research for projects and books that are fun to read from even other counties! • The books borrowed from the library are a primary form of **education**, enjoyment and relaxation! • I have used the public library in order to provide updated resources for students. In addition, it has been a **valuable** family resource. • My library card is my ticket to the **information highway**. • I cannot afford to purchase all books I read. As a Senior, I read a lot. • My children love to visit our local library every week. I'm a widow with 3 children and use the library often! • In today's **economy** when money is tight – it helps **families** do an activity together and children get help with school. • It gives you, me and everyone else the **ability** to brighten their minds with research and books. • It is my way to briefly escape life's hardships and realities through their literary resources and programs. • **Job search**, leisure, communication, academic research, **classes**, library services, **internet access** and "avant-garde" books to read. • It's a place to help me **find jobs** and it helps me with my children's school work. • I home-school and we love to use the library! There is nothing like a book – we would be lost without it! • A library is the center for children of all ages to **learn** about their world. • It's a cost-free way to **further my education**. • It is my only **access** to the internet.

“The library is very important to our community!”



