

WORCESTER COUNTY  
**LIBRARY**

**BILL: SB 410**

**DATE:** February 16, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Public Libraries – State  
Library Resource Center – Funding

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Budget and Taxation

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jennifer Ranck, Director,  
Worcester County Library

**POSITION:** Support

Dear Chair Senator Guzzone, Vice Chair Senator Rosapepe and members of the Committee:

I write in support of SB 410 - Public Libraries - State Library Resource Center - Funding. The State Library Resource Center (SLRC) provides essential services to public, academic, and school libraries across Maryland.

SLRC enables systems like Worcester County Library to stretch our limited local dollars while expanding access to high-quality databases, research materials, and broadband services. Through centralized purchasing, SLRC has saved the state nearly \$4 million. Managing these services on behalf of the libraries allows us to put that funding back into serving our communities through early literacy programs, job readiness initiatives, and lifelong learning opportunities.

In addition, SLRC provides professional development through online courses, in-person training, webinars, and conferences, helping library staff continue to meet the evolving needs of the patrons we serve.

**I respectfully request that you support the passage of this budget item.**

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ranck  
Director, Worcester County Library