

# MINUTEMAN

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*The **Minuteman Library Network, Inc.** (MLN) serves 42 Academic and Public library members in Metrowest. In 2020, the network helped members meet the challenges of dealing with the Covid 19 crisis while continuing to serve patrons.*

## Response to the Pandemic

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MLN made rapid adjustments to rules about loaning materials, schedules, and patron notices. They introduced new software solutions for their member libraries that helps to facilitate curbside pickup services, allowing libraries to continue loaning physical materials to users in a safe way.

In addition, the network expanded eCard signups, making them immediately usable to card holders for local resources and digital collections of eBooks, audiobooks, and databases.

Through the MBLC, MLN received \$103,800 in the form of a LEA grant to help with the purchasing of eContent. This grant was part of \$703,800 spent by the Digital Content Committee on eBooks and audiobooks. There was a 39% increase in the use of Minuteman's digital collections in 2020.

