

# TOP 5 REASONS you should care about the MBLC legislative agenda

**Over 90%** of the state funding to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners goes right back out to local libraries and services for their residents. **Whether you're a public, school, or academic library, state funding to the MBLC impacts you and your patrons. [Learn more about the library funding ecosystem.](#)**

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**State Aid to Public Libraries:** Your library can use State Aid funding for any legitimate library expense, or anything that supports your library's services. When state funding increases, your library gets more of this flexible funding to meet local needs.

>>>> **State budget line for the MBLC: 7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries**

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**Delivery to local libraries depends on it:** Massachusetts Library System (MLS) relies on state funding to keep delivery going at no cost to libraries. More than 14 million items are delivered annually.

>>>> **State budget line for the MBLC: 7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries**

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**Your network membership fees:** State funding offsets the cost of your library's membership in networks. When state funding is cut, your library's network membership fee increases and impacts your local library budget.

>>>> **State budget line for the MBLC: 7000-9506 Library Technology & Resource Sharing**

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**Statewide eContent:** In FY2020 and FY2021, the MBLC used \$1.0 million in state funding to support Overdrive content/LEA (Library eBooks and Audiobooks) which makes statewide digital borrowing possible through library networks.

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**Databases:** Are an essential resource for school libraries. Cuts to MBLC funding resulted in the loss of Opposing Viewpoints. When funding was restored and increased slightly, MBLC was able to bring back Opposing Viewpoints and add new databases.

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