

Massachusetts Library Funding



Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC)

State funded

Statutory Role: Supports, improves, and promotes library services throughout the Commonwealth

- Statewide Resource Sharing of digital and print materials
- State Aid to Public Libraries (minimum standards)
- Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program
- Innovative Statewide Programming
- Resident portal for online access to library resources
- Advisory support for public libraries, trustees and friends groups
- Continuing education for public libraries, trustees and friends groups
- Assistance during library emergencies
- Preservation

MBLC and MLS Shared Programs and Services

- Databases
- Statewide eBook program
- Summer library program
- Joint trustee advisory and CE
- Special projects and events

Massachusetts Library System (MLS)

State funded through MBLC

Role: Provides direct services to libraries

- Advisory support for libraries
- Continuing education
- Delivery
- Cooperative purchasing
- Mediated ILL/Journal article delivery
- MassCat
- Bibliotemps (self-supporting)

Library for the Commonwealth (LFC)

State funded through MBLC

Role: A function of the Boston Public Library serving all Massachusetts residents

- Boston Public Library card
- Reference & research resources
- eBooks, audiobooks, music and video
- Digital magazines
- Statewide digital library

The Library

Primarily funded by the municipality or institution

Types: Academic, Public, School, Special

Role: Serves its entire community

Talking Book Library-Worcester

Talking Book & Machine Lending Agency-Perkins

Role: Public libraries for residents who are blind, visually impaired, or physically unable to use printed books *Primary source for:*

- Audio
- Braille
- Large print books
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Specialized reference

Massachusetts Center for the Book

Role: Library of Congress initiative that fosters the importance of books, reading, literacy and libraries

- Letters about Literature
- Massachusetts Book Awards
- National Book Festival

Automated Library Networks

CLAMS, CW/MARS, FLO, MBLN, MLN, MVLC, NOBLE, OCLN, SAILS

Primarily funded by member libraries

- Online catalog
- Shared collections
- Resource sharing
- Technology services
- Circulation services
- eBook collections

Federal IMLS Funds

LSTA grants

Line 9501 of MBLC State Budget

State Aid to Public Libraries

State Funded through
Capital Bond Bill
Public Library Construction

Line 9402 of MBLC State Budget

Line 9406 of MBLC State Budget

Line 9508 of MBLC State Budget

Line 9506 of MBLC State Budget
Some infrastructure support (SLIN)

Membership fees

Line 9401 of MBLC State Budget

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