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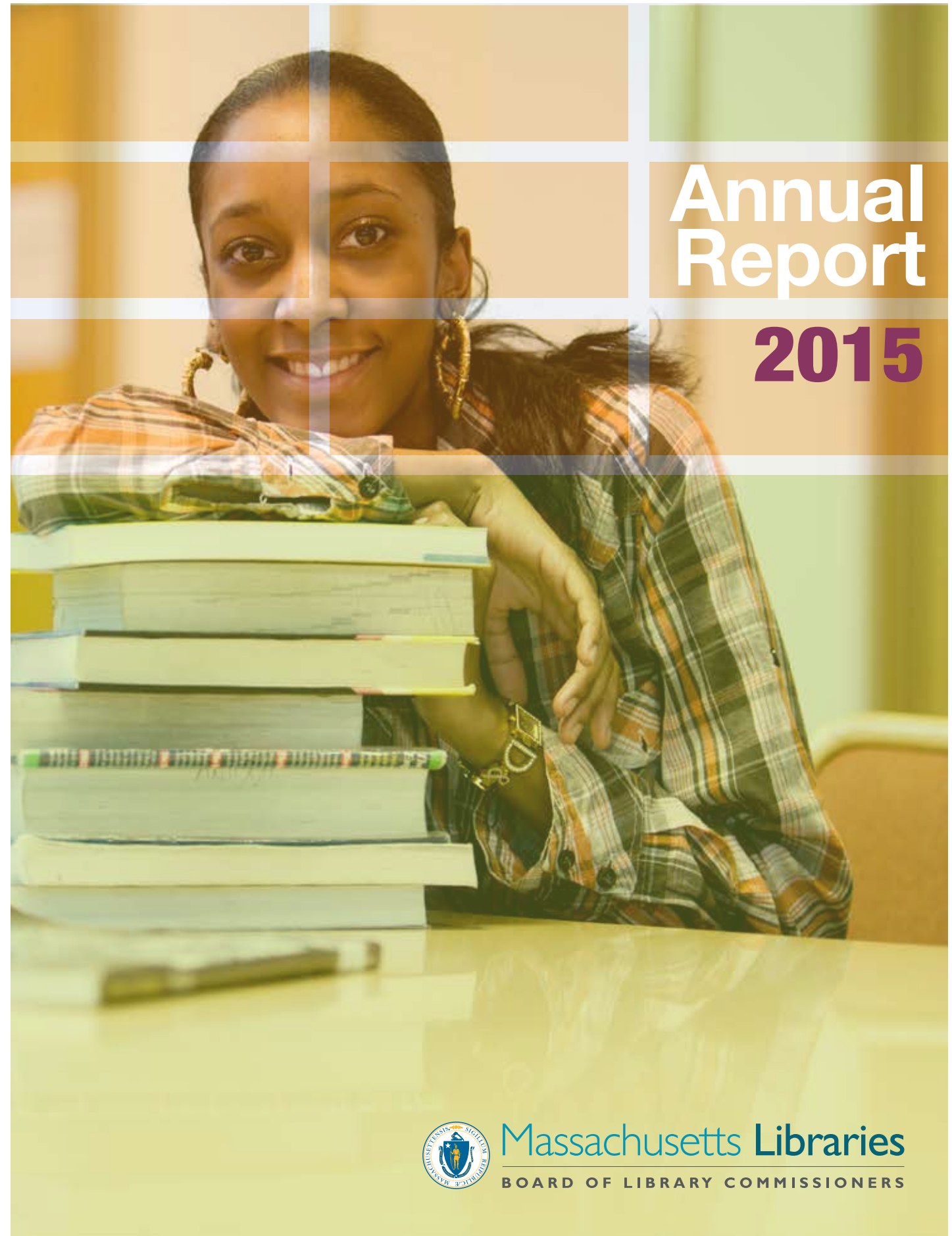
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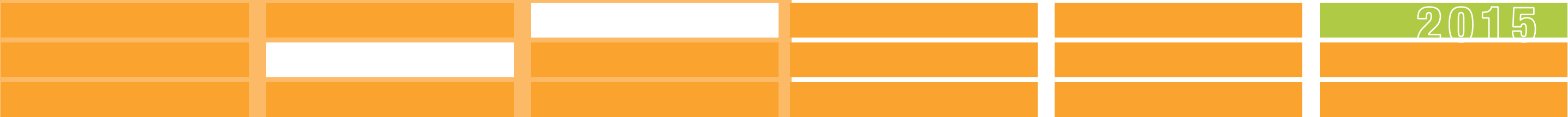


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PHOTOS: Courtesy of Libraries across the Commonwealth



FY 2015 Commissioners

		APPOINTED	REAPPOINTED
CAROL B. CARO	Brookline	February 2, 2008	April 3, 2013
MARY ANN CLUGGISH	Wellesley	July 26, 2011	January 21, 2014
GEORGE T. COMEAU	Canton	February 6, 2013	
MARY KRONHOLM	Blandford	October 5, 2011	
FRANCIS R. MURPHY	Arlington	November 28, 2007	February 6, 2008 February 6, 2013
N. JANEEN RESNICK	South Hadley	April 27, 2012	
GREGORY J. SHESKO	Needham	August 25, 2009	January 21, 2014
ALICE M. WELCH	Worcester	April 29, 2010	March 28, 2014

2015 Projects

Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP)

MPLCP ensures that tomorrow's libraries meet the technological, educational and social needs of all residents in buildings that are environmentally friendly and energy efficient. Funding to support the MPLCP was once more reauthorized by Governor Deval Patrick and the Legislature in the capital bond bill signed August 5, 2014. The bond bill authorized \$151,200,000 for the MPLCP.

Openings

Everett

Shute Memorial Library

Date: May 7, 2015

Total Project Cost: \$5,191,058

MBLC Grant: \$2,236,491

LEED: Certified

Green Library Incentive: \$100,000

Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates

Close to the city's new high school, the library provides services to about 37% of Everett's population, or 13,800 people. "Together we are making our city a better place to live, work, and play," Mayor Carlo DeMaria said. "Preserving our assets, such as this historic building, is not only important for our city's history but also its future," he said. State Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke of the library's importance to the city's youth population. "The children of this city deserve the best, and this library is just that," he said. The project renovated the original 1899 building and expanded the facility from 7,210 square feet to 8,590. It also gave an overall update to the building's infrastructure by improving energy efficiency, expanding computer access, providing a new meeting space and group study space, and facilitating access for all.



South Hadley: (left to right) Terry Plum, Rosemary Waltos, Shelley Quezada, Diane Davis, Dianne Carty, Sharon Sharry, Mary Rose Quinn, Bonnie Isman at the dedication of the new South Hadley Public Library



South Hadley

South Hadley Public Library

Date: September 13, 2014

Total Project Cost: \$10,309,284

MBLC Grant: \$4,841,312

LEED: Certified

Green Library Incentive: \$121,033

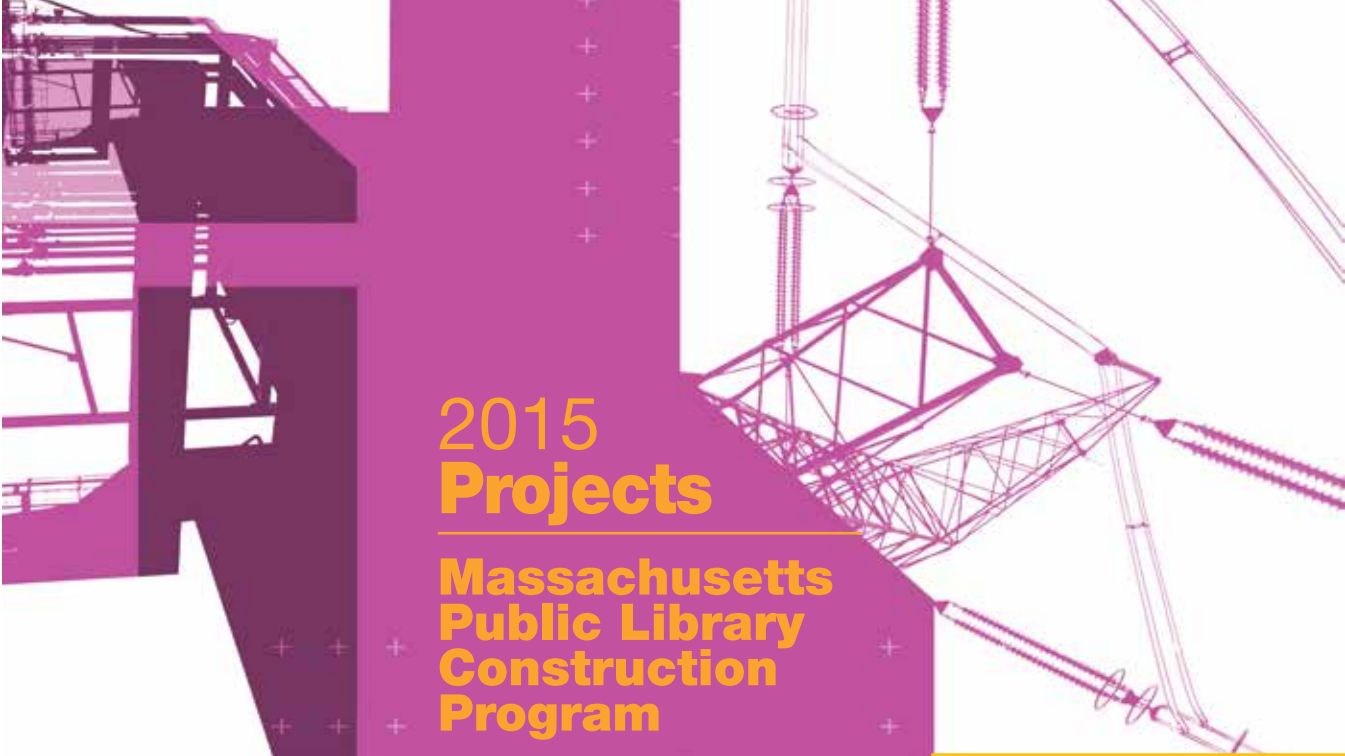
Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates



South Hadley: (left to right) Trustee Chair Mitchell Resnick, MBLC Commissioner Jan Resnick, Trustee Susan Crowther and Library Director Joe Rodio at the dedication of the South Hadley Public Library

The original South Hadley Public Library was built in 1906 and expanded to 8,800 square feet in 1974, but it lacked the space needed to serve the growing needs of the town. There was no community meeting space and a small children's area made programming tight. No space was dedicated for teenagers, and the library had roughly 10 to 12 computers to serve a community of more than 17,000 residents. The new library, located on the banks of the Connecticut River, the Holyoke Dam and the first navigable canal in the United States, reconnects residents to the historic waterfront, an area that was previously inaccessible to this community.

While the external traditional mill architecture of the new two-story building recalls South Hadley's heritage, inside residents enjoy modern, open spaces designed to meet the growing and changing ways in which residents use their library today. Floor-to ceiling windows that overlook the Connecticut River provide natural light throughout the building and offer residents with spectacular views of the waterfront as they read, study, or meet with neighbors.



Groundbreakings

Eastham



Eastham: MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish congratulates the Eastham community

Eastham Public Library

Date: September 13, 2014
Total Project Cost: \$9,154,842
MBLC Grant: \$4,331,923
Architect: Oudens Ello

Last renovated in 1988, the expanded collection and changing use of the library led staff and stakeholders to initiate the planning process for a new building in 2004. The proposed facility of 16,933 square feet, set to open in late 2015, was redesigned with the needs of an expanded population of both year-round residents and Cape Cod vacationers in mind.

Framingham

McCauliffe Branch of Framingham Public Library

Date: October 23, 2014
Total Project Cost: \$12,456,833
MBLC Grant: \$4,186,560
Architect: Finegold Alexander

The new branch will replace a 50-year-old overcrowded and heavily used 5,821 square foot building with close to 17,000 square feet in a space designed to meet the growing needs of this vibrant community. The design of the contemporary building is inspired by the spirit of Christa McAuliffe, who grew up in Framingham and was participating in NASA's First Teacher in Space project when the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster occurred.

Reading Public Library



Reading: left to right: Library Director Ruth Urell, Representative Jim Dwyer, Representative Brad Jones at the Reading Public Library groundbreaking

McCauliffe Branch of Framingham Public Library



Framingham: MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish (center, green jacket) digs in at the McCauliffe Branch groundbreaking in Framingham

Reading

Reading Public Library

Date: February 6, 2015
Total Project Cost: \$18,470,257
MBLC Grant: \$5,105,414
Architect: CBT/Childs Bertman Tseckares

The project will transform the existing library into a welcoming space for all residents. Access to the children's library, currently on the upper level at the Reading Library, will become more direct, making it easier for parents with strollers. Technology will be updated and fully integrated into the library. The library will feature an expanded network of computer connection ports, coordinated with specialized furnishings, to facilitate flexibility and encourage usage by all patrons. This redesign will also improve residents' access to collections and enable staff to be more connected to the community they serve.

Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury Public Library

Date: November 6, 2014
Total Project Cost: \$20,837,185
MBLC Grant: \$7,959,989
Architect: Lamoureux Pagano



The two-year project will renovate the original 1903 Jubal Howe Building and build a new addition of nearly 32,000 square feet that will allow the library to meet the growing demand for library services. New computers will be added as well as new community meeting space, after-hours meeting rooms, a café, and group study rooms. Making one of her first public appearances since Election Day, Lt. Governor-elect Karyn Polito participated in the ceremony.

Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

\$44.6 Million Awarded in Construction Grants

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) awarded provisional construction grant awards to the top five communities on the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) Waiting List at its monthly meeting on August 7, 2014. Those communities are as follows:

Construction Grants Awarded

MUNICIPALITY	LIBRARY
Webster	Chester C. Corbin Public Library \$5,366,489
Woburn	Woburn Public Library \$9,906,275
Hopkinton	Hopkinton Public Library \$4,533,580
Somerville	Somerville Public Library \$18,100,101
Stoughton	Stoughton Public Library \$6,702,689

Funding for these projects was made possible through the capital bond bill, signed by Governor Deval Patrick on August 5, 2014. The bond bill authorized \$151,200,000 for the highly successful Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program.

9C Budget Cuts Affect Library Funding

"Libraries have still not recovered from past reductions,"

MBLC Director
Dianne Carty said.

"In fact, state support to libraries is the same as it was 17 years ago, even though libraries are busier than ever. These reductions will be felt."

In November 2014 Governor Deval Patrick cut \$198.1 million from the state budget, including cuts to local funding for school transportation and special education, as part of a larger effort to close the projected \$329 million mid-year budget gap. The governor also reduced unrestricted local aid to cities and towns by \$25.5 million; a 2.7% cut that brought this funding back to FY2014 levels.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) received its share of what are known as 9C cuts. Reductions of 1.5 %were taken equally across all MBLC budget lines. The reductions total more than \$387,000.

The reductions came at a time when state funding to libraries had shown signs of recovery. The FY2015 state budget increased the State Aid to Public Libraries (9501) budget line by over \$2 million, which brought funding levels close to where they were in FY2002. The FY2015 budget also increased Technology and Resource Sharing (9506) by \$800,000, bringing it just under where it was in FY2009.

Please see the chart below for reduction details.

Account Line	Account Name	FY2014 Budget	FY2015 Budget before 9C cuts	9C Reduction	Total funding available after 9C cuts
7000-91 01	Board of Library Commisioners	\$1,012,047	\$1,120,047	\$16,800	\$1,103,247
7000-94 01	State Aid to Regional Libraries	\$9,579,475	\$9,883,482	\$148,252	\$9,735,230
7000-94 02	Talking Book Program Worcester	\$441,394	\$446,828	\$6,702	\$440,126
7000-94 06	Talking Book Program Watertown	\$2,455,408	\$2,516,693	\$37,750	\$2,478,943
7000-95 01	State Aid to Public Libraries	\$6,823,657	\$9,000,000	\$135,000	\$8,865,000
7000-95 06	Library Technology and Automated Resource-Sharing Networks	\$1,929,238	\$2,729,238	\$40,938	\$2,688,300
7000-95 08	Center for the Book	Not a MBLC Budget Line	\$125,000	\$1,875	\$123,125
Total		\$22,241,219	\$25,821,288	\$387,317	\$25,433,971

Boston Bruins and Summer Library Fun



Senator James Eldridge and Bruins Mascot Blades celebrate summer reading at Hazen Memorial Library in Shirley

Over 1.4 million children, teens, and adults have participated in summer reading since the Bruins began partnering with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) in 2009.

To jumpstart summer fun at the library, the Boston Bruins held a Summer Reading Kickoff at Chelmsford Public Library. Boston Bruins mascot Blades also made special visits to libraries in Yarmouth, Shirley, Agawam, Lee, Great Barrington, and Duxbury.

To encourage children and teens to keep reading over the summer, Bruins players — including Patrice Bergeron, Zdeno Chara, and Tuukka Rask — helped libraries develop *Favorite Books of the Boston Bruins*, a recommended reads list that includes librarian picks for the best hockey books.

The Bruins also awarded summer reading prizes to summer reading participants. Prizes included at-game experiences like riding the Zamboni, high-fiving the players as they take the ice, and getting to sit on the Bruins bench during pregame warm-ups. Team-signed Bruins jerseys and Bruins pucks signed by Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask were also awarded.

Players read to summer reading participants at the Summer Reading Kickoff at the Chelmsford Public Library



Summer reader shows off his Blades READ poster signed by all the players

Boston Bruins and Summer Library Fun



Springfield City Library's Deputy Director John Ramsey and Bruins Mascot Blades at Lee Public Library

Librarians from across the state submitted names for the random prize drawing. In all, 27 children and teens from the following libraries received prizes:

Grand Prize Winners

Zamboni Game Experience:
Wilmington Public Library

High-Five Game Experience:
Forest Park Branch of the Springfield City Library

Bench Assistant Game Experience:
Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Cohasset

Team-Signed Bruins Jersey Winners

Porter Memorial Library, Blandford
Chicopee Public Library
Haverhill Public Library
Hopkinton Public Library
Lakeville Public Library
Northborough Public Library
Salisbury Public Library
Hazen Memorial Library, Shirley
Sutton Public Library

Tuukka Rask-Signed Bruins Puck Winners

Amesbury Public Library	Seekonk Public Library
Dedham Public Library	Sunderland Public Library
Erving Public Library	Tyngsborough Public Library
Millicent Library, Fairhaven	Westborough Public Library
Florida Public Library	Westport Public Library
Harvard Public Library	Weston Public Library
Randolph Public Library	Westwood Public Library
Reading Public Library	



Frank Vatrano with summer reading participant at the Summer Reading Kickoff at Chelmsford Public Library

Bruins prospect players at the Summer Reading Kickoff at Chelmsford Public Library:

(back row, left to right) Jesse Gabrielle, Mike Vecchione, Noel Acciari, Jeremy Lauzon, Michael Garteig, Frank Vatrano, Colton Hargrove, Sean Kuraly, Danton Heinen, Alex Lafello

(front row, left to right) Matt Benning, summer reading participants, Cameron Hughes



Libraries Receive Funding for Sustainable Construction

Athol Public Library Attains LEED Platinum

Library projects in the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) that attain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification are eligible to receive Green Library Incentives from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

“The MBLC's goal in creating the Green Library Incentives was to help libraries incorporate green or sustainable elements in their library building projects from the onset. It's exciting to see so many of the projects attaining LEED certification,”
MBLC Director Dianne Carty said.

Athol Public Library became the first public library in the Commonwealth to receive LEED platinum certification, the highest level possible. Building a sustainable, environmentally friendly library was a priority for the community of Athol. The Athol project renovated the original 1918 library building and added nearly 16,000 square feet of new space, making the new Athol Public Library truly a place for learning, discovery, collaboration, and contemplation.

LEED is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.



LEED-certified MPLCP libraries as of FY2015				
Municipality	Library	MBLC Construction Grant	Green Library Incentive	LEED Level
Athol	Athol Public Library	\$4,572,147	\$160,025	Platinum
Boston	East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library	\$7,255,988	\$238,800	Gold
Buckland	Buckland Public Library	\$529,598	\$100,000	Silver
Dudley	Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library	\$2,402,387	\$120,119	Silver
Everett	Shute Memorial Library Branch	\$236,491	\$100,000	Certified*
Granby	Granby Free Public Library	\$2,603,663	\$100,000	Certified*
Foxborough	Boyden Library	\$3,461,606	\$173,080	Certified*
Holyoke	Holyoke Public Library	\$4,367,594	\$218,380	Gold
Mashpee	Mashpee Public Library	\$2,934,541	\$146,727	Silver
Millis	Millis Public Library	\$2,789,569	\$139,478	Certified*
South Hadley	South Hadley Public Library	\$4,841,312	\$121,033	
Walpole	Walpole Public Library	\$3,896,184	\$176,834	Gold
Westhampton	Westhampton Public Library	\$1,065,929	\$100,000	Gold
West Tisbury	West Tisbury Free Public Library	\$2,982,544	\$100,000	Gold
Westwood	Westwood Public Library	\$3,698,929	\$184,946	Certified*

*Basic LEED certification

When the Green Library Incentive was developed in 2008, the amount of the award was 5% of the MPLCP construction grant. In 2010, the MBLC changed the calculation of the Green Library Incentive. It is currently based on the level of LEED certification attained and the construction grant awarded by the MBLC.

Library Services and Technology Act



The Federal Government, through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), annually appropriates funds to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Each year, in addition to statewide projects, the MBLC uses LSTA funding to give direct grants to libraries that allow them to offer services above what their local funding permits.

In FY2015, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) awarded \$608,100 in 46 grants to public, academic, school, and special libraries and library networks across the Commonwealth under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

“We're particularly excited about the number of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) grants we were able to award,”

said Cindy Roach, Head of Library Advisory and Development and Government Liaison. These grants allow libraries to work with their communities to increase children's interest and skills in these important areas.

The four Franklin County libraries of Shutesbury, Leverett, Erving, and Wendell collaborated on a LSTA grant that levels the educational opportunities in STEAM for all early learners in rural areas. Working in tandem with schools, the Community Network for Children, and agencies like the Boston's Children Museum, Legoland Discovery Center, and the Hitchcock Nature Center, the libraries conducted 30 two-hour programs for preschool children. This age group was chosen because the libraries feel that STEAM education should start in the earliest years when a child's interests, desires, and abilities are being formed. Research also shows that the arts support crucial developmental skills in creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.



The Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, and the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester also worked together on a STEAM program for the Tri-Town area. The libraries' program introduced children in grades 3-8 to the natural resources in the Old Rochester region, as well as to the resources that the library offers to better make them "citizen scientists" and stewards of the towns' natural resources. The libraries create "explorer backpacks" for families and caregivers to check out and take with them on walks and hikes in the area.

At Malden Public Library, the library's stunning art collection was the springboard to a STEAM-based hands-on arts education experience targeting Malden's at-risk children, students, and their families. The library cited the developmental benefits of arts education, which include improved motor skills, language development, visual learning, cultural awareness and improved academic performance as reason for offering the program. The library worked with the Linden STEAM Academy, the Cheverus School, Malden High School, Malden's Teen Enrichment Center, and the YMCA Leaders program.

Libraries use LSTA grants in a variety of ways — including implementing literacy programs that benefit all ages, increasing library access to underserved populations, providing advanced automation services, training staff, and preserving valuable historical documents.

Federal funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services is vital to library services in the Commonwealth. In addition to LSTA grants for libraries, the MBLC uses federal funding to support statewide electronic resources, the statewide eBook program, the digitization of historic collections, statewide summer reading, and preservation. Federal funds also assist small libraries in becoming members of library networks, which allows them to offer more efficient library services and save money.



FY2015 LSTA Grant Information			
Municipality	Library Name	Grant	Grant Award
Abington	Abington Public Library	Science Is Everywhere	\$7,500
Ashland	Ashland Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Attleboro	Attleboro Public Library	Customer Experience	\$10,000
Barnstable-Hyannis	Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing (CLAMS)	Network Connections & Servers	\$19,821
Belchertown	Clapp Memorial Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Bellingham	Bellingham Public Library	Customer Experience	\$10,000
Boston	Mass Historical Society	Preservation of Library and Archival Materials	\$30,000
Boston	Wheelock College	Preservation Assessment	\$4,200
Bourne	Jonathan Bourne Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Braintree	Old Colony Library Network (OCLN)	Network Connections & Servers	\$69,224
Chicopee	Chicopee Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Danvers	North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE)	Network Connections & Servers	\$50,025
Dedham	Dedham Public Schools	School Library Incentive	\$5,000
Easton	Ames Free Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Greenfield	Greenfield Public Library	Customer Experience	\$10,000
Groveland	Langley-Adams Library	Preservation Assessment	\$4,200

FY2015 LSTA Grant Information			
Municipality	Library Name	Grant	Grant Award
Halifax	Holmes Public Library	Customer Experience	\$7,700
Hamilton	Hamilton-Wenham Public Library	Science Is Everywhere	\$7,500
Hudson	Hudson Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Kingston	Kingston Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Lakeville	SAILS	Network Connections & Servers	\$35,528
Lee	Lee Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Malden	Malden Public Library	Innovative - STEAM in the Art Gallery	\$10,000
Mashpee	Mashpee Public Library	Customer Experience	\$10,000
Milford	Milford Town Library	Science Is Everywhere	\$7,500
New Bedford	New Bedford High School	School Library Incentive	\$5,000
New Salem	New Salem Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
North Adams	North Adams Public Library	Science Is Everywhere	\$7,500
Northhampton	Forbes Library	Serving People with Disabilities	\$18,100
Northborough	Northborough Free Library	Conversation Circles	\$12,500
Peabody	Peabody Institute Library	Conversation Circles	\$12,500
Pembroke	Pembroke Public Library	Next Chapter	\$7,500

FY2015 LSTA Grant Information			
Municipality	Library Name	Grant	Grant Award
Pittsfield	Berkshire Athenaeum	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Plainville	Plainville Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Quincy	Thomas Crane Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Randolph	Turner Free Library	Innovative - Student Success Center	\$15,000
Rochester	Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library	Innovative - Exploring the Ecosystems	\$10,000
Shutesbury	M.N. Spear Library	Innovative - STEAM	\$10,000
South Hadley	Gaylord Memorial Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$6,520
Stoughton	Stoughton Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Swampscott	Swampscott Public Library	Customer Experience	\$9,700
West Tisbury	West Tisbury Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Whitman	Whitman Public Library	Full STEAM Ahead	\$7,500
Winchester	Winchester Public Library	Science Is Everywhere	\$7,407
Worcester	Assumption College	Digitizing Historical Resources	\$13,105
Worcester	Worcester Public Library	Innovative - World Languages Storytimes	\$10,070

State Aid Funding and Certification

Each year The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awards State Aid to Public Libraries grants to municipalities whose libraries meet the statutory (MGL c.78 ss 19A and 19B) and regulatory (605 CMR 4.00) requirements.

Certification

Of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts, 350 have public libraries

Of the 350 municipalities with libraries, 344 applied for State Aid to Public Libraries

289 met the State Aid to Public Libraries requirements

55 applied for and received waivers of the MAR, down from 123 in 2012

344 were certified to receive State Aid to Public Libraries

Funding

After years of reductions and level funding, funding to the State Aid to Public Libraries Program was increased by over \$2 million in the FY2015 state budget to a total of \$9 million. However, the MBLC suffered 9C reductions of 1.5% to all of its budget lines, lowering State Aid to Public Libraries funding to \$8,865,000.

MBLC Head of State Aid and Government Liaison Mary Rose Quinn provided context to State Aid to Public Libraries funding and the 9C reductions.

“Libraries received more in state aid funds this year than they have in the past five years, when the program was flat funded at \$6.8 million. However, funding to State Aid to Public Libraries is still lower than it was fourteen years ago, even though libraries have experienced dramatic increases in usage,” Ms. Quinn said.

Increased FY 2015 Funding Benefits Small Libraries

Small public libraries that have struggled to be part of automated library networks will receive funding to support network membership through the newly created Small Libraries in Networks - New Participants program approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) at its January board meeting.

The program is made possible by increased FY 2015 state funding to the MBLC's Technology and Resource Sharing budget line (account 7000-9506).

“Network membership saves local libraries money and improves library services,” Cindy Roach, the MBLC's head of library advisory and development, said. "It is important for all libraries, but particularly so for small libraries because it enables them to become the portal for rural and isolated residents to have access to holdings in libraries throughout the Commonwealth.”

The Small Libraries in Networks grant program has existed since 2002. Through the program, libraries receive state funding to offset the annual cost of belonging to a network.

However, budget reductions to the MBLC's Technology and Resource Sharing budget line (account 7000-9506) totaling 30% since 2002 had frozen the program. With \$102,500 in new funding available, many libraries will benefit.

They fall into two categories:

1) Network members that have received partial funding.
The offset for network membership is typically \$2,500 for annual membership per full member. However, due to funding limitations, six libraries have been funded at \$1,800 or less. The following libraries will now receive the full offset amount:

Network	Municipality	Library	Population
			
C/WMARS	Brookfield	Merrick Public Library	3,403
C/WMARS	East Brookfield	East Brookfield Public Library	2,186
C/WMARS	Florida	Florida Public Library	749
C/WMARS	Stockbridge	Stockbridge Library Association	1,961
C/WMARS	Wales	Wales Public Library	1,864
C/WMARS	West Stockbridge	West Stockbridge Public Library	1,295

2) Network members that have never received the funding offset.
Many libraries serving populations of fewer than 10,000 had never received an offset for their membership because they were either already a member of a network before the program was created, or they joined a network while the program was frozen.

Network	Municipality	Library	Population
C/WMARS	Ashfield	Belding Memorial Library (Inc.)	1,737
C/WMARS	Ayer	Ayer Library	7,427
C/WMARS	Hadley	Doodwin Memorial Library	5,250
C/WMARS	Harvard	Harvard Public Library	6,520
C/WMARS	Hatfield	Hatfield Public Library	3,279



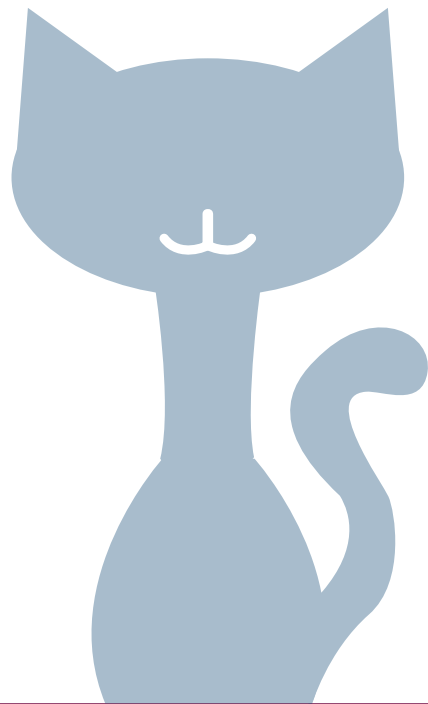
Network	Municipality	Library	Population
C/WMARS	Heath	Heath Free Public Library	706
C/WMARS	Lancaster	Thayer Memorial Library	8,055
C/WMARS	Millville	Millville Free Public Library	3,190
C/WMARS	Monson	Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association	8,560
C/WMARS	Monterey	Monterey Library	961
C/WMARS	New Marlborough	New Marlborough Town Library	1,509
C/WMARS	Otis	Otis Library and Museum	1,612
C/WMARS	Paxton	Richards Memorial Library	4,806
C/WMARS	Rowe	Rowe Town Library	393
C/WMARS	Rutland	Rutland Free Public Library	7,973
C/WMARS	Southwick	Southwick Public Library	9,502
C/WMARS	Templeton	Boynnton Public Library	8,013
C/WMARS	West Brookfield	Merriam-Gilbert Public Library	3,701
C/WMARS	Williamstown	David and Joyce Milne Public Library	7,754



Network	Municipality	Library	Population
CLAMS	Brewster	Brewster Ladies Library	9,820
CLAMS	Chatham	Eldredge Public Library	6,125
CLAMS	Eastham	Eastham Public Library	4,956
CLAMS	Edgartown	Edgartown Free Public Library	4,067
CLAMS	Oak Bluffs	Oak Bluffs Public Library	4,527
CLAMS	Orleans	Snow Library	5,890
CLAMS	Provincetown	Provincetown Public Library	2,942
CLAMS	Tisbury	Vineyard Haven Public Library	3,949
CLAMS	Truro	Truro Public Library	2,003
CLAMS	Wellfleet	Wellfleet Public Library	2,750



Network	Municipality	Library	Population
MassCat	Ashburnham	Stevens Memorial Library	6,081
MassCat	Nahant	Nahant Public Library	3,410
MassCat	Oakham	Fobes Memorial Library	1,902
MassCat	Pelham	Pelham Library	1,321



Network	Municipality	Library	Population
MVLC	Boxford	Boxford Town Library	7,965
MVLC	Carlisle	Gleason Public Library	4,852
MVLC	Essex	T.O.H.P. Burnham Free Library	3,504
MVLC	Hamilton-Wenham	Hamilton-Wenham Public Library	7,764
MVLC	Littleton	Reuben Hoar Library	8,924
MVLC	Manchester-by-the-Sea	Manchester-by-the-Sea Public Library	5,136
MVLC	Merrimac	Merrimac Public Library	6,338
MVLC	Newbury	Newbury Town Library	6,666
MVLC	Rockport	Rockport Public Library	6,952
MVLC	Rowley	Rowley Public Library	5,856
MVLC	Salisbury	Salisbury Public Library	8,283
MVLC	Topsfield	Topsfield Town Library	6,085
MVLC	West Newbury	G. A. R. Memorial Library	4,235



Network	Municipality	Library	Population
OCLN	Avon	Avon Public Library	4,356
OCLN	Cohasset	Paul Pratt Memorial Library	7,542



Network	Municipality	Library	Population
SAILS	Berkley	Berkley Public Library	6,411
SAILS	Dighton	Dighton Public Library	7,086
SAILS	Freetown	James White Memorial Library	8,870
SAILS	Halifax	Holmes Public Library	7,518
SAILS	Marion	Elizabeth Taber Library	4,907
SAILS	Mattapoisett	Mattapoisett Free Public Library	6,045
SAILS	Plainville	Plainville Public Library	8,264
SAILS	Plympton	Plympton Public Library	2,820
SAILS	Rochester	Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library	5,232
SAILS	West Bridgewater	West Bridgewater Public Library	6,916

Automated library networks provide libraries with Internet connections that make efficient, cost effective automated library operation possible and they facilitate sharing materials between libraries. They also provide centralized and automated library services that save local libraries time and money including Wi-Fi, cataloging materials, mobile and multilingual interfaces that improve patron access, and online reservation of materials.

Based on input from librarians from across the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has made increased funding to Technology and Resource Sharing a priority in its **FY 2016 Legislative Agenda**.



Established in 1890, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners was the first state library commission in the United States. The nine-member volunteer commission is appointed by the governor. The MBLC supports statewide programming and innovation in libraries to ensure equal access to library services for every resident in the Commonwealth.

MBLC services include public library construction, preservation and disaster prevention, electronic resources, statewide resource sharing, and state and federal grants. The MBLC funds the Massachusetts Library System, the Library for the Commonwealth at Boston Public Library, Perkins Talking Book Library, the Talking Book Library at Worcester Public Library, and the Massachusetts Center for the Book. It also partially supports the nine automated library networks.

Funding for State Fiscal Year 2015		
	Before 9C Cuts	After 9C Cuts
MBLC Administration (7000-9101)	\$1,120,047	\$1,077,431
* State Aid to Regional Libraries (7000-9401)	\$9,883,482	\$9,692,731
Worcester Talking Book Program (7000-9402)	\$446,828	\$438,205
Perkins Talking Book & Machine Lending (7000-9406)	\$2,516,693	\$2,468,121
State Aid to Public Libraries (7000-9501)	\$9,000,000	\$8,847,300
Library Technology and Resource Sharing (7000-9506)	\$2,279,238	\$2,676,564
Massachusetts Center for the Book	\$125,000	\$122,587

* Library for the Commonwealth \$0.407 for each resident of the Commonwealth

Library Services and Technology Act Funding (Federal):	\$3,178,539
State Capital Funds for Library Construction:	\$20,439,579

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