



Massachusetts Libraries

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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Fiscal Year 2016

Commissioners

			APPOINTED
MARY ANN CLUGGISH	Chair		2011
N. JANEEN RESNICK	Vice Chair		2012
ROLAND A. OCHSENBEIN	Secretary		2014
GREGORY J. SHESKO			2009
CAROL CARO			2008
GEORGE T. COMEAU			2013
MARY KRONHOLM			2011
FRANCIS R. MURPHY			2008
ALICE M. WELCH			2010



MBLC Celebrates its 125th Anniversary

AWARD WINNERS (left to right)

Former MBLC Chair
Katherine Dibble

Digital Projects Manager
at Boston Public Library
Thomas Blake

Board Chair of the Digital
Public Library of America
and former President
of the Boston Public Library
Amy Ryan

Former state senator and
current city manager of the
City Of Worcester
Ed Augustus

Not pictured: U.S. Senator
Ed Markey

On May 28, 1890, thanks to the efforts of Bostonian Elizabeth Putnam Sohier, Governor John Q. A. Brackett signed "*An Act to Promote the Establishment and Efficiency of Free Public Libraries*" [Acts of 1890, chapter 347], which established the Free Public Library Commission, now known as the MBLC. It was the first of its kind in the United States and it was a success from the start. The Commission's 1892 report notes: "*After only one year in existence, 36 new libraries were founded in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Because of the success of the Free Public Library Commission the New Hampshire state legislature set up a similar commission in 1891 in order to achieve the same goals.*"

In addition to New Hampshire, the Commission received inquiries from *"each of the New England States and New York; while requests for its first report and other information about its work have been made from nearly every State of the Union - even from the new State of Washington on the Pacific slope - and from various parts of Great Britain and continental Europe."*

What had been the first of its kind in Massachusetts caught on quickly. The first Free Public Library Commission worked to ensure that every city and town in Massachusetts had a library and that library services expanded to meet the needs of every Massachusetts resident. The MBLC has kept that mission strong by working with the Massachusetts library community to develop programs that impact residents' lives and ensure equal access to information, resources, and technology.

“Ms. Sohier and the first commissioners may have never envisioned eBooks or computers in every library, but they laid the groundwork for the collaborative way that libraries work, and that makes innovation possible,” said MBLC Director Dianne Carty.



The spirited, innovative libraries of Massachusetts have taken the seeds that were planted by commissioners in 1890 and grown them into a world-class library system that gives residents access to 53 million items at the touch of a button, provides access to technology and helps residents learn to use it, helps local libraries meet the unique needs of their communities through grants and special programs, and digitizes local treasures to make them accessible around the world. Today, the MBLC has helped communities build and renovate hundreds of libraries and encourages the construction of environmentally responsible libraries.



Meet the First Commissioners

Elizabeth P. Sohier of Boston was the driving force behind the Free Public Library Commission with her commitment to getting a library in every Massachusetts city and town. She was committed to expanding library services wherever she could. During the Lawrence Textile Strike in 1912, Ms. Sohier worked with the governor to get books for the striking workers. During World War I, Ms. Sohier worked with the American Library Association to help provide library services to soldiers in camps. She also helped with the appointment of a state agent to help public libraries with immigrant populations and shaped numerous pieces of library legislation that were passed during her lifetime. She served as a commissioner from the agency's inception in 1890 until her death in 1926, and was secretary for all 36 years.



Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast came to Boston in 1870 and became a reporter at the newspaper *The Boston Journal*. He served as the city editor, but left journalism to work in libraries in 1879. Mr. Tillinghast was the first chairman of the commission; he also served as the Massachusetts State Librarian from 1879-1909. He was a repository of information and guidance within the State House, and often consulted representatives, senators, and governors on different matters. It is noted that a common phrase in the building during that time was "go see Tillinghast."



Henry Stedman Nourse of Lancaster was a Civil War veteran who was part of General Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864. He was a professor of ancient languages at Phillips Exeter Academy and a state legislator for the town of Lancaster. Mr. Nourse was also a descendant of Rebecca Nourse, one of the women who was hanged as a witch in Salem in 1692. He was an avid historian of Lancaster's local history and was a member of many of the Commonwealth's historical societies. He took this passion to his work with libraries, which he saw as a "treasure house of local history."



Samuel Swett Green of Worcester served as a commissioner from 1890 until 1909. He worked at the Worcester Free Public Library from its creation in 1867, first serving as director and later as librarian from 1871 until 1909. Mr. Green is considered to be an innovator in the field of libraries and the father of modern research librarians. He was part of the group that founded what became the American Library Association and served as the organization's president. While president, he gave a speech that opened with the line "The function of the library is to serve its users," which helped direct libraries across the country for years to come.



Anna Eliot Ticknor of Boston served as a commissioner from 1890 until her death in 1896. Her father, George Ticknor, helped lay the groundwork for the founding of the Boston Public Library. She was an educator and founded the "Society to Encourage Studies at Home," which was the first correspondence school in the United States. She was an advocate for education and the role that libraries could play in educating the public.

First Commissioner Awards Presented

The first MBLC Commissioners were innovators and pioneers of their time ushering in a new era for public libraries in Massachusetts. Inspired by the work of the first Commissioners and in celebration of the MBLC's 125th anniversary, the MBLC held the inaugural Commissioner Awards honoring individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Massachusetts libraries and the residents they serve.

2015 Commissioner Award Winners

The awards were presented to the following individuals at a reception at the Massachusetts State House, the location of the first meeting of the Free Library Commission held on October 30, 1890.

In addition to the awards, the Commissioners received congratulations from the State's General Court in the form of a resolution presented by Library Legislative Caucus chair, State Representative Kate Hogan, and a citation from Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.

The Anna Eliot Ticknor Award was awarded to **Tom Blake**, Digital Projects Manager at the Boston Public Library. Mr. Blake is currently responsible for the creation of beautiful, versatile, and sustainable objects for the Boston Public Library's digital initiatives. Since 2011, he has managed an ambitious project to help digitize collections from across Massachusetts in conjunction with Digital Commonwealth, a statewide repository and pilot service hub of the Digital Public Library of America. As head of the Digital Commonwealth project, he has ensured that institutions across the Commonwealth are able to share their historic items digitally in the archive for all to see.

The Henry Steadman Nourse Award was awarded to **Ed Augustus**, former state senator and current city manager of the City of Worcester. In 2007, Mr. Augustus championed the public library incentive program, which allowed for \$250,000 of public funding to be matched by private donors and given to public libraries across the state. Since becoming city manager of Worcester, he has helped to oversee the One City, One Library program, putting branch libraries in public schools to provide students and teachers with resources during the day and opening them to the community after school hours. This project has been recognized by the Harvard Ash Center as the 2015 "Bright Idea in Government."

The Samuel Swett Green Award was awarded to **Amy Ryan**, board chair of the Digital Public Library of America and former president of the Boston Public Library. Ms. Ryan helped bring the Boston Public Library into the 21st century, envisioning what the future of libraries may look like. Under her leadership, BPL's Library of Last Recourse became the Library for the Commonwealth, the renovation of the Johnson building began to make the building more welcoming and user-friendly, and branch library services were expanded throughout the city, including the construction of the brand new East Boston branch. During Ms. Ryan's tenure, the Digital Commonwealth reached its potential of opening access to archived materials not just to Massachusetts residents but to the entire world.

The Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast Award was awarded to **Ed Markey**, United States Senator. Throughout his time in Congress, Senator Markey has worked hard to protect telecommunications and ensure fair and equal access for all Americans. In 1996, he authored the E-Rate Program to help provide discounts to libraries and schools for affordable Internet access and connectivity. This program has expanded Internet access all over the country and connected those who cannot afford to be connected on their own. In 2012, President Obama expanded the program to reach even more libraries and schools. Since its implementation, \$42 billion has been used to connect libraries and schools to the Internet and grant access to our most vulnerable populations.

The Elizabeth P. Sohler Award was awarded to **Katherine Dibble**, former MBLC Commissioner. In 2003, she was appointed by Governor Romney to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and served on the Board until 2012, including two years as chair. During her time as Commissioner, the MBLC saw a renaissance in library construction, advanced the Green Library Incentive to support sustainable library buildings, pushed for high-speed Internet access across the state, created STEM and STEAM grants, and grants to support job seekers during the economic downturn. Throughout her career, Ms. Dibble has been a tireless advocate for the expansion of access to materials for all citizens of the Commonwealth. She continues that work today as a member of the board of the Massachusetts Friends of Libraries.

Boston Bruins and Summer Library Fun



Over 1.4 million children, teens, and adults have participated in summer reading since the Bruins began partnering with the MBLC 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. During the summer break, Boston Bruins mascot, Blades, 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 also includes librarian picks for the best hockey books.

Boston Bruins Extend Summer Library Partnership to New Hampshire

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and the Boston Bruins extended their summer reading partnership north to New Hampshire for summer 2016, sharing resources and materials with the New Hampshire State Library.



"Through our partnership with Massachusetts libraries, we recognize how important it is for kids and teens to keep reading during the summer months," said Bruins Director of Community Relations Kerry Collins. The Bruins partnership with the MBLC and the Massachusetts Library System began in 2009. Since then over 1.4 million children, teens and adults have participated in summer library programming.

"We're pleased to be able to work with the New Hampshire State Library to offer some of the same resources that have benefited libraries in Massachusetts," Ms. Collins added.

Among the resources the New Hampshire State Library received were the Bruins "READ" posters and "Outstanding Reader" certificates. To celebrate the 2016 Summer Library Program theme of wellness, fitness, and sports, the posters and certificates featured Bruins Captain Zdeno Chara. New Hampshire also received the Favorite Books of the Boston Bruins."



The MBLC works with the Bruins to develop the posters, certificates, recommended read list, activity sheets, and crafts. **"One of the best things libraries do is share resources,"** MBLC Director Dianne Carty said. **"We're pleased to have the opportunity to share and exchange ideas with New Hampshire. Their participation will only strengthen what has already been an amazing partnership with the Bruins, who demonstrate year after year that they are invested in promoting literacy."** Children and teens in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire also had the opportunity to win special Bruins prizes including Bruins pucks and jerseys signed by Chara, as well as at-game experiences like riding the Zamboni, high-fiving the players as they take the ice, and sitting on the Bruins bench during pre-game warmups.



The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Asks Residents: "What's Your Four?"



Children who read just four books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books. Because of this, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) challenged all Massachusetts residents to pick four books to read over the summer months and to share their selections on social media through a campaign called "What's Your Four?"

Among the hundreds of people who posted to social media using the hashtag #WhatsYourFour are six prominent Massachusetts officials: State Auditor Suzanne Bump, State Representative Jim Dwyer, State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Attorney General Maura Healey, Secretary of Education Jim Peyser, and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.

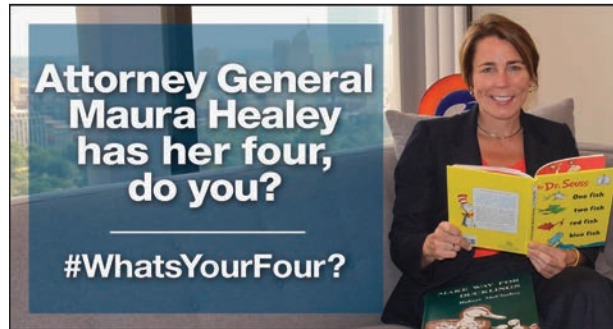
The hashtag #WhatsYourFour was used over 400 times across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, with over 500 books read and recommended. This is the first summer the MBLC ran the campaign and plans to continue it for summer 2017. More information about the Massachusetts Statewide Summer Reading Program, including details about this campaign and the academic benefits of summer reading, can be found at www.readsinma.org.

The following are the book selections made by the Massachusetts state officials that participated:

Auditor Bump: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, *The Translator* by Daoud Hari, *The Waters of Eternal Youth* by Donna Leon, and *To Have and Have Not* by Ernest Hemingway.

Representative Dwyer: *Fenway Park 1912* by Glenn Stout, *In the President's Secret Service* by Ronald Kessler, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

Treasurer Goldberg: *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond* by Lilly Ledbetter, *Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men - and What To Do About It* by Evelyn Murphy, *Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday* by Judith Viorst, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.



Attorney General Healey: *Hamilton* by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter, *Dreamland: The Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* by Sam Quinones, *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey, and *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss.



Secretary of Education Jim Peyser has his four, do you?

#WhatsYourFour?

Secretary Peyser: *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Federalist Papers*, and *A Brief History of Time* by Stephen Hawking.

Mayor Walsh: *Leonard: My Fifty Year Relationship with a Remarkable Man* by William Shatner, *A Lucky Irish Lad* by Kevin O'Hara, *Bound for the Promised Land* by Kate Clifford Larson, and *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving.





Small Libraries Forum: Being Big in a Small Way

On September 23, 2015, the first Small Libraries Forum: Being Big in a Small Way was held. Hundreds of librarians, trustees, and friends attended this conference focused on the issues that are particular to small libraries. Ruth Kowell, former Director of Library Services at Boston Public Library (BPL) and Regional Administrator for Central and Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, delivered the Keynote Address.

Sessions included: The Digital Commonwealth, presented by Anna Fahey-Flynn, Collaborative Library Services Manager at Boston Public Library. Ms. Fahey-Flynn highlighted the digitization program at BPL and let attendees know that BPL will help any library organize and digitize materials for free.

Millis Library Director Alex Lent presented Ubuntu Laptops in the Library: Flexible, Affordable, Easy in which he discussed how he found an affordable way to provide updated laptops in his library.

Cindy Roach, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC, talked about the MBLC's Small Libraries in Network Program, which provides funding to assist small libraries in becoming Network members.

Crowd-sourcing and Volunteers: How to Engage Users to a Useful End was presented by Mary Warnement, William D. Hacker Head of Reader Services at the Boston Athenaeum. Ms. Warnement spoke about the way volunteers have assisted with some of the online resources at the library.

The Small Libraries Forum was made possible through a collaboration between the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System. Federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services supported the forum.

Construction Grant Awards

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) awarded General Construction Provisional Grants to two communities as part of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP). Those communities were:

Municipality	Library	Award
Sherborn	Sherborn Public Library	\$3,633,603
Leicester	Leicester Public Library	\$4,233,264

New Grant Round Authorized

At its May 5, 2016 Board Meeting, the MBLC authorized the 2016-2017 Library Construction Grant round under the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program. The MBLC anticipates announcing provisional grant awards in July, 2017.

The average MPLCP Library Construction Grant award is 45-50% of the eligible costs. A local financial commitment of no less than 25% of the project's eligible costs is required. The MBLC also offers Green Library Incentives which help offset the cost of incorporating environmentally friendly and energy-efficient systems and materials in library building projects. Projects that attain the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification will receive 2-3.5% of the grant award in additional state funds administered by the MBLC.

Funding for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program is authorized by the governor and state legislature. The MPLCP was first funded by a state bond authorization in 1987.

2016 Projects

Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

Groundbreakings

The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP)

Many public libraries struggle to meet the growing demand for library services in buildings that were built to serve much smaller populations and well before technology became essential to economic and educational development. The MPLCP works with local communities to assist with major capital improvement projects that involve building new facilities, expanding and renovating an existing library building, or adapting and reusing another building for use as a library.

MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish (left) is joined by Senator Karen Spilka at the groundbreaking of the Hopkinton Public Library project.

Hopkinton Public Library

Date: March 11, 2016

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$10,537,968

MBLC Grant: \$4,533,580

Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates

The project will take the library from 5,783 square feet to over 22,000 square feet and will include a new conference room, a multipurpose and program room, and a children's area.





Current Library Director Jessi Finnie (left) and former Director Kathleen Meeker dig in at the Scituate Town Library groundbreaking.

Scituate Public Library

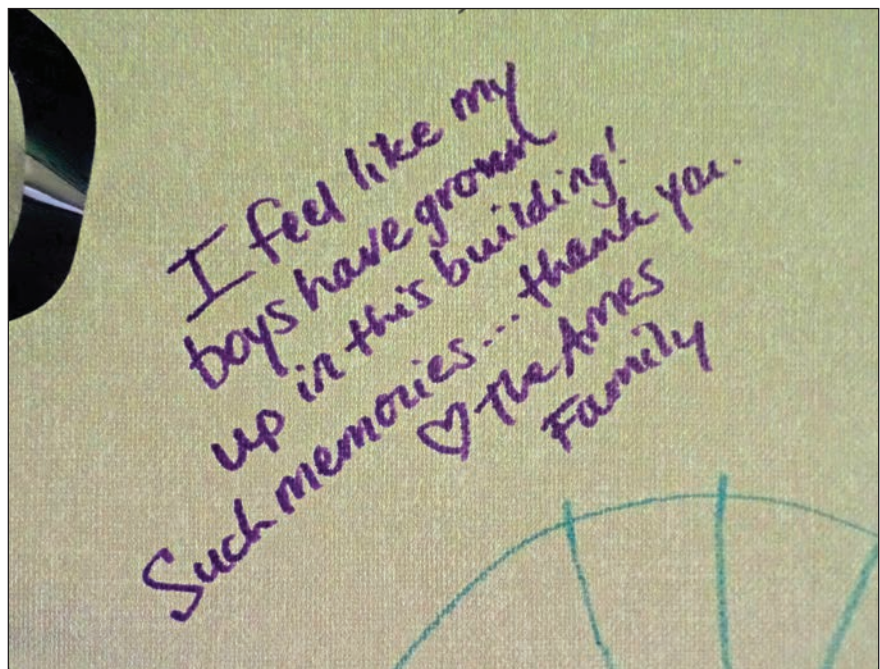
Date: September 1, 2015

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$11,787,116

MBLC Grant: \$4,985,480

Architect: Oudens Ello

The project will add 7,000 square feet of space and update the current library building. It will enhance technology resources, expand children's and teen's rooms with program and homework areas and all spaces will be ADA compliant.



Hundreds of patrons wrote messages like these to the library on the walls before construction began on the new building.

2016 Projects

Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP)

Openings

Christa McAuliffe Branch of Framingham Public Library

Date: May 15, 2016

Total Project Cost: \$13,456,833

MBLC Grant: \$4,186,560

Architect: Finegold Alexander



The McAuliffe Branch project replaces the 1963 Saxonville branch and was renamed in honor of the astronaut after she died in the 1986 Challenger disaster. Located in the Nobscot section of Framingham, the new library is a contemporary building that features a soaring roof in the shape of a wing that lifts over the main reading areas for adults and children. While the floor plan is open and flexible, there is a large children's room separated from the rest of the library with glass walling. The library also features state-of-the-art technology and has a community meeting room that can be used after hours.



Salisbury Library Director Terry Kyrios cuts the ribbon to welcome residents and officials into the new library.

Salisbury Public Library

Date: October 2, 2015

Total Project Cost: \$7,790,541

MBLC Grant: \$3,856,187

LEED: Gold Certified

Green Library Incentive: \$115,686

Architect: Design Partnership of Cambridge

The original 1956 building was demolished and replaced with a new modern facility in the same location, increasing the space from 3,047 to 16,027 square feet. 2015 marks the 130th anniversary of the Salisbury Public Library, founded at a town meeting in 1885. Library Director Terry Kyrios noted that the new building was a fitting way to celebrate the anniversary. The fully accessible new library includes a children's room, teen space, multi-purpose room, and increased space for the town's collection.

The new children's room at West Springfield Public Library is a bright, welcoming, flexible space for children and families.



West Springfield Library Director Antonia Golinski-Foisys (center) said,

"We're so proud of what our community was able to accomplish."

She is joined by MBLC Commissioners Jan Resnick (left) and Mary Kronholm.



West Springfield Public Library

Date: April 2, 2016

Total Project Cost: \$14,676,099

MBLC Grant: \$6,276,143

LEED: Silver Certified

Green Library Incentive: \$156,904

Architect: Caolo & Bieniek

The new facility, which drew 1,000 visitors the first day it opened in January and has since been averaging 500 to 600 visits a day, was expanded from 19,300 sq. ft. to a 36,700 sq. ft. modern library. The space features a young adult room, a new children's room, a dedicated space for English classes, and a community meeting room that seats 150 people and is available after hours. It also provides increased access to technology. The library operates with energy efficient, money saving building systems, complies with health and safety codes, and meets ADA mandates.

MBLC Awards More Than \$300,000 in Direct Grants to Libraries

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) awarded \$310,149 in 29 grants to public, academic, school and special libraries across the Commonwealth under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in FY2015.

“We're excited about innovative local library projects that came through this grant round. Librarians have developed programs and projects that really speak to the needs of their communities and their residents,”

said Cindy Roach, head of library advisory and development at the MBLC.

One such program is in Westborough. A survey of Metrowest adolescents revealed an increasing trend of mental health issues among teens in Westborough. As the Westborough High School library is considered the heart of the school and is busy from opening to closing, the library used an **Innovative** LSTA grant from the MBLC to bring mental health and wellness resources to the forefront for freshman health classes, as well as senior psychology students and students diagnosed with emotional disorders.

The library worked with the faculty to integrate relevant library resources into the curriculum and assist students with developing their digital literacy skills to take advantage of these resources. They also partnered with the Westborough Public Library through a shared town-wide literacy project book that explores themes of mental health and relationships.



Libraries also addressed the need for better STEM/STEAM (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**ath) skills in children and teens. Thirteen science-focused grants were awarded that help libraries develop programming to connect young people with the world of science and art around them.

Newton Free Library used an *Innovative* LSTA grant from the MBLC to expand the library's successful STEAM programming to include computer coding and robotics for children and parents, tweens and teens, and adults. Participants experienced tangible real-time results from manipulating robotic and circuitry equipment while obtaining valuable STEM and 21st century skills. Robotics teaches coding without confining learners to individual computer stations, allowing the library to hold technology programs outside of the adult public computer lab, spreading throughout the library and at outreach events.

With an LSTA grant from the MBLC, the Woods Memorial Library in Barre collaborated with the Fobes Memorial Library (Oakham), Hubbardston Public Library, and the Petersham Memorial Library to provide continuing education workshops for staff to help them better serve residents. This collaborative effort provided training in technology, intellectual freedom, new trends in library services, and practical application of new skills acquired. The grant makes it possible for library staff to take part in educational opportunities that are typically out of reach due to geographic location, budgetary restrictions, and limited resources.

A complete list of the awards can be viewed on the following pages. Descriptions of all LSTA grant opportunities are available on the MBLC website.

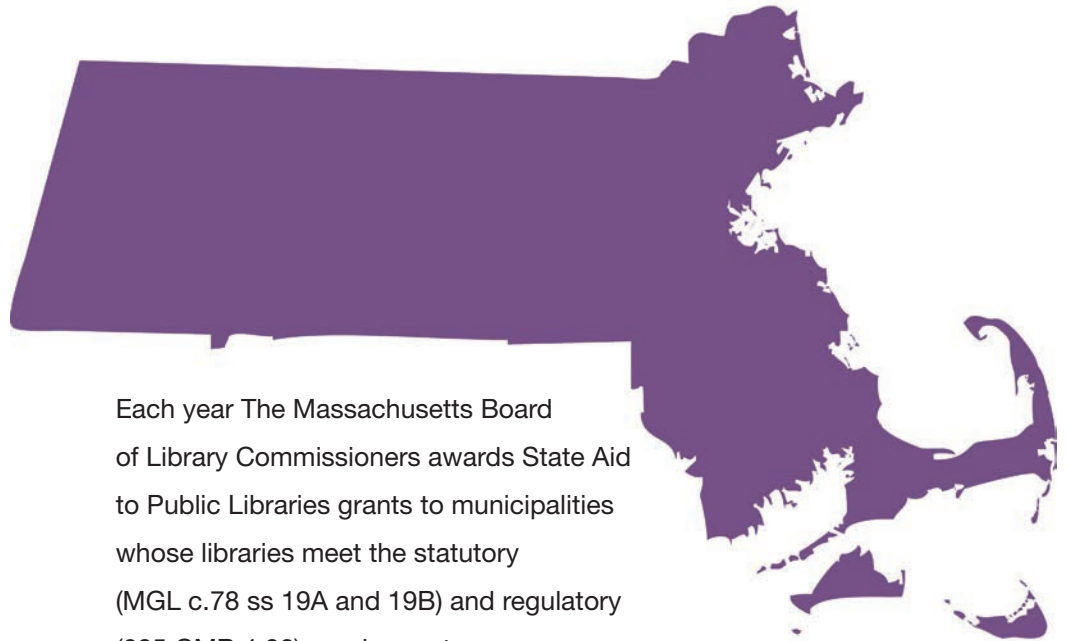
LSTA Grant Information

Municipality	Name	Grant Category	Amount Recommended
Amesbury	Amesbury Public Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Attleboro	Attleboro Free Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Barre	Woods Memorial Library	Customer Experience	\$9,750
Blackstone	Blackstone Public Library	Pathways to Success	\$5,000
Boston	Congregational Library & Archives	Preservation Assessmemt	\$4,200
Brockton	Brockton Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Concord	Concord Free Public Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Dracut	M.G. Parker Memorial Library	Reader's Advisory	\$15,000
Falmouth	Falmouth Public Library	Customer Experience	\$10,000
Grafton	Grafton Public Lbrary	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Hingham	Hingham Public Library	Preservation of Library and Archival Materials	\$30,000
Lenox	Lenox Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Mattapoissett	Mattapoissett Free Public Library	Reader's Advisory	\$7,200
Medway	Medway Public Library	Science is Everywhere	\$7,500
Middleborough	Middleborough Public Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500

LSTA Grant Information

Municipality	Name	Grant Category	Amount Recommended
Milford	Milford Town Library	Preservation Assessment	\$4,200
Newton	Newton Free Library	Innovative	\$16,709
Northbridge	Whitinsville Social Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Norwood	Morrill Memorial Public Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Pembroke	Pembroke Public Library	Science is Everywhere	\$7,500
Pittsfield	Berkshire Athenaeum	Serving People with Disabilities	\$17,500
Shirley	Hazen Memorial Library	Science is Everywhere	\$7,500
Spencer	Richard Sugden Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
Sudbury	Goodnow Library	Serving People with Disabilities	\$10,600
West Boylston	Beaman Memorial Public Library	Full Steam Ahead	\$7,500
West Newbury	G.A.R. Memorial Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Westborough	Westborough High School Library	Innovative	\$5,000
Weymouth	Weymouth Public Libraries	Manuscript Arrangement and Description	\$29,990
Yarmouth	Yarmouth Town Libraries	Customer Experience	\$10,000

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.

For the FY 2016 State Aid to Public Libraries program, 343 communities were certified with 294 of those communities meeting full program requirements. Commissioners approved waivers of the Municipal Appropriations Requirement (MAR) for 49 communities. Two communities, Sandwich and New Bedford, had disproportionate budget cuts that exceeded 5%. Sandwich's disproportionate reduction was 9.55%; New Bedford's was 6.91%.

Commissioners initially denied Sandwich's application for a MAR waiver. However, the Commission later voted to grant the appeal of the FY 2016 Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) to Sandwich, rescinding its denial of the waiver on February 4. This action certified the library to participate in the FY2016 State Aid to Public Libraries program.

Libraries not certified in the State Aid program, FY2016

1. Alford	Did not apply - last applied FY 1988
2. Groveland	Ineligible to apply
3. Hancock	Did not apply - last applied FY 1975
4. Monroe	Did not apply - has never applied
5. New Ashford	Ineligible - no library service
6. Savoy	Did not apply - has never applied
7. Tyringham	Did not apply - last applied FY 1961
8. Wareham	Did not apply

	Funding for State Fiscal Year 2016	
7000-9101	MBLC Administration	\$1,077,431
7000-9401	* State Aid to Regional Public Libraries	\$9,938,482
7000-9402	Talking Book Library (Worcester)	\$446,828
7000-9406	Talking Book & Machine Lending (Perkins)	\$2,516,693
7000-9501	State Aid to Public Libraries	\$9,029,000
7000-9506	Library Technology & Resource Sharing	\$2,116,564
	Massachusetts Center for the Book	\$200,000
*Library for the Commonwealth \$0.407 for each resident of the Commonwealth		
Library Services and Technology Act Funding (Federal)		\$3,220,591
State Capital Funds for Library Construction		\$19,589,557

Agency Staff

Administrative Unit

Dianne Carty
Director

Celeste Bruno
Communications Director

Matthew Perry
Outreach Coordinator

William J. Morton
*Assistant to the Director
(until June 2016)*

Operations and Budget

Barbara G. Glazerman
Head of Operations and Budget

Amy Clayton
*Receptionist
(June, 2016 start as
Administrative Coordinator
in Library Advisory
and Development)*

Terry D'Angelo
*Business Office
Administrative Assistant*

Susan Gibson
Accountant V

Deborah Roth
Contracts Specialist

Data, Technology, Construction and State Aid Unit

Mary Rose Quinn
*Head of State Programs,
Government Liaison, DTECS*

Liz Babbitt
State Aid Specialist

Ann Downey
EDP Systems Analyst

Callan Bittrich
Web Coordinator

Paul J. Kissman
*Library Information
Systems Specialist*

Uechi Ng
*State Aid
Administrative Assistant*

Lauren Stara
Library Building Consultant

Rosemary Waltos
Library Building Consultant

Library Advisory and Development

Cindy Roach
*Head of Library Advisory
and Development
(until March 2016)*

Erin Williams Hart
*Trustee/Friends
Information Specialist*

Marlene Heroux
*Reference Information
Systems Specialist
(until June 2016)*

Rachel Masse
*Administrative Coordinator
(start June 2016 as
Assistant to the Director)*

Shelley Quezada
Consultant to the Underserved

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall
Preservation Specialist

Sharon Zitser
*Public Library Advisory
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