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Governor Appoints 2 new Commissioners

Karen Traub of Shutesbury was appointed by Governor Charles D. Baker to serve on the nine-member Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in September 2021. Commissioner Traub served as a Library Trustee in Wendell from 1997-2000, and in Shutesbury from 2002-2012 where she helped develop and update library policies and governing documents. During her time as a Shutesbury Trustee, she took a leadership role in planning for a new Shutesbury library, urging the town to save annually towards the project and assisted in writing a MPLCP grant. Shutesbury was awarded a $40,000 planning and design grant in 2007 and a provisional construction grant totaling more than $2 million in 2011. Ms. Traub has also served on the MBLC's State Advisory Council of Libraries (SACL) from 2014-2020. A graduate of the Newport MFA, Traub holds an M.Ed. from Cambridge College, and a B.A. from McGill University.

Jessica Vilas Novas of Lawrence was appointed by Governor Charles D. Baker to serve on the nine-member Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in March 2022. Ms. Vilas Novas became the first Latina Commissioner to serve. She is currently the founder and principal of JVN Management Solutions LLC which provides leadership and management guidance to local organizations and small businesses. Previously, she served as library director in Lawrence where under her leadership capital projects improved accessibility, the library went fine-free, budget increases created new positions and restored main branch weekend hours. Ms. Vilas Novas is active in the community, as a member of the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library, a board member at MASSCreative, and an advisor for the Essex County Community Foundation's digital equity coalition. Ms. Vilas Novas is a former member of the MBLC's State Advisory Council on Libraries (SACL), and currently serves on MBLC's Public Relations Advisory Committee. Ms. Vilas Novas graduated with an M.Ed in Community Engagement from Merrimack College. She received her MLIS from Simmons College, and has a Bachelor of Science from Northeastern University

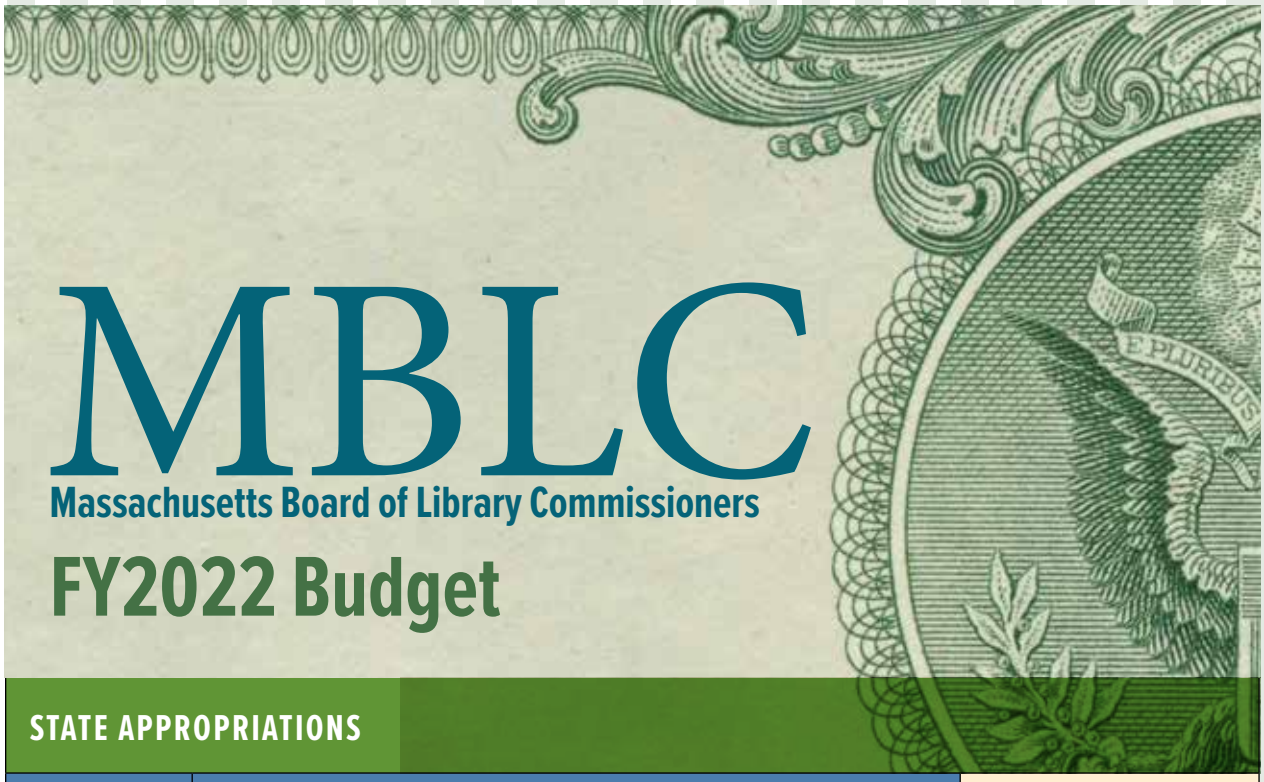
In Memoriam

Alice Welch was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick in 2010, she served on the Commission until 2019. As an MBLC Commissioner, she worked to expand the MBLC's interaction with these vital groups and stressed the importance of Friends and Trustees working well together to benefit libraries. Ms. Welch served as the board liaison to the Massachusetts Friends of Libraries and the Massachusetts Library Trustee Association.

As MBLC liaison to the State Advisory Council on Libraries (SACL), Ms. Welch worked with other members of the council to shape the federal Library Science and Technology Act (LSTA) grant offerings. Ms. Welch's library career spanned more than twenty years. As the Director of Library Services for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Ms. Welch facilitated access to critical healthcare information for Department of Public Health employees as well other state agencies and patrons from both the public and private sector. She developed collections and information to address pressing healthcare needs including a specialized collection of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) materials for veterans. A Massachusetts native, Ms. Welch earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clark University and went on to attain her Master of Library Science from the University of Rhode Island. She was with her family in West Virginia at the time of her passing.

Commissioners FY2022

			APPOINTED
MARY ANN CLUGGISH	**of Wellesley**	Chair	2011
DEBBY CONRAD	**of Marshfield**	Vice Chair	2020
DEBORAH V.H. ABRAHAM	**of Needham**	Secretary	2018
LESLIE D. BALL	**of Scituate**		2018
VICKY BIANCOLO	**of Pittsfield**		2021
GEORGE T. COMEAU, ESQ	**of Canton**		2021
STACY DEBOLE	**of Swampscott**		2019
MARY KRONHOLML	**of Blandford**		2011
N. JANEEN RESNICK	**of South Hadley**		2012



MBLC

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

FY2022 Budget

STATE APPROPRIATIONS		
7000-9101	Board of Library Commissioners	$1,702,272
7000-9401	Regional Libraries Local Aid	$13,516,000
7000-9402	Talking Book Program (Worcester)	$496,732
7000-9406	Talking Book Program (Watertown)	$2,828,147
7000-9501	Public Libraries Local Aid	$13,000,000
7000-9506	Library Technology & Automated Resource-Sharing Networks	$4,518,373
7000-9508	Center for the Book	$300,000
	Total	**$36,361,524**

7000-9702	LSTA Federal Spending (LSTA)	$3,441,168
7000-9704	CARES Act	$1.324
7000-9091	Construction (2014 bond) Capital Funds	$19,999,231

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State Aid to Public Libraries

The State Aid to Public Libraries program is vital to the operation of the successful statewide library system because it provides the basis for sharing library resources across the Commonwealth. Libraries that are certified in the state aid program work together to give residents access to more than 59 million items beyond what their local library is able to offer and there are many other benefits to state aid certification. The State Aid to Public Libraries Program is funded through state budget line 7000-9501.

Participation in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program is voluntary. It is administered in accordance with statutory and regulatory minimum standards of free public library service. The program encourages municipalities to support and improve public library service, compensates for disparities among municipal funding capacities, and offsets the cost of circulating public library materials to residents across the state.

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STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Fiscal Year 2022 Statistical Summary

- Number of public libraries in Massachusetts 369
- Number of municipalities *with* public library service 350
- Number of municipalities *without* public library service (New Ashford) 1
- Number of Massachusetts municipalities 351

Certification to Receive FY2022 State Aid to Public Libraries

- Number of municipalities that filed FY2022 State Aid to Public Libraries applications 347
- Number of municipalities denied MAR waiver and certification to receive FY2022 State Aid to Public Libraries 0
- Number of municipalities that were ineligible or did not apply for FY2022 State Aid to Public Libraries ….4
- Number of municipalities that received FY2022 State Aid to Public Libraries 347

FY2022 Waivers of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR)

- Number of municipalities that applied for a waiver of the FY2022 MAR 36
- Number of municipalities that withdrew waiver applications in FY2022 8
- Number of municipalities denied a waiver of the FY2022 MAR 0
- Number of municipalities granted a waiver on appeal of the denial 0
- Total number of municipalities that received a waiver of the FY2022 MAR 28
- Number of those municipalities that received a waiver with reservation of the FY2022 MAR (budgets reduced 5% more than average of other municipal departments) 0

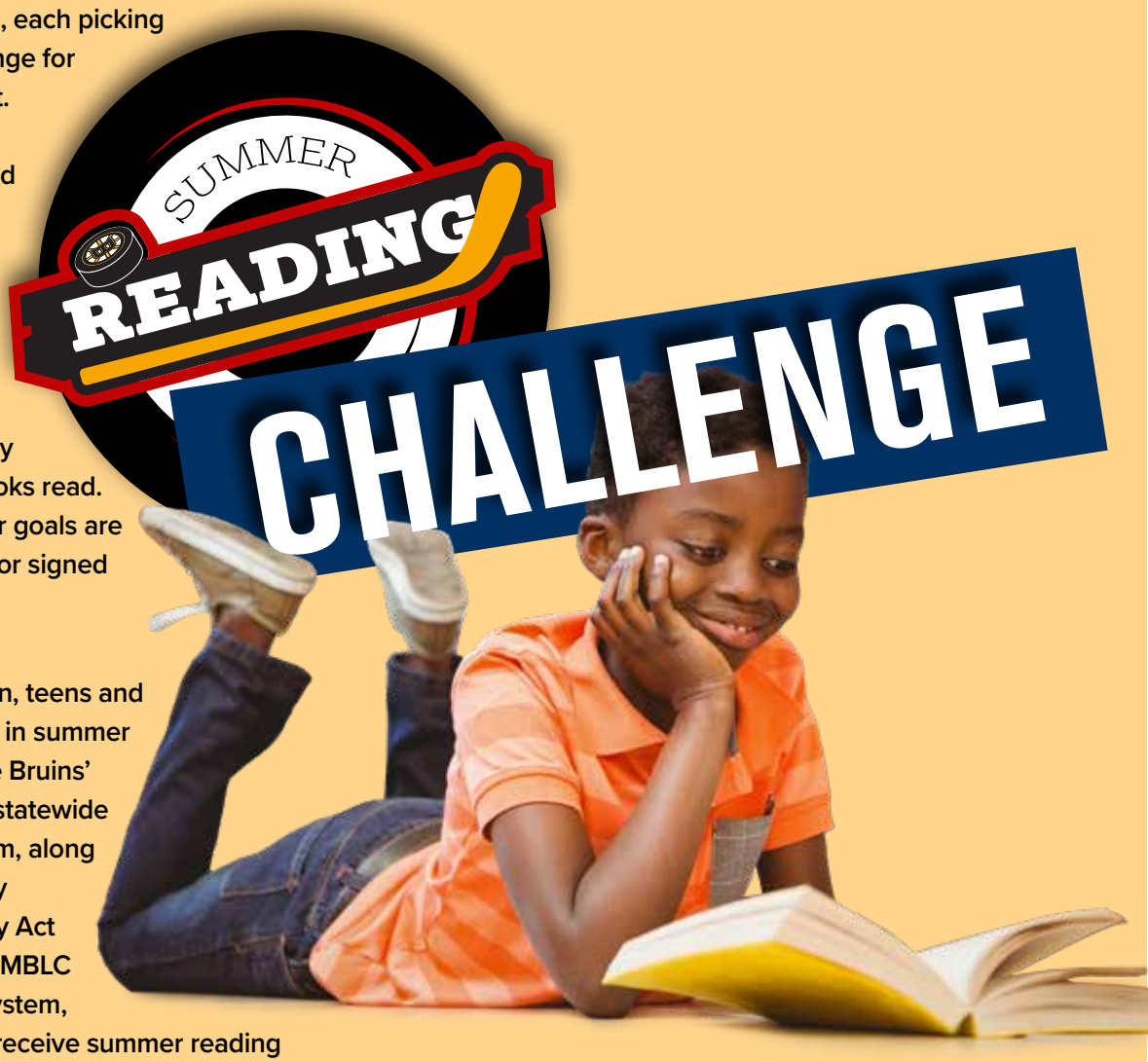
FY2022 Financial Activity

- FY2022 State Aid to Public Libraries legislative appropriation……$13,000,000
  - Disbursed Library Incentive Grant (LIG)……$7,044,819.29
  - Disbursed Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG)……$4,626,115.69
  - Disbursed Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC) ……$1,329,065.02

- **TOTAL disbursed State Aid to Public Libraries Program $13,000,000**

Libraries across the Commonwealth participated in the **Third Annual First Lady of the Commonwealth and Blades Summer Reading Challenge**. The challenge began in 2020 as an option for libraries that moved summer reading to fully remote during the pandemic and runs from July 1 to August 16. Bruins mascot Blades visited libraries participating in the Summer Challenge for a special story time with First Lady Lauren Baker.

In total, 31 libraries from across Massachusetts signed up to participate, each picking their own unique challenge for their community to meet. Needham Free Public Library's goal was to read 120,000 minutes, the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library set a goal for at least 25 participants to sign up, and the Leominster Public Library had a goal of 10,000 books read. Libraries who reach their goals are entered into a drawing for signed Bruins gear.



Over four million children, teens and adults have participated in summer reading since 2009. The Bruins' financial support of the statewide summer reading program, along with federal IMLS Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding from the MBLC and the Mass. Library System, has allowed libraries to receive summer reading materials at no cost. Some participating libraries are using Beanstack, which is made available through a grant from the MBLC, to track their summer progress.

First Lady of the Commonwealth Lauren Baker celebrated the 15th annual Boston Bruins Pajama drive at the Weymouth's Tufts Library. She was joined by Bruins mascot Blades for a special story time, craft, and games.

The Boston Bruins PJ Drive benefits the Wonderfund of Massachusetts and Cradles to Crayons. The PJ Drive's goal is to collect 5,000 pairs of new pajamas. Many of the pajamas donated go to local Department of Children and Families (DCF) offices, connected through the Wonderfund, to benefit babies, children, and teens. Pajamas will also be given to the organization Cradles to Crayons which is a longtime partner with the Bruins and the PJ Drive.

Bruins forward P.J. Axelsson and his wife, Siw, started the PJ Drive during the Boston Bruins 2007-2008 season as a way to give back to their community. The couple collected 1,600 pairs of pajamas for Cradles to Crayons which connects with social service agencies to identify specific children in need. Libraries from across the state have joined the Drive and collected over 53,000 pairs of pajamas since 2014.

First Lady Lauren Baker Celebrates the 15th Annual

BOSTON BRUINS PJ DRIVE

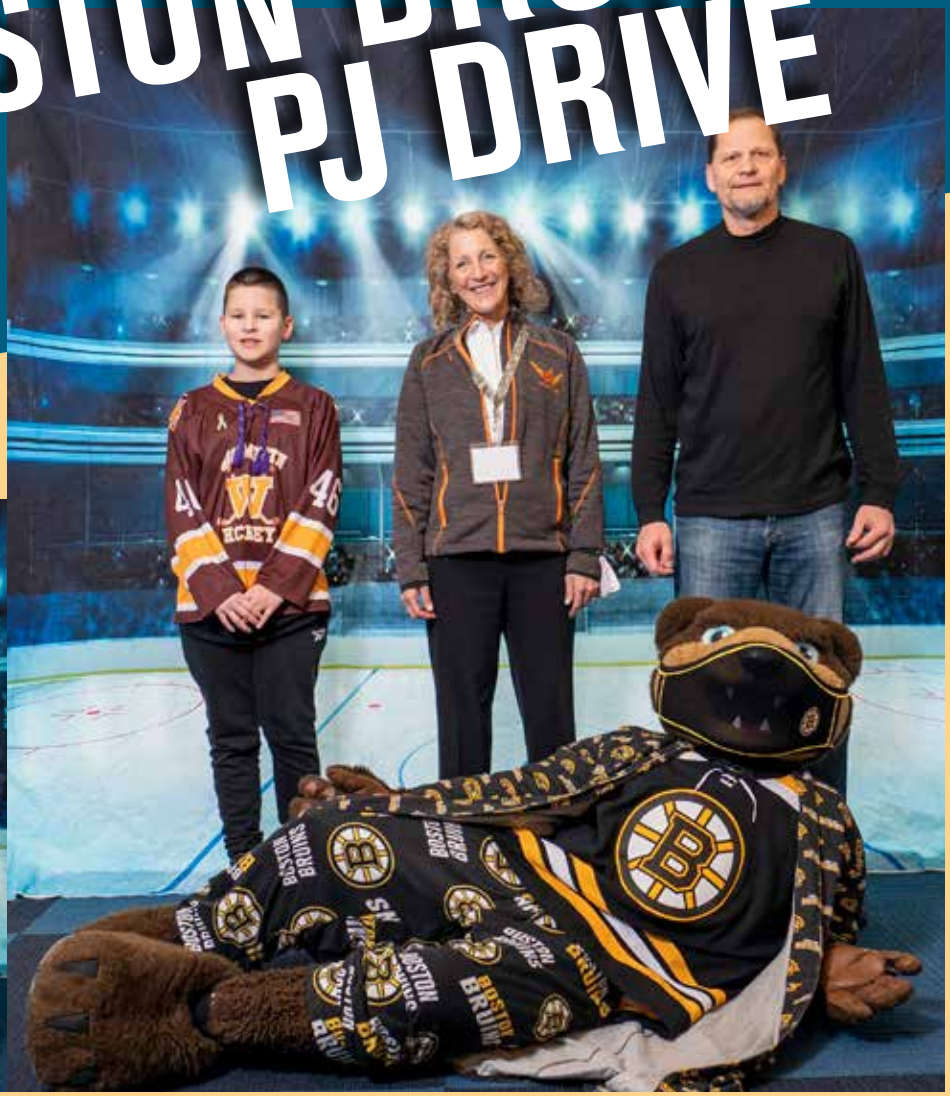


PHOTO ON THE LEFT

Left to right: Mayor Robert Hedlund, Senator Patrick O'Connor, Blades, Representative James M. Murphy

PHOTO ON THE RIGHT

Left to right: participant, First Lady Laura Baker, Mayor Robert Hedlund, Blades (lying down)



MBLC Supporting COVID-19 Recovery in Hard-Hit Communities

MBLC distributed $975,000 in ARPA funds to support libraries in 20 communities identified as “hard hit by COVID-19” by Governor Baker’s office. These funds were used to develop programs and services aimed at helping communities recover from the pandemic. Nineteen communities each received $50,000, while one community received $25,000, based on their funding requests.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health designated the following communities as the most severely impacted by COVID-19: Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, and Worcester. According to the Department of Health, these communities were selected based on high case rates, social determinants of health, and the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. The Department emphasized that historic discriminatory and exclusionary practices have shaped these communities, influencing residents’ health and access to opportunities that promote wellness.

In addition to the funding provided to these 20 communities, grants of $50,000 each were awarded to the Perkins Library, the Worcester Talking Book Library, and the Massachusetts Center for the Book. These organizations used the funds to expand programming, training, and outreach initiatives, further supporting residents across the Commonwealth.



INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

Grant Highlights

Lawrence: Lawrence will use funding to complete the "Welcome Center," a newly outfitted area of the Library with a new welcome desk, tables and chairs, software to effectively organize community resources for dissemination, programs for the community to engage with the Center and the marketing of those program, and childcare for parents who need to set up one on one appointments with a member of the team.

Leominster, New Bedford, and Springfield: These cities will purchase new Outreach Vans, an updated version of the Bookmobile. The vans will allow them to go to neighborhoods around the city and reach people who may not otherwise be able to access library services.

Brockton: Funds will be used to purchase an inflatable planetarium. The library will then create a lending program around it, which will enable elementary schools, middle schools, and organizations in the community to have access to planetarium technology as a community service of the Brockton Public Library.

The MBLC received American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Their mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. IMLS' grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. ***To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.***

FY 22 ARPA Funding Summary

MBLC effectively utilized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding to address critical community needs, particularly in the areas of mental health, digital equity, and accessibility. These federal funding programs were designed to help communities address local needs in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. MBLC allocated funding in several ways.

Mental Health Initiatives

- Mental Health First Aid Training: MBLC expanded its training to include both youth and adult mental health, equipping library staff to recognize, understand, and respond to mental health challenges.
- Partnership with Walker Cares: The collaboration has enhanced libraries' roles as referral systems, connecting individuals with necessary support. Since April 2021, 191 participants have attended 15 classes on youth mental health first aid, funded through federal CARES Act and ARPA funds. The majority of the participants said that they learned something from the training, and intend to apply what they learned in their communities.

Digital Equity Initiatives

- Hotspot Lending Program: MBLC has distributed 3,000 hotspots to over 200 public libraries, providing internet access to thousands of residents using $1.5 million in federal funding. The MBLC created a hotspot map to help users find a library near them where they can borrow one.
- Addressing Digital Divide: The program aims to reduce the digital divide, especially for underserved communities and those affected by the pandemic. The internet access allows patrons to access much needed data and information for school and work, and help alleviate isolation individuals are experiencing.

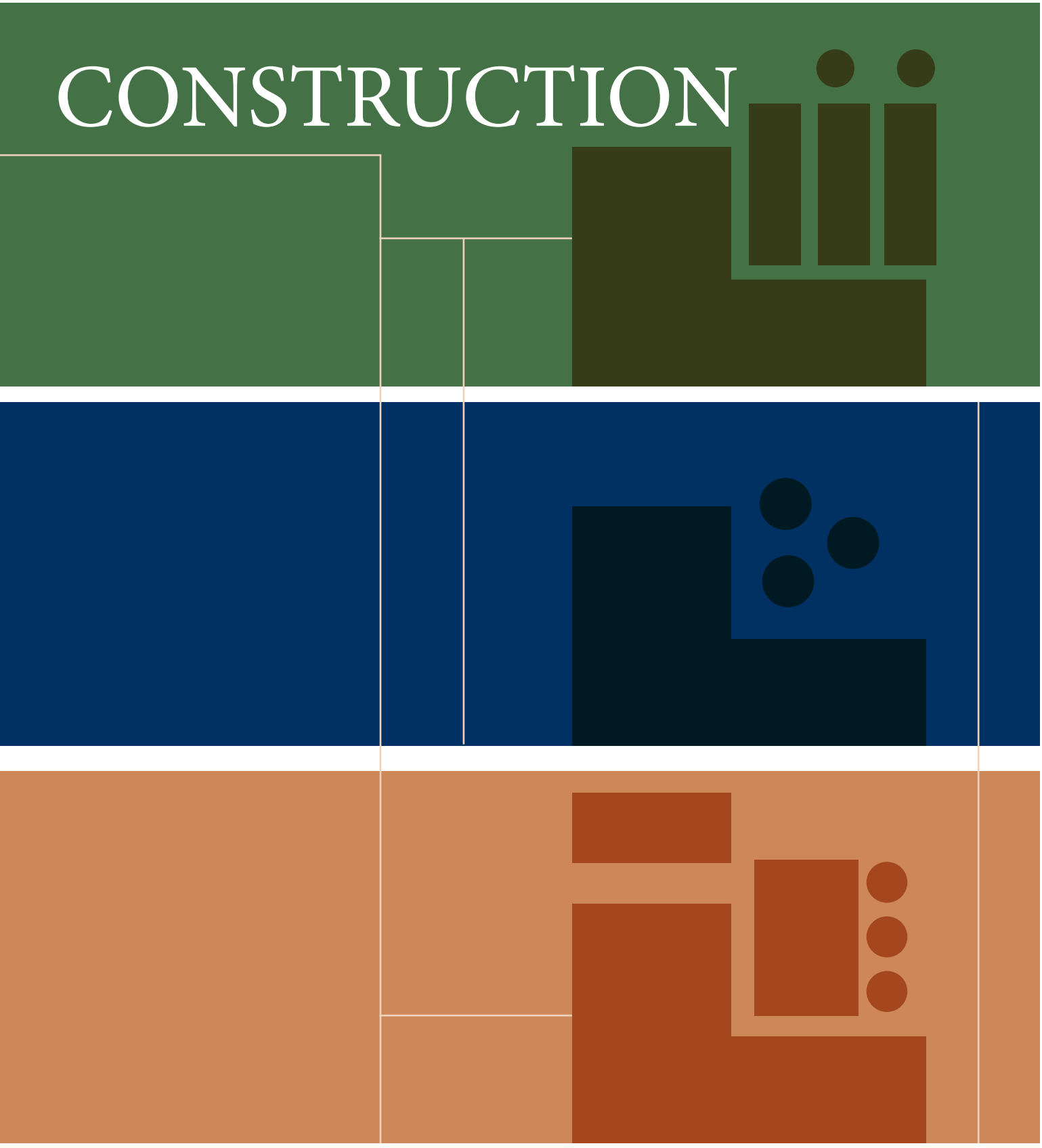
Accessibility Initiatives

- Accessibility Training: MBLC has partnered with Perkins Access to offer workshops on creating accessible digital materials and experiences for individuals with disabilities demonstrating an ongoing commitment to bridging the digital divide.
- Inclusive Library Environments: The workshops have empowered librarians to make libraries more welcoming and inclusive spaces for all.

Overall, MBLC's ARPA-funded initiatives have significantly enhanced the quality of life for Massachusetts residents by addressing critical needs in mental health, digital equity, and accessibility, fostering a more inclusive and equitable community.

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CONSTRUCTION



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Construction News

JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30 2022

Grants Awarded

Small Library Pilot Project Construction Grant Shutesbury

Date: April 7, 2022
MBLC Grant: not to exceed $6,000,000
Architect: Finegold Alexander Architects

Source:
https://mblc.state.ma.us/news/news-releases/2022/nr220407.php

Melrose Public Library

Date: July 8, 2021
MBLC Grant: $7,993,290
Library Green Incentive: $279,765

Partial Awards

To meet spending targets established in the state's five-year capital plan, the Board may offer partial awards to libraries that have completed the building project or are under construction, but remaining on the waiting list for full funding.

On May 6, 2022, these libraries were awarded grants during the FY2017 MPLCP grant round.

Boston Public Library, Roxbury Branch

Partial payment: $2,444,882
MBLC Grant Total: $5,597,374
Opened: October 23, 2021

Cambridge Public Library, Valente Branch

Partial payment: $1,738,370
MBLC Grant Total: $3,879,407
Opening: October 26, 2019

Grafton Public Library

Partial payment: $2,444,882
MBLC Grant Total: $7,435,041
Dedication Date: December 17, 2021

Source:
https://mblc.state.ma.us/news/news-releases/2022/nr220506.php



MBLC Library Construction Recognized as Leader by Governor

Thanks to the innovative work being done by the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners was recently awarded a Leading by Example award. The MBLC was one of eleven Massachusetts state agencies, public higher education institutions, municipalities, and public sector individuals recognized by the Baker-Polito Administration for their leadership in promoting initiatives that reduce environmental impacts and associated energy costs of state operations.

The Leading by Example (LBE) program is administered by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and works collaboratively with state agencies and public colleges and universities to advance clean energy and sustainable practices that reduce the environmental impacts of state government operations.

At an award ceremony on December 10, 2021, MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish, MBLC Director James Lonergan and MBLC Library Building Specialists Andrea Bono-Bunker and Lauren Stara represented the agency. The MPLCP is integrating the goals of Executive Order 594 Leading By Example: Decarbonizing and Minimizing Environmental Impacts of State Government to support the construction of highly efficient public libraries across the Commonwealth. Over the last several years, the MPLCP helped fund the construction of green libraries that will use no or limited fossil fuels. Recently funded projects include an all-electric HVAC system and geothermal wells for the Cambridge Public Library, and an all-electric VRF HVAC system and infrastructure for a future solar PV installation at the Medford Public Library.



Group photo: (left to right)
Director, Leading by Example Program Eric Friedman; MBLC Director James Lonergan;
MBLC Building Specialists Lauren Stara and Andrea Bono-Bunker;
MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish, DOER Commissioner Patrick Woodcock

Source: MBLC Library Construction Recognized as Leader by Governor

Openings

Hadley, Hadley Public Library



Dedication Date : September 30, 2021
MBLC Grant: $3,905,625
Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.

The new building is 11,805 square feet, doubling in size. The new Library includes a children's room, teen space, community meeting room, new computers, and large windows that allow for natural light throughout.

Boston — Boston Public Library, Roxbury Branch



Dedication Date: October 23, 2021
MBLC Grant: $5,597,374
Architect: Utile Architecture & Planning

The Roxbury Branch is one of the largest in the Boston Public Library system at 27,000 square feet. The entire space is redesigned with community input for a welcoming and open library. The renovation included input from the community, including displays of public art from artists in the community, a dedicated space for African American literature, and a food lab, the first of its kind for Boston Public Library – a full professional kitchen that will host cooking classes and demonstrations. The project total was $17.2 million. Designed for sustainability, the project also includes a new roof, windows, insulation, HVAC and lighting.

Littleton — Reuben Hoar Library



Dedication Date : November 5, 2021
MBLC Grant: $5,884,747
Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.

The new library is fully accessible and expands the library's footprint from 16,000 sq. ft. to 23,000 sq. ft It includes a larger children's room and dedicated young adult space, quiet study rooms, community meeting space, a local history room, and space for reading that overlooks the wooded area behind the library. In addition to the MPLCP grant and funding from the town, the Friends of the Library raised $1 million in donations from 498 local businesses and residents.

Grafton — Grafton Public Library



MBLC Commissioner Karen Traub congratulates Library Director Beth Galloway

Dedication Date: December 17, 2021
MBLC Grant: $7,435,041
Architect: Utile Drummey Rosane Anderson

The newly renovated library includes both an addition and renovation of the 1927 original Georgian building, adding more than 22,000 square feet. The new library features a teen space with new computers and comfortable seating, and a dedicated space for children with space for reading and crafting. The new addition also boasts a large community room which can be used after hours, quiet study rooms and a climate-controlled area for historic collections. Outdoor patio space, which became important for programming during the pandemic, is accessible through both the community room and the children's room. Designed with sustainability and innovation in mind, the library is built to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). In the first month of opening, 186 new library cards were issued and over 10,000 items were borrowed.

Medforfd — Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library





Dedication Date: December 17, 2021
MBLC Grant: $7,435,041
Architect: Utile Drummey Rosane Anderson

The project demolished the 1959 facility and doubled usable square footage on two floors while ensuring full ADA compliance. With ample community spaces: multiple meeting rooms, a large performance room, and private study spaces, the new library gives the community a variety of options for learning and gathering. The first floor is home to adult collections and seating, technology areas, and several group study rooms. A terrace off the first floor provides outdoor learning and meeting space that became so important during the pandemic. The second level gives children and teens each their own age-appropriate spaces. A makerspace and tech lab, a local history room, café, and gallery are additional special features of the library.

The building, constructed to be a Net Zero structure, is the first library to achieve that status in Massachusetts and is seeking LEED Silver (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) or higher status. Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library is named in honor of Michael Bloomberg's parents who lived in Medford for 65 years. Bloomberg donated $3 million to the library project.

Groundbreakings

Greenfield Public Library



Date: August 19, 2021
MBLC Grant: $49,378,183
Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates

The new Greenfield Public Library will be the first time the city has constructed a library specific structure. The new building will increase the library's space from 15,253 sq.ft. to 26,800 sq.ft. and will include a large community meeting room with after hours availability, a children's program room, a dedicated space for teens and increased parking. The library has been designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum standards, the highest available.

Marlborough Public Library



Date: September 21, 2021
MBLC Grant: $10,186,626
Architect: LLB/Lerner Ladds + Bartels Architects

The project will renovate the existing historic Carnegie building and replace the 1960's addition with a new structure designed to meet growing demands for library services. The new fully handicapped accessible building will have expanded space for children and teens, updated technology, community meeting space and more parking. The $23 million project is estimated to be completed in eighteen months. The project is also sustainably designed. If it receives official LEED certification from the US Green Building Council, it will qualify for additional funding from the Green Library Incentive.

FY 22 Networks Grants and Small Libraries

MBLC supported automated library networks with a series of grants that offset membership grants, support network infrastructure, and provide funding for eContent. The funding for these grant programs is from MBLC budget line 7000-9506, Library Technology and Automated Resource-Sharing Networks.

The Small Libraries in Networks (SLIN) program offsets the membership costs for small libraries by an average of 29.3%. In FY22, 5 libraries joined the CW MARS network: Brimfield, Conway, Hardwick (Paige Library), New Braintree, and Tyringham. In total, 160 of Massachusetts' 369 public libraries now receive support from SLIN funding.

Other grants awarded to the automated library networks include Network Infrastructure Grants, which can be used for telecommunications equipment, servers, network system upgrades, cloud based ILS, and platform fees, and Resource Sharing Program Grants. MBLC approved $500,000 in grants to the networks to purchase eContent for the Library eBook and Audiobook (LEA) program. LEA gives Massachusetts residents access to eBooks, audiobooks, and more from 377 participating libraries from across the Commonwealth. In addition to the eContent grants, Commissioners also approved $94,000 in LEA Platform grants which offset the fee networks pay to use OverDrive, the software and app that delivers the eContent for LEA. This is the third year that the content grants have been made available. Grant awards are listed below.

This statewide system allows eContent to be shared in a similar way to physical materials, opening up access that was previously unavailable for eBooks and audiobooks.

Network	Small Libraries in Networks Award	Network Infrastructure Grants	Resource Sharing Program Grants	Award (Content)	Award (Platform)
CLAMS	$30,665	$24,168	$99,639	$41,323,28	$12,000
CW MARS	$260,863	$84,430	$308,898	$72,929.91	$12,000
FLO		$22,031	$83,631		
MBLN		$28,442	$233,918	$119,980.80	$10,000
Minuteman Library Network	$11,290	$34,425	$286,447	$98,970.52	$12,000
MVLC	$39,895	$24,596	$143,532	$31,534.10	$12,000
NOBLE		$21,604	$173,660	$33,186.12	$12,000
OCLN	$4,250	$22,886	$127,020	$53,202.20	$12,000
SAILS	$24,115	$37,418	$149,334	$48,873.07	$12,000
Total:	**$371,078**	**$300,000**	**$1,606,079**	**$500,000**	**$94,000**

MBLC Awards Federal LSTA Grants

In July, the MBLC awarded **$350,410 in 35 grants** to public and special libraries across the Commonwealth under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) which is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Members of the MBLC's State Advisory Council on Libraries review and evaluate grant applications and make funding recommendations to the MBLC.

The complete list of grant recipients is below along with highlights from some of this year's projects.

FY2022 Grant Information

Municipality	Institution Name	Grant Category	Amount Awarded
Athol	Athol Public Library	Dig In	**$30,000**
Becket	Becket Athenaeum	Dig In	**$17,100**
Boston	Massachusetts Eye and Ear/Howe Library	Archives Arrangement and Description	**$8,975**
Brockton	Brockton Public Library	Citizenship Corners and Expanded English Language Services	**$7,500**
Erving	Erving Public Library	Dig in	**$7,500**
Falmouth	Falmouth Public Library	Mind in the Making	**$12,000**
Framingham	Framingham Public Library	Open	**$5,088**
Halifax	Holmes Public Library	Mind in the Making	**$5,698**
Hyannis	Hyannis Public Library	Strength in Families	**$20,000**
Lancaster	Thayer Memorial Library	Mind in the Making	**$14,235**
Lawrence	Lawrence Public Library	Archives Arrangement and Description	**$10,000**
Lenox	Lenox Library	Archives Arrangement and Description	**$7,500**
Leominster	Leominster Public Library	Strength in Families	**$10,000**
Littleton	Reuben Hoar Library	Access for All	**$5,000**
Malden	Malden Public Library	Managing Fine and Decorative Arts	**$9,991**
Marion	Elizabeth Taber Library	Mind in the Making	**$10,000**
Millbury	Millbury Public Library	Mind in the Making	**$7,500**
Nahant	Nahant Public Library	Managing Fine and Decorative Arts	**$7,500**
Northampton	Lilly Library	Dig In	**$7,500**
Northborough	Northborough Free Library	Pathways to Success	**$6,200**
Norwood	Morrill Memorial Library	Go Local	**$15,000**

continued

FY2022 Grant Information			
Peru	Peru Library	Protecting Priority Collections	**$5,200**
Princeton	Princeton Public Library	Mind in the Making	**$8,024**
Reading	Reading Public Library	Civic Hub	**$10,000**
Scituate	Scituate Town Library	Dig In	**$9,500**
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Public Library	Civic Hub	**$10,000**
Southwick	Southwick Public Library	Pathways to Success	**$7,500**
Springfield	Springfield City Library	At the Table	**$10,000**
Stow	Randall Library	Access for All	**$7,500**
Sturbridge	Joshua Hyde Public Library	Go Local	**$9,370**
Truro	Truro Public Library	Dig In	**$10,000**
Tyringham	Tyringham Free Public Library	Mind in the Making	**$10,000**
Watertown	Watertown Free Public Library	Go Local	**$15,000**
West Tisbury	West Tisbury Free Public Library	Dig In	**$10,000**
Westfield	Westfield Athenaeum	At the Table	**$10,000**
		Totals	**$350,410**

Westfield has high rates of food insecurity and significant challenges with health and culinary literacy. This project will provide the Westfield community greater access to information about local resources as well as offer a variety of workshops and programs allowing residents to gain a better understanding of healthy eating and wellness. Through the Westfield Athenaeum's numerous community-wide partnerships, the Athenaeum and the City of Westfield will foster a more cohesive focus on healthy eating and culinary literacy as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Thirty percent of Brockton's population is foreign-born. Many of these individuals are immigrants of color who aspire for citizenship. The traditional, written methods used in teaching English Language Learner (ELL) and Citizenship classes are not as effective for the learning styles of these immigrants, coming primarily from aural, visual, and musical cultures. This project will develop a new teaching approach, Cultural Way To Citizenship (CWTC,) that will use native and American cultural forms and technology to transition the immigrant to citizenship. Brockton Public Library's CWTC project will create a culturally based Citizenship and ELL curriculum, offer citizenship classes and cultural workshops, train library staff and Mentor Study Group volunteers, create a resource and information pamphlet, and establish Citizenship Corners at all three library locations.

Hyannis Public Library (HPL) proposes a pilot family engagement project—HPL Family HelperHub—comprising separate literacy and nutrition components. The project will include collaborations with the Barnstable Public Schools, the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, and other local service organizations to develop a model for creating Library programming and services for families that invite them to participate as initiators, co-designers, receivers, providers, and evaluators. HPL Family ReaderHub will focus on family literacy for Hyannis's immigrant community, and HPL Family NourishHub will focus on nutrition instruction for grandparents raising grandchildren. Along with instructional elements, both programs will provide participants with on-site opportunities to connect with social service providers.

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