

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners AT A GLANCE

Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from IMLS

LSTA grants enhance a library's services or help the library develop new programs. MBLC consultants provide guidance and feedback throughout the grant process and project implementation.

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Promotion

Along with the Statewide Public Relations Advisory Committee and Massachusetts libraries, the MBLC promotes statewide services and other programs and events to the public. Promotional materials, including pamphlets, posters, and social media posts can be found on **MBLC Awarehouse**.

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Preservation, Digitization and Disaster Recovery

The MBLC works to inform librarians, archivists, and other records custodians about practices and proactive planning for the long-term preservation of their materials. The MBLC also helps institutions develop disaster preparedness plans by offering statewide workshops and providing individual consultation upon request.

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Youth Services

(Early Childhood & Preschool; Elementary, Middle & High School)

The MBLC uses federal LSTA funding to provide grants for libraries to create innovative, educational services for children and teens.

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Websites

The MBLC has three websites. The agency site, mass.gov/mblc, which provides information for the library community, public officials, and members of the press; the consumer portal, mass.gov/libraries, which provides information and resources to the public; and the MBLC Awarehouse, awarehouse.mblc.state.ma.us, which provides materials for librarians to use in promoting library services.

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Who do I contact with questions about:

Adult Literacy and Services to English Language Learners

The MBLC offers consulting services for developing library-based literacy programs, including proposal writing to establish or sustain programs and identifying outside funding sources.

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■ ARIS and the State Aid to Public Libraries Program

Each fiscal year, public libraries are required to submit the Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) and Financial Report in order to receive State Aid to Public Libraries funding.

State Aid to Public Libraries is an annual, voluntary program administered by the MBLC that distributes local aid to municipalities. A municipality and its library must be certified by the MBLC as meeting statutory and regulatory requirements, including meeting the Minimum Standards of Public Library Service, to receive State Aid to Public Libraries funding. Funding comes from the state budget line 7000-9501.

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■ Automated Library Networks & Small Libraries in Networks

Networks receive funding from the MBLC to help make network membership more affordable for libraries. The MBLC's Small Libraries in Networks program also provides direct funding to public libraries in municipalities with a population under 10,000. Funding comes from state budget line 7000-9506.

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■ Boston Bruins/Summer Library Program/JFK Partnership

Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and supported by the Boston Bruins, the MBLC works with the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) to coordinate the statewide Summer Library Program. The MBLC has partnered with the Boston Bruins to support literacy including summer programming since 2009. The MBLC also partners with the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum to support the statewide Summer Library Program.

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■ Commonwealth Catalog

The MBLC provides the **Commonwealth Catalog (ComCat)**, commonwealthcatalog.org, which allows library users to locate and request library materials from all across the state, and have them delivered directly to their home library. No need for mediated interlibrary loan.

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■ Contracts

Contracts for LSTA, construction, and summer grants.

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■ Construction

The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program helps communities improve their public library facilities through funding and technical assistance for planning & design and major construction projects.

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■ Electronic Resources

(statewide databases, eBooks and audiobooks)

Statewide databases are provided through a collaboration between MBLC and MLS. The MBLC funds about 70% of statewide databases and provides database authentication for all libraries. MLS funds the remainder and handles the day to day support of the databases. The MBLC also supports eBook and audiobook sharing through the Networks new eBook program, LEA (Library eBooks and Audiobooks).

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■ E-rate

E-rate helps public libraries and schools connect users to the Internet, fast. E-rate is a federally-funded program offering 20-90% discounts on high-speed broadband, and the equipment and support services that make that connectivity work.

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■ Trustees and Friends

The MBLC provides advice to Massachusetts library trustees and assists them with interpreting laws and regulations, understanding their responsibilities, and supporting library administration. The MBLC also provides advice to library Friends groups about their roles and responsibilities and helps them learn how to bolster support for their libraries. In addition, advisory staff also work with and support library directors.

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■ Library Statistics

The MBLC collects and analyzes financial, demographic, staffing, and service data from public libraries in Massachusetts. Online tools that help you create reports are available at <https://mbcl.state.ma.us/programs-and-support/library-statistics/index.php>

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