

Statewide Database Info Sheet for Librarians

Database vendors and contract information

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and Massachusetts Library System (MLS) have increased database spending by more than 30% to total \$2.8 million. MLS will fund \$625,000. The MBLC will fund the rest using a combination of state funding and federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

- Starting on July 1, 2022 the MBLC and MLS will enter into new contracts with all three of our current providers: Gale/Cengage, Encyclopedia Britannica and ProQuest; and with new vendors Capstone and Transparent Language Online.
- These vendors' offerings were unanimously considered the best value by both the statewide database advisory committee and the procurement team, which included MBLC, MLS, Library for the Commonwealth (LFC), and Perkins Library representation. The vendor selections were strongly supported by results from the survey from the month-long database trials open to all Massachusetts librarians, and live feedback sessions.
- The contracts will run up to five years, with an initial two year contract followed by three one year renewals. Renewals will depend on ongoing funding availability from both MBLC and MLS and other factors.

What You Will Have Access To

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Gale/Cengage

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale Presents Peterson's Career Prep Gale Presents Peterson's Test Prep*** Gale LegalForms*** Gale Academic OneFile Gale General OneFile Gale in Context Biography Gale in Context Elementary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale in Context Global Issues Gale in Context Health and Wellness Gale in Context Middle School Gale in Context Opposing Viewpoints Gale in Context Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale in Context US History Gale in Context World History Gale Interactive Science*** Gale in Context Environmental Studies*** Gale Literature Resource Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale OneFile Subject Collections Gale OneFile High School Edition Gale OneFile Academic Select Gale OneFile News The New York Times article archive |
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New Vendors

- Transparent Language Online
- Capstone PebbleGo-**Animals and Biographies** modules

Encyclopedia Britannica

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Britannica Escolar Britannica Fundamentals Britannica Library Edition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Britannica School Edition Britannica Moderna*** |
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ProQuest

- ProQuest Boston Globe article archive
- ProQuest HeritageQuest Online
- ProQuest Science Database

Discontinued Resources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale OneFile Educator's Reference Complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ProQuest Research Companion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gale Business Entrepreneurship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Britannica Fundamentals |
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How To Set Up Your Library Access to Statewide Databases

- Due to the fact that we are mainly staying with our current vendors, the MBLC and MLS anticipate a minimally disruptive transition as the July 1 start date approaches.
- The MBLC and MLS will begin communicating with libraries about changes to specific titles during early June, and will give plenty of lead time for libraries to make local changes to their websites and discovery tools.
- As a reminder library links <https://mblc.state.ma.us/resource-sharing/databases/index.php> can be found on the MBLC website.
- MLS' libguide offers troubleshooting and support <https://guides.masslibsystem.org/databases>

Training

MLS is working with vendors to set up training sessions for librarians.

Promotion

The Statewide Public Relations Advisory Committee is developing materials to assist libraries in promoting databases.

The Procurement Process

- The MBLC led a rigorous year-long procurement process with opportunities for input from all Massachusetts Library System member libraries.
- Live feedback sessions were held with librarians from different types of libraries from across the state. This feedback was used to create the RFR that solicited responses from vendors. Nine vendors responded with over 90 different products.
- Nearly 700 library staff helped determine our procurement priorities through a spring, 2021 survey.
- Trials of the proposed database packages from nine vendors were open to all libraries for a month in to Spring 2022; and 386 library staff completed product evaluations.
- A Board-appointed advisory committee, made up of reference and collection development librarians from public, school and academic libraries of different sizes and types, helped guide the process and made recommendations to the procurement team.
- The procurement team, made of MBLC, MLS, Library for the Commonwealth (LFC) and Perkins Library staff made the final vendor selections and negotiated the contracts.

Who To Contact With Questions

procurement process

For questions about the procurement process, please contact **Kate Butler** at the MBLC Kate.Butler@mass.gov

training and database set up

MLS has created a **database libguide**
<https://guides.masslibsystem.org/databases/home>
with information, support, trouble shooting
Email databases@masslibsystem.libanswers.com

promotion

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