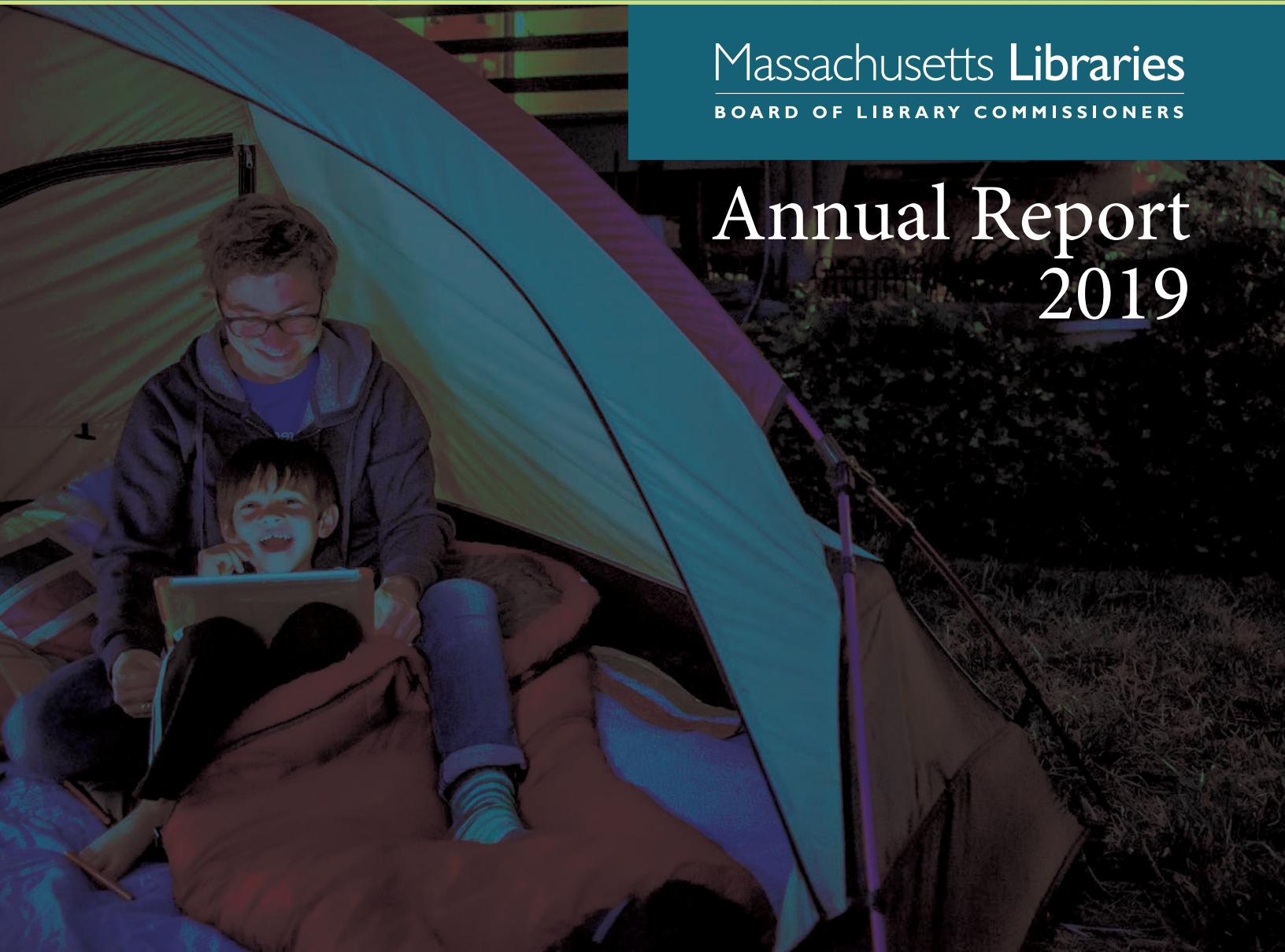




Massachusetts **Libraries**

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

# Annual Report 2019





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# Board of Library Commissioners FY2019 Budget

## STATE APPROPRIATIONS

7000-9101	Board of Library Commissioners	\$1,275,000
7000-9401	Regional Libraries Local Aid	\$10,282,140
7000-9402	Talking Book Program (Worcester)	\$454,966
7000-9406	Talking Book Program (Watertown)	\$2,588,155
7000-9501	Public Libraries Local Aid	\$9,612,700
7000-9506	Library Technology & Automated Resource-Sharing Networks	\$2,815,928
7000-9508	Center for the Book	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$27,228,889</b>

## CONSTRUCTION / CAPITAL FUNDING

		Actual Spend
7000-9090	Construction (prior bond bill)	—
7000-9101	Construction (2014 bond)	\$19,972,268
7000-9092	Construction (2020 bond)	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,972,268</b>

## FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

		Actual Spend
7000-9702	LSTA	\$3,283,698
7000-9703	NEH \$196,696 (FY2017 and FY2018)	—
7000-9704	Cares Act \$622,796 (4/21/2020 - 9/30/2021)	—
7000-9705	ARPA \$3,502,013 (10/1/2020 - 12/30/2022)	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,484,855</b>

**NOTES:** FY2019 7000-9501 line includes \$250,000 in earmarks

# Commissioners

# FY2019

APPOINTED

<b>ROLAND OCHSENBEIN</b> of Bolton	Chair	2014
<b>MARY ANN CLUGGISH</b> of Wellesley	Vice Chair	2011
<b>MARY KRONHOLM</b> of Blandford	Secretary	2011
<b>DEBORAH V.H. ABRAHAM</b> of Needham		2018
<b>LESLIE D. BALL</b> of Scituate		2018
<b>PHILIP MADELL</b> of Topsfield		2019
<b>GINA PERILLE</b> of Boston		2018
<b>N. JANEEN RESNICK</b> of South Hadley		2012
<b>ALICE WELCH</b> of Leominster		2010

# Millville Loses State Aid Certification



**At its February 7, 2019 board meeting**, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners denied the town of Millville a waiver of the FY2019 Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR). The MAR is funding from the municipality to support the public library as required in statute.

In FY 2019, Millville Public Library's budget was cut 68.51% when compared to the overall municipal budget. This is the second time in seven years that Millville has lost certification. Denial of the MAR waiver results in immediate loss of certification in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program.

# State Aid to Public Libraries

## Fiscal Year 2019 Statistical Summary

- Number of public libraries in Massachusetts.....370
- 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 FY2019 State Aid to Public Libraries

- Number of municipalities that filed FY2018 State Aid to Public Libraries applications.....345
- Number of municipalities denied MAR waiver and certification to receive FY2018 State Aid to Public Libraries..... 1
- Number of municipalities that were ineligible or did not apply for FY2018 State Aid to Public Libraries .....6
- Number of municipalities that received FY2018 State Aid to Public Libraries.....344

### FY2019 Waivers of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR)

- Number of municipalities that applied for a waiver of the FY2019 MAR .....23
- Number of municipalities that withdrew waiver applications in FY2019..... 7
- Number of municipalities denied a waiver of the FY2019 MAR ..... 1
- Number of municipalities granted a waiver on appeal of the denial.....0
- Total number of municipalities that received a waiver of the FY2019 MAR..... 15
- Number of those municipalities that received a waiver with reservation of the FY2019 MAR (budgets reduced 5% more than average of other municipal departments).....0

### FY2019 Financial Activity

- FY2019 State Aid to Public Libraries legislative appropriation..... \$9,612,700.00
  - Disbursed Library Incentive Grant (LIG)..... \$4,715,469.43
  - Disbursed Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG) ..... \$3,318,165.57
  - Disbursed Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC) ..... \$1,329,065.00

**TOTAL disbursed State Aid to Public Libraries** ..... \$9,362,700.00

- FY2019 Earmarks ..... \$250.00
- FY2019 Earmarks Disbursed ..... \$200.00
- FY2019 Earmarks Returned..... \$50.000

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# New Support for Summer Grants Awarded

The first **Support for Summer** grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to 54 public libraries in FY2019. Research shows that summer learning helps close the achievement gap between lower-income students and their middle-and upper-income peers and is a key factor in academic achievement. ■ Two types of grants were awarded in this pilot: **Summer Learning Expanded and Online Reading Program**.

**“We wanted to reach libraries that are typically unable to apply for the MBLC’s other direct grants,” said Lyndsay Forbes, MBLC Project Manager and Grants Specialist. “We streamlined the grant process and are pleased that so many communities are taking advantage of this opportunity.”** ■

The new application schedule also means that libraries will receive funding ahead of the traditional start of summer reading. The MBLC and the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) are currently evaluating the first year of **Support for Summer** grants and will determine if this pilot will turn into a grant program that is offered each year.

## *Summer Learning Expanded*

grants were developed to assist libraries in expanding the concept of summer learning to beyond reading. Teen internship programs, a gardening series in partnership with local parks and recreation, art activities, healthy activities for libraries that serve as summer lunch sites, and STEM/STEAM programming are examples of how the grants take summer at the library to a new level.



## The *Summer Learning Expanded* grant recipients are as follows:

Municipality	Library	Brief Grant Description	Amount Awarded
<b>Athol</b>	Athol Public Library	Athol Public Library will offer a fandom event that will be planned and executed in part with teens	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Belchertown</b>	Clapp Memorial Library	Clapp Memorial Library will offer a series of programs aimed at teens promoting wellness, relaxation, and healthy living	<b>1,723</b>
<b>Beverly</b>	Beverly Public Library	Beverly Public Library will offer a series of programs exploring robots and coding for a variety of ages	<b>1,975</b>
<b>Holyoke</b>	Holyoke Public Library	Holyoke Public Library will hire the Puerto Rican arts collective 'Colectivo Morivivi' to work with youth to design and execute a mural	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Marlborough</b>	Marlborough Public Library	Marlborough Public Library will offer tweens free-form art projects that encourage creative exploration and healthy self-expression	<b>1,163</b>
<b>Mashpee</b>	Mashpee Public Library	Mashpee Public Library will offer programs and activities encouraging physical movement at their Project Bread site	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Norfolk</b>	Norfolk Public Library	Norfolk Public Library will create a series of circulating kits that focus on STEM or other educational topics	<b>1,805</b>
<b>North Adams</b>	North Adams Public Library	North Adams Public Library will host a teen internship program	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Northampton</b>	Forbes Library	Forbes Library will offer a series of STEM programs focused on bots	<b>900</b>
<b>Norton</b>	Norton Public Library	Norton Public Library will create a STEAM-walk focused on the solar system	<b>900</b>
<b>Oakham</b>	Fobes Memorial Library	Fobes Memorial Library will expand their current robotics program by adding more kits	<b>990</b>
<b>Peabody</b>	Peabody Institute Library	Peabody Institute Library will hire a professional musician and purchase additional musical instruments to assist youth in musical creation and exploration in their makerspace	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	Somerset Public Library	Somerset Public Library will hire a professional with a STEM background to provide in-depth expertise for their space-related programming	<b>500</b>
<b>South Hadley</b>	South Hadley Public Library	South Hadley Public Library will offer a week-long space camp featuring a series of programming	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Westminster</b>	Forbush Memorial Library	Forbush Memorial Library will establish a Children's Garden at the library and offer a variety of related programming	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Total awarded</b>			<b>24,056</b>

# Online Reading Program

Massachusetts was the first in the nation to offer an online summer reading program in 2007. Since then, the options for online programming have increased. The MBLC worked with MLS to develop Online Reading Program grants that allow libraries to choose an online program that best meets the needs of their community. Residents of all ages can use the online program to register, write book reviews, set goals, and track their progress online.



**Online Reading Program grant recipients are as follows:**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Amesbury</b>	Amesbury Public Library	<b>Middleborough</b>	Middleborough Public Library
<b>Ashburnham</b>	Stevens Memorial Library	<b>Millbury</b>	Millbury Public Library
<b>Ashland</b>	Ashland Public Library	<b>Needham</b>	Needham Free Public Library
<b>Athol</b>	Athol Public Library	<b>Norfolk</b>	Norfolk Public Library
<b>Belchertown</b>	Clapp Memorial Library	<b>North Reading</b>	Flint Memorial Library
<b>Berkley</b>	Berkley Public Library	<b>Northborough</b>	Northborough Free Library
<b>Beverly</b>	Beverly Public Library	<b>Northbridge</b>	Whitinsville Social Library
<b>Boxborough</b>	Sargent Memorial Library	<b>Norwood</b>	Morrill Memorial Library
<b>Brewster</b>	Brewster Ladies' Library	<b>Oxford</b>	Oxford Free Public Library
<b>Brookline</b>	Brookline Public Library	<b>Pembroke</b>	Pembroke Public Library
<b>Burlington</b>	Burlington Public Library	<b>Revere</b>	Revere Public Library
<b>Dennis</b>	Dennis Public Library	<b>Rowley</b>	Rowley Public Library
<b>Dighton</b>	Dighton Public Library	<b>Seekonk</b>	Seekonk Public Library
<b>Dover</b>	Georgetown Public Library	<b>Southwick</b>	Southwick Public Library
<b>Georgetown</b>	Georgetown Public Library	<b>Sterling</b>	Conant Public Library
<b>Great Barrington</b>	Great Barrington Libraries	<b>Sutton</b>	Sutton Free Public Library
<b>Kingston</b>	Kingston Public Library	<b>Topsfield</b>	Topsfield Town Library
<b>Leverett</b>	Leverett Public Library	<b>Townsend</b>	Townsend Public Library
<b>Marlborough</b>	Marlborough Public Library	<b>West Bridgewater</b>	West Bridgewater Public Library
<b>Mashpee</b>	Mashpee Public Library	<b>Weston</b>	Weston Public Library
<b>Maynard</b>	Maynard Public Library	<b>Winchester</b>	Winchester Public Library
<b>Mendon</b>	Taft Public Library	<b>Yarmouth</b>	Yarmouth Town Libraries
<b>Methuen</b>	Nevins Library		

# MPLCP

## Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

### Grants awarded

At their July 12, 2018 board meeting, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded provisional construction grants to:

*Greenfield Public Library:*  
**\$9,378,183**

*Hingham Public Library:*  
**\$9,151,270**

*Marlborough Public Library:*  
**\$10,186,626.**

The libraries were originally placed on the construction waiting list during the July 13, 2017 board meeting when the first round of project grants was approved.

### Green Library Incentives

totaling between 2-3.5% of the grant award were also approved for projects that attain **LEED** (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) certification.

*Grafton Public Library* was awarded a partial Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) provisional grant totaling \$460,000 at the April 4, 2019 meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

## FY2019

### Openings

#### **Webster, Gladys E. Kelly Library**

*Date: September 29, 2018*

*MBLC Grant: \$7,567,412*

*Architect:*

*Oudens Ello Architecture*

The new library replaces the 7,400 square foot Chester C. Corbin Public Library designed by Edward Tilton and built in 1921. The existing building was demolished to build a new library of 21,371 gross square feet on the same centrally located site in downtown Webster. It is named in honor of Gladys E. Kelly whose family donated \$1 million to the project. Mrs. Kelly was an avid reader and fostered the love of libraries and reading in her children.

#### **Woburn Public Library**

*Date: March 16, 2019*

*MBLC Grant:*

*Architect:*

*CBT Architecture*

The project seamlessly connected the historic structure with the addition through a series of six openings, five of which are in the historic study hall. The original building's ornate masonry can be seen through the new glass curtainwall. Every effort was made to restore the historic building to its grandeur including uncovering original paint colors and cleaning and restoring the notable artwork collection that was first exhibited in the library in 1879.

#### **Leicester Public Library**

*Date: June 23, 2109*

*MBLC Grant: \$4,200,000*

*Architect:*

*Beacon Architectural Associates*

A new wing was added to the original 1896 building, which was fully refurbished and made ADA accessible. The new building features a dedicated children's room, a space for young adults and teens, new computer work stations, a local history museum, and new meeting rooms.

## Groundbreakings

### ***North Dartmouth Public Library***

*Date: July 17, 2018*

*MBLC Grant: \$5,300,000*

*Architect: Oudens Ello*

The project will build a new 14,854 square foot library to replace the 3,600 square foot building that was demolished for the relocation of the Tucker Road/Route 6 intersection. Located on Cross Road, the new branch is critical to this fast-growing part of Dartmouth. It will include some much needed new features such as a community meeting room, a children's room, a teen area, study rooms and an outside garden courtyard.

### ***Monterey Public Library***

*Date: October 6, 2018*

*MBLC Grant: \$1,855,675*

*Architect: EDM Inc.*

The proposed project will expand the library to 3,728 square feet, removing the two additions and converting the original library into a bigger multipurpose room that would serve the community in many ways. An addition will create a new flexible space around the back of the original building that would have areas that would welcome segments of the population that are not currently served.

### ***East Forest Park Branch, Springfield Public Library***

*Date: October 15, 2018*

*MBLC Grant: \$4,906,115*

*Architect:*

*Johnson Roberts Associates*

This project builds a brand new one story, standalone library for the neighborhood whose library is currently housed in a strip mall. The new building is located in a residential area which will allow for easy access for many residents of the neighborhood. The location is also directly next to the recently renovated Mary A. Dryden Veterans Memorial elementary school, which will give students the opportunity to walk over for programming and other resources.

### ***Tufts Library, Weymouth***

*Date: March 27, 2019*

*MBLC Grant: \$12,085,184*

*Architect: Tappé Architects*

The project includes an expanded Children's Services Department that meets the need of all patrons ages 0-12, a suite of five meeting rooms that have capacities ranging from 12 to 196 and are designed for after-hours use, a local history center that provides secure storage for a nationally significant collection and space for its use by historians and genealogists, programming spaces for all ages to match vibrant and growing library offerings, and a technology infrastructure and hardware designed for flexibility and expansion.

### ***Erving Public Library***

*Date: March 29, 2019*

*MBLC Grant: \$2,720,146*

*Architect:*

*Johnson Roberts Associates*

The town's current library is 1,865 square feet and has not been able to keep up with the needs of the town's growing population. The new building will expand the square footage to 8,294 square feet, with study areas, quiet spaces, gathering spots, and a business center with high-tech tools, as well as natural light and comfortable seating areas. The new location allows easy access to students from the elementary school, as well as the adjacent senior/community center.



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# CONSTRUCTION



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## Monterey Public Library



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The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) teamed up with the Boston Bruins for the annual **“When You Read, You Score!”** summer library program, marking the tenth anniversary of the partnership that encourages children and teens to read over the summer months in order to retain and improve academic progress and avoid the “summer slide”.



To jumpstart summer fun at the library, the Boston Bruins held a Summer Reading Kickoff at the Woburn Public Library. Throughout June, July, and August, Boston Bruins mascot Blades made special story time visits to libraries in Andover, Bourne, Braintree, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Lawrence, Marshfield, Martha’s Vineyard, Melrose, Millbury, Pittsfield, Princeton, and Sheffield.

In addition to visits, the Bruins helped create a READ poster featuring defenseman Torey Krug. Bruins players, including Patrice Bergeron, Tuukka Rask, and Zdeno Chara helped libraries develop “Favorite Books of the Boston Bruins,” a recommended reads list that also includes librarian picks for the best hockey books.

Massachusetts has offered statewide online summer reading programs since 2007. Participants register, write book reviews, set goals, and track their progress online. Massachusetts was the first state in the country to offer such a program. On average, 350 libraries offer statewide summer reading each year, and in 2018, a new record of 492,424 children, teens, and adults participated.

The Summer Reading Program is made free to all public libraries and residents in the Commonwealth thanks to support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Boston Bruins.

## PRIZES AWARDED

*Summer reading prizes were awarded to the following libraries:*

### Grand Prize Winners

**Zamboni game experience:**

Lakeville Public Library

**High Five game experience:**

Hamilton-Wenham Public Library

**Bench Assistant game experience:**

Levi Heywood Memorial Library, Gardner

**Team-Signed Bruins Jersey**

Hull Public Library

Norfolk Public Library

Reading Public Library

North Brookfield Public Library

Athol Public Library

Flint Memorial Library, North Reading

Harwich Public Library

Tewksbury Public Library

Middleborough Public Library

**Torey Krug Signed Bruins Puck**

Hanson Public Library

Tyngsborough Public Library

Vineyard Haven Public Library

Weston Public Library

Edgartown Public Library

Russell Public Library

Flint Public Library, Middleton

Florida Public Library

Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood

Shrewsbury Public Library

Westborough Public Library

Townsend Public Library

Millicent Library, Fairhaven

Fells Branch of the Wellesley Free Library

Lawler Branch of the New Bedford Public Library



# Summer **READING**ing







**Libraries  
Go Above and Beyond  
for the PJ Drive**

Massachusetts libraries teamed up with the Boston Bruins and collected pajamas during February and March as part of the annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive. 2019 marked the 12th year of the drive that benefits the Department of Children and Families Wonderfund and Cradles to Crayons.

*Libraries from across the Commonwealth collected 13,022 new pairs of pajamas, a new record for the drive. In total, over 20,000 pairs of pajamas were collected by 251 groups, 136 of which were libraries.*



The drive kicked off at the Lawrence Public Library with a PJ celebration featuring First Lady of the Commonwealth Lauren Baker, Boston Bruins great Bob Sweeney, and Bruins mascot Blades. The pajama party event featured a story time with Mrs. Baker, a craft, and hockey skills taught by Bob Sweeney and Blades.

In addition to acting as collection sites, the Massachusetts Library System's delivery service played a key role in transporting pajamas across the state to get them to their destination. This service, typically used to send books and



other library materials, sends PJs to the regional sorting centers which increases libraries' ability to participate in the drive.

Former 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 in Massachusetts to identify specific children in need.

*To encourage participation, the Bruins offered special prizes to the top three collectors. Each of the winners receives five tickets to an upcoming Bruins game:*

**First Place:**

***Jonathan Bourne Public Library, Bourne***

• New PJs Collected: 3,320

**Second Place:**

***Morrill Memorial Library, Norwood***

• New PJs Collected: 2,538

**Third Place:**

***Liam Fitzgerald ([learn more about Liam](#))***

• New PJs Collected: 742

# FY2019

## FY2019 LSTA grants

The MBLC awarded **\$451,058** in **40 grants** to public and school libraries across the Commonwealth under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) which is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The MBLC developed this direct grant program using federal funding to help libraries meet local community needs including projects that help jobseekers with career development and job information, programs that help New Americans learn English and become citizens, STEM and STEAM projects, programs that serve teen needs, and projects that preserve valuable historical documents. The MBLC also offers grants to increase access to library services for people with disabilities.

## FY2019 LSTA Grant Information

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Grant Category</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b>Amherst</b>	Jones Library	Go Local	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Barnstable</b>	Sturgis Library	First Contact	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Bedford</b>	Bedford Free Public Library	Financial Literacy for All Ages	<b>\$9,947</b>
<b>Bellingham</b>	Bellingham Public Library	Go Local	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Bourne</b>	Jonathan Bourne Public Library	Mind in the Making	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Boxford</b>	Boxford Town Library	Anytime STEM Learning	<b>\$6,167</b>
<b>Brockton</b>	Brockton Public Library	Innovative	<b>\$10,529</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	Cambridge Public Library	IdeaLab	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	Cambridge Public Library	Preservation Assessment	<b>\$4,200</b>
<b>Chelmsford</b>	Chelmsford Public Library	Civic Hub	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Colrain</b>	Griswold Memorial Library	IdeaLab	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Easthampton</b>	Emily Williston Memorial Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Everett</b>	Parlin Memorial Library	Preservation Assessment	<b>\$4,200</b>
<b>Gloucester</b>	Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library	Conserving and Digitizing Historical Resources	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Ludlow</b>	Hubbard Memorial Library	IdeaLab	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Malden</b>	Malden Public Library	Go Local	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Marion</b>	Elizabeth Taber Library	IdeaLab	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Marshfield</b>	Ventress Memorial Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Mashpee</b>	Mashpee Public Library	Pathways to Success	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Nahant</b>	Nahant Public Library	Access for All	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Newburyport</b>	Newburyport Public Library	Preservation/Conservation of Library & Archival Materials	<b>\$30,000</b>

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<b>Northampton</b>	Forbes Library	Civic Hub	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Northfield</b>	Dickinson Memorial Library	Anytime STEM Learning	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Oak Bluffs</b>	Oak Bluffs Public Library	Citizenship Corners & Expanded English Language Services	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Orleans</b>	Snow Library	IdeaLab	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>Quincy</b>	Thomas Crane Public Library	Manuscripts Arrangement and Description	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Raynham</b>	Raynham Public Library	Anytime STEM Learning	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Reading</b>	Reading Public Library	Town-Wide Preservation Assessment	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Rockport</b>	Roxkport Public Library	Preservation Assessment	<b>\$4,200</b>
<b>Rutland</b>	Rutland FreeLibrary	Mind in the Making	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Shirley</b>	Hazen Memorial Library	Mind in the Making	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Shrewsbury</b>	Shrewsbury Public Library	Mind in the Making	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Somerville</b>	Somerville Public Library	Innovative	<b>\$8,315</b>
<b>South Hadley</b>	South Hadley Public Library	Civic Hub	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Springfield</b>	Springfield City Library	Anytime STEM Learning	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Waltham</b>	Waltham Public Library	Mind in the Making	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Wellesley</b>	Wellesley Free Library - Fells Branch	Mind in the Making	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>West Falmouth</b>	West Falmouth Library	Go Local	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>West Tisbury</b>	West Tisbury Public Library	Anytime STEM Learning	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>West Yarmouth</b>	West Yarmouth Library	Innovative	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$451,048</b>



## MBLC Staff Retirements



Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' Preservation Specialist **Gregor Trinkaus-Randall** retired in July, 2018, after over 30 years of work for Massachusetts libraries and cultural institutions. Mr. Trinkaus-Randall came to the Board in 1988 and became nationally and internationally recognized for his work in preservation and disaster preparedness. His work for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners includes implementing the statewide preservation program, the MBLC's Emergency Assistance Program, and its Environmental Monitoring Program, and for maintaining the Massachusetts Special Collections Directory on the MBLC Web site.



After nearly a decade at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), Construction Consultant **Rosemary Waltos** retired in July, 2018. As the head of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP), she assisted many communities in building or renovating public libraries. From assessing the need for a new library all the way through the grand re-opening, Rosemary worked closely with library directors, trustees, library design teams and architects through every step of a library building project. Thirty libraries were completed during her time at the MBLC, two construction grant rounds and one planning and design grant round were also conducted.

# Governor Appoints four new Commissioners in FY2019



**Deborah V.H. Abraham** of Needham was appointed by Governor Charles D. Baker to serve on the nine-member Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in August, 2018. Ms. Abraham graduated with an M.B.A from Babson College in Wellesley, MA. She received her MS-LIS from Simmons College, School of Library and Information Science and has an AB in Philosophy and Religion from Colby College in Waterville, Maine. She replaces Commissioner Frances R. Murphy who was appointed to the Board in 2007 by Governor Deval Patrick.



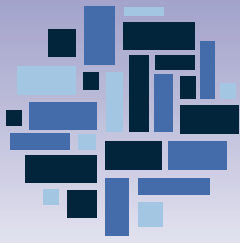
**Leslie D. Ball** of Scituate was appointed by Governor Charles D. Baker to serve on the nine-member board in October, 2018. Mr. Ball holds a Ph.D. in Management from the Isenberg School at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, as well as an MBA in Quantitative Financial Management from Boston College, and a BS in Management Information Systems from Northeastern University. He replaces Commissioner Carol B. Caro who was appointed to the Board in 2008 by Governor Deval Patrick.



**Gina Perille** of Boston was appointed by Governor Charles D. Baker in November, 2018 to serve on board. A former correspondent for The Boston Globe, Perille holds an MBA from Boston University and a BFA from the University of Illinois. She is a graduate of the LeadBoston social justice leadership program, volunteers with the Boston Pride Committee, and serves on the Corporate Executive Council for WGBH.



**Philip H. Madell** of Topsfield, was appointed by Governor Baker to serve on the board in March, 2019. Mr. Madell's experience with libraries comes from his time as a trustee at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Libraries in Kansas, the Westmont Public Library in Illinois, and at the Topsfield Public Library in Massachusetts. He also worked as a page at the University of Illinois library. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut, a master's degree from DePaul University, a law degree from the Massachusetts School of Law, and attended the University of Michigan graduate school of business.



## Consulting and Training

MLS consultants are committed to offering outstanding continuing education opportunities for librarians to promote equitable access to excellent library services for all who live, work, or study in Massachusetts. This year, MLS offered workshops on a broad range of topics including accessibility, civic engagement, marketing, reference, strategic planning, and the summer library program.

### Consulting

**701**

one-on-one  
consulting hours

### Continuing Education

**172**

events

**3,164**

workshop attendees

### Summer Library

**306**

participating libraries

**40,049**

program participants

### eBooks

**214** participating libraries

**109,364** circulations  
(school collection)

**14,656** items  
(school collection)

### Electronic Resources

#### Commonwealth eBook Collections - Statewide Databases

MLS administers Commonwealth eBook Collections and collaborates with the automated resource sharing networks on statewide eBook strategy. In addition, MLS provides training and support for the statewide database program that is funded jointly by MLS and Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

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