

More than **36 million residents visited** Massachusetts' 369 public libraries last year. In fact, **more people visit Massachusetts Public Libraries every year than attend entire seasons of the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics combined!**

More than **53 million items** were borrowed.

- 66,443,546** (digital and physical) available for checkout, **UP 38%** in five years
- 170,891** programs held, **UP 31%** in five years
- 3,250,554** people attended library programs, **UP 36%** in five years
- 101,432** internet sessions every week
- 268,438** reservations of library meeting/community rooms, **UP 36%** in five years
- 212,253** teens/young adults attended over 16,000 programs for designed for them, **UP 73%** in five years
- 2,111,766** children and caregivers attended over 88,000 programs designed for them, **UP 27%** in five years
- 524,032** kids, teens, and adults participated in summer library programming last summer, **UP 55%** since 2010

In just eleven months, there has been an **87% increase in eBook and audiobook circulation** through the new collaborative program called LEA (Library EBooks and Audiobooks)

14,000,000 items requested by residents through Inter-Library Loan are delivered through statewide delivery run by the Massachusetts Library System each year.

■ Number of Public Libraries in Massachusetts

There are **351** municipalities in Massachusetts; **350** have public libraries or share public libraries. The one community with no library service is New Ashford. **345** libraries are certified in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program. There are **2,624** Library Trustees.

■ Automated Library Networks

There are **415** libraries in nine automated library networks.

MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Construction grants awarded	244
New buildings	59
Addition/renovation (includes single purpose)	185
Total construction dollars awarded	\$420,574,655
Planning & Design grants awarded	99
Libraries on the current waiting list for construction	19
Number of municipalities that have received construction funds	215
Earliest grant	1989
Most recent	2020

* Data as reported by public libraries to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; years 2018 as compared to 2013