



The Top 5 reasons

Why

you should care about the Legislative Agenda
and State Library Funding to the MBLC

[1] **96% of the state funding to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) goes right back out to local libraries and the residents they serve.**

[2] **Databases**

In the past, the MBLC and the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) have each contributed \$1 million per year to fund statewide databases. Because of state funding cuts to MBLC budget line 7000-9401 (which funds MLS), MLS has had to reduce its contribution. Beginning in July, 2017 there will be a 30% funding reduction to databases.

Funding is currently ↓

*MBLC Budget Lines: 7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries ↓ 44%
7000-9506 Library Technology and Resource Sharing ↓ 53%
7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners ↓ in deficit for over a year*

[3] **EBL and Biblioboard**

State funding supports the Commonwealth eBook Collection which includes EBL and Biblioboard.

Funding is currently ↓

*MBLC Budget Lines: 7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries ↓ 44%
7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners ↓ in deficit for over a year*

[4] **Delivery and professional learning opportunities**

Major cost increases combined with stagnant funding to the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) will result in slower turnaround times on inter-library loan requests. Saturday delivery to 75 libraries will be eliminated and regular delivery service to 25 libraries will be cut back.

MLS will also reduce 50 training sessions for librarians.

Funding is currently ↓ **44% lower than it was in FY2002**

MBLC Budget Line: 7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries

[5] **Digital Commonwealth and Resources from Boston Public Library**

Library for the Commonwealth at BPL will be unable to maintain the eBook collection (the most popular collection with 67% of use from outside Boston); residents will lose remote access to many research and educational resources; the growth of the Digital Commonwealth may stop.

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MBLC Budget Line: 7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries

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