



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 goes right back out to local libraries and the residents they serve.**

2 **Your network membership fee**
When state funding to the automated networks is cut, your library's network membership fee increases and impacts your local library budget.
Funding is currently ↓ 53% lower than it was in FY2001.
MBLC Budget Line: 7000-9506 Library Technology & Resource Sharing

3 **Delivery to local libraries is affected**
Major cost increases combined with stagnant funding to the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) will result in slower turnaround times on residents' requests. Saturday delivery to 75 libraries will be eliminated and regular delivery service to 25 libraries will be cut back.
Funding is currently ↓ 44% lower than it was in FY2002
MBLC Budget Line: 7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries

4 **State Aid to Public Libraries**
Your library can use State Aid funding for anything that supports library services.
Funding is currently ↓ 10% lower than it was in FY2009
MBLC Budget Line: 7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries

5 **The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners budget has been in deficit for over a year.**
A small staff works on LSTA grants, Small Libraries in Networks Program, Summer Reading (with MLS), statewide databases (with MLS), statewide eBook program (with MLS), data collection and analysis, preservation, disaster planning, the Commonwealth Catalog, the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, and the consumer portal for all residents to access library services. It also administers the State Aid to Public Libraries Program, provides training for librarians and trustees, and works to raise awareness about the value of libraries and library services.
Funding is currently at 1998 levels
MBLC Budget Line: 7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners

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