

# Empowered by Libraries



Libraries across the Commonwealth are providing critical services to communities.



State funding through the Governor and Legislature supports statewide lending, eBooks and audiobooks, delivery, library technology, online learning and research, programming and much more.

**State funding to libraries is <1% of the total state budget.**



### Libraries are busy\*:

- 58 million items borrowed
- 26 million visits
- 3 million reference questions answered
- 2 million people used library computers
- 1 million people attended library programs and classes

\*Data from 2023 ARIS Report

## FY2026 MBLC Budget Request

Line Item Number and Name	FY2024	FY2025	Proposed Increase	FY2026 Request
<b>9101</b> Board of Library Commissioners	\$1,904,745	\$2,074,268	\$414,854	\$2,489,122
<b>9401</b> Regional Libraries Local Aid	\$16,717,600	\$19,000,000	\$950,000	\$19,950,000
<b>9402</b> Talking Book Program Worcester	\$678,040	\$711,942	\$35,597	\$747,539
<b>9406</b> Talking Book Program (Perkins) Watertown	\$3,860,420	\$4,053,441	\$202,672	\$4,256,113
<b>9501</b> Public Libraries Local Aid	\$17,600,000	\$20,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$22,000,000
<b>9506</b> Technology & Resource Sharing	\$6,167,581	\$6,169,480	\$308,474	\$6,477,954
<b>9508</b> Center for the Book	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$130,000	\$550,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$47,348,386</b>	<b>\$52,429,131</b>	<b>\$4,041,597</b>	<b>\$56,470,728</b>