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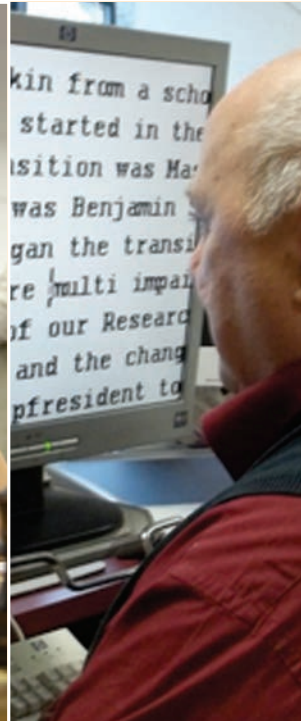


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FY 2013 Commissioners

		APPOINTED IN
Chair	Francis R. Murphy, Arlington	2007
Vice Chair	Mary Rose Quinn, Woburn	2008
Secretary	Gregory Shesko, Needham	2009
	Carol Caro, Brookline	2008
	Mary Ann Cluggish, Wellesley	2011
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	Katherine K. Dibble, Boston	2005
	Mary Kronholm, Blandford	2011
	N. Janeen Resnick, South Hadley	2012
	Alice Welch, Leominster	2010



Groundbreakings

Athol

Date: October 17, 2012

Total Project Cost: \$8,601,300

MBLC Grant: \$4,572,147

Built to meet Platinum LEED standards

Architect: Tappe Associates

The community of Athol broke ground on an addition and renovation project for its 1918 Carnegie Library. The library design includes removing the 1965 addition and expanding the original building to 20,858 square feet. Tappe Associates Architect Jeffery Hoover whose team has already begun the renovation process said, "This library will be the pinnacle of energy performance and will meet residents needs now and well into the future." Once completed, the library will meet community-specified priorities including increased parking capacity, after-hours meeting rooms, a young adult room, quiet study rooms, a computer lab and a children's program room.

Granby

Date: October 17, 2012

Total Project Cost: \$4,775,200

MBLC Grant: \$2,603,663

Built to meet LEED standards

Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates

After years of effort to expand and improve the Granby Free Public Library's 1917 Carnegie building, the community came together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new library. The 12,062 square foot building is located on land generously donated by a local resident and is convenient to the center of town, the new safety complex and public schools. At nearly five times the size of the original building, the new library will provide much needed space for children's programming, computers, and a community meeting room.



South Hadley

Date: April 27, 2013

Total Project Cost: \$10,145,732

MBLC Grant: \$4,841,312

Built to meet LEED standards

Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates

Residents of South Hadley celebrated the groundbreaking of the new South Hadley Public Library. The project creates a library facility able to meet the ongoing needs of residents, reconnects the community to the Connecticut River waterfront for all to enjoy, and revitalizes this area of South Hadley. The new two-story 22,783 square foot building will offer access to technology throughout the building through planned network connections, wireless routers, electrical supply, and cable channeling. A 'Technology Commons' area will provide adults with a flexible computer space that can accommodate desktop computers and new media.

West Tisbury

Date: December 12, 2012

Total Project Cost: \$6,055,308

MBLC Grant: \$2,982,544

Green Library Incentive upon LEED certification: \$104,389

Architect: Oudens Ello Architecture

The residents of the island community of West Tisbury gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of their library project which will renovate the existing library and add much needed additional space. West Tisbury Library Director Beth Kramer has been at the center of this successful project. "We're fortunate to have a community that understands the value of this library and who are willing to put in the effort to move this project forward even in a difficult economy," she said.



Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

Construction Grants Awarded

		Awarded On		
			Framingham	October 4 2012
			\$4,186,560	
			Scituate	October 4 2012
			\$4,985,480	
Reading	October 4 2012		Shrewsbury	October 4 2012
\$5,105,114			\$7,959,989	
Belmont	October 4 2012		Acushnet	October 4 2012
\$7,597,928			\$3,189,536	
Edgartown	October 4 2012		Eastham	April 4 2013
\$5,002,139			\$4,331,923	
Salisbury	October 4 2012		East Boston	April 4 2013
\$3,856,187			\$7,255,988	

“Public libraries are a valuable resource for cities, towns and residents across the Commonwealth,” said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. “These grants, and others before it, will assist municipalities with construction of top-notch, environmentally-conscious facilities that will serve residents for many years to come.”

Construction grants assist libraries with major capital improvement projects that involve building new facilities, expanding and renovating an existing library building, or adapting and reusing another building for use as a library. Funds pay for a portion of eligible project costs. These costs include the purchase of real property, design and engineering services, project management services, site preparation, construction, and fixed capital equipment. Grant funds do not pay for furniture, computers, or landscaping and paving. The average grant award is 50% of the eligible costs. A local financial commitment of no less than 25% of the project's eligible costs is required.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

Direct Grants to Libraries

MBLC awarded \$1,436,999 in 37 grants to public, academic, school, special libraries and library networks across the Commonwealth under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

The MBLC uses LSTA federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to provide direct grants to libraries that allow them to offer services that meet the needs of their local residents.

The Science is Everywhere grant helps public libraries develop innovative programs and strategies that promote interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).



STEM programs are designed to stimulate creativity, promote innovation, and introduce students to new technologies and occupations that may be of interest to them. Libraries receiving Science is Everywhere grants included Attleboro Public Library, Kingston Public Library, Reading Public Library, Stoneham Public Library, Joshua Hyde Public Library in Sturbridge, and Watertown Free Public Library.

Grants are also offered to help libraries digitize important resources, which increases public access to these documents. Institutions benefiting from the grant are West Bridgewater Public Library which digitized its local history collection and Cape Cod Community College which digitized National Seashore records and historic deeds. Boston Public Library is using such a grant to digitize documents for institutions that are members of the Digital Commonwealth at no cost.

Fenway Libraries Online (FLO) received an LSTA grant to procure and maintain a new virtual catalog product for libraries across the Commonwealth. Residents search the Virtual Catalog to find resources held in the automated networks and libraries from around the state. This project is scheduled to be fully implemented by December 2014.

LSTA Direct Grants to Libraries

City	Library	Amount	Award
Abington	Abington Public Library	\$7,500	On the Same Page
Attleboro	Attleboro Public Library	\$7,500	Science is Everywhere
Barnstable	Marstons Mills Public Library	\$15,000	Serving Tweens and Teens
Billerica	Billerica Public Library	\$7,500	Reader's Advisory
Boston	Boston Public Library	\$147,350	Open
Boston	Fenway Libraries Online	\$821,320	Virtual Catalog Implementation
Boston	Massachusetts Historical Society	\$36,205	Preservation of Library & Archival Materials
Boston	State Library of Massachusetts	\$25,156	Preservation of Library & Archival Materials
Eastham	Eastham Public Library	\$2,500	Preservation Survey
Easton	Ames Free Library	\$7,500	Next Chapter
Fitchburg	Fitchburg State University	\$4,470	Digitizing Historical Resources
Framingham	Framingham State University	\$15,000	Serving People with Disabilities
Halifax	Holmes Public Library	\$7,500	Serving People with Disabilities
Hanson	Hanson Public Library	\$7,500	Next Chapter
Haverhill	Haverhill Public Library	\$15,000	Serving Tweens and Teens



37 grants
\$1,436,999

City	Library	Amount	Award
Hingham	Hingham Public Library	\$12,100	Digitizing Historical Resources
Kingston	Kingston Public Library	\$7,500	Science is Everywhere
Lenox	Lenox Library	\$2,500	Preservation Survey
Lowell	UMass Lowell Libraries	\$29,954	Digitizing Historical Resources
Marlborough	Marlborough Public Library	\$12,500	Conversation Circles
Mattapoissett	Mattapoissett Free Public Library	\$15,000	Serving Tweens and Teens
Merrimac	Merrimac Public Library	\$7,500	On the Same Page
Middleton	Flint Public Library	\$7,500	On the Same Page
New Bedford	New Bedford Free Public Library	\$7,500	Libraries for Job Seekers
North Andover	Merrimack Valley Library Consortium	\$12,500	Small Libraries in Networks
Palmer	Palmer Public Library	\$2,500	Preservation Survey
Pembroke	Pembroke Public Library	\$2,500	Preservation Survey
Pittsfield	Berkshire Athenaeum	\$7,500	Next Chapter
Reading	Reading Public Library	\$7,500	Science is Everywhere
Springfield	Springfield City Library	\$17,000	Open
Stoneham	Stoneham Public Library	\$7,500	Science is Everywhere
Sturbridge	Joshua Hyde Public Library	\$7,500	Science is Everywhere
Waltham	Waltham Public Library	\$7,500	Reader's Advisory
Watertown	Watertown Free Public Library	\$7,500	Science is Everywhere
Wellesley	Wellesley Free Library	\$12,500	Conversation Circles
Weymouth	Weymouth Public Libraries	\$2,500	Preservation Survey
Worcester	C/W MARS	\$113,444	Small Libraries in Networks

Massachusetts Library System

Working to meet library needs through innovative services

Founded in 2010, the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) enjoyed a great year of providing services to libraries in the Commonwealth. For every \$1 invested in MLS this year, \$15 worth of services were returned. This is a 50% increase from before 2010.



Advancing Technologies

MLS provided hardware and technical assistance to over 30 libraries in conjunction with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. This was done in preparation for high speed internet to be brought to rural communities in Massachusetts. In addition, MLS was tasked with managing a proof-of-concept pilot for a statewide eBook platform.

Delivery

This year, over 14,000,000 items were transported between participating libraries. Additionally, 33,470 items were provided by the Resource Sharing centers in Quincy and Wellesley. These sharing centers allow access to materials that are usually not accessible from Massachusetts libraries. These important programs open up access beyond what local libraries are able to provide.

Keeping Down Costs

MLS has joined forces with the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium to increase its buying power, and provide a wider scope of products and services to citizens. This change moves MLS away from its internally managed purchasing cooperative that had been in place. There was also good news for the Commonwealth's smallest libraries. A new fee structure is in effect at MassCat to make network participation more affordable. This will open up many small libraries to all of the benefits and resources of being in one of the state's library networks.





Winners of Bruins Prizes for Summer Reading Participation

Grand Prize Winners

Zamboni game experience:
Topsfield Public Library

High Five game experience:
Rowley Public Library

Bench Assistant game experience:
Tewksbury Public Library

Team-Signed Bruins Jersey

Douglas Public Library
Springfield City Library
(East Forest Park Branch)
Amesbury Public Library
Harwich Public Library
Concord Public Library
Fairhaven Public Library
Stow Public Library
Lakeville Public Library
Somerset Public Library

Brad Marchand Signed Bruins Puck

Tewksbury Public Library
Whitinsville Public Library
Lee Library Association
Sutton Public Library
Peabody Library, Georgetown
Taunton Public Library
Duxbury Public Library
Braintree Public Library
Harvard Public Library
Milton Public Library
Harwich Public Library
Wilbraham Public Library
G.A.R. Memorial Library,
West Newbury
Peabody Public Library
Walpole Public Library

Summer Reading

More than **376,000 people attended** **15,643** programs held in the **6-8** week span of summer in **292** libraries across the Commonwealth.



This was Massachusetts' third year as a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a national grassroots consortium of states working together to provide summer reading programming materials.

The Boston Bruins have partnered with the MBLC for five years now, and this summer Bruins players joined young readers in Methuen to play a game of hockey inside the library. In addition to the game, players and young patrons participated in a craft time where the participants got to design their very own goalie mask, and a story time featuring a hockey themed book. In addition to the players' visit to Methuen, Bruins' mascot Blades promoted summer reading throughout the summer at the libraries in **Boxborough, Charlton, East Longmeadow, Pembroke, and Norton.**

Teens and children in the summer reading program also won special Bruins prizes, including autographed gear and at game experiences. Libraries across the Commonwealth participate in the statewide summer program at no cost. MLS provides membership to the CSLP for the libraries and provides program essentials, including a manual, posters, bookmarks, and reading logs. The MBLC provides funding to support ReadsInMA.org, the online summer reading component. Funding from the Boston Bruins also supports the program.



The Worcester Talking Book Library and the Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library



During FY 2013, the Worcester Talking Book Library and the Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library continued working together to provide resources to those who are blind or visually impaired.

At Perkins, the library continued to thrive through its summer reading program, and museum pass program which gave out 74 passes during the past year. In addition, the library expanded outreach efforts and was able to continue recording books and producing braille books on site. They were even paid a visit by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, who stopped by to read his memoir *A Reason to Believe: Lessons from an Improbable Life*.

In Worcester, there was an overall increase of 10% in the number of items loaned, and a 29% increase in the number of patrons receiving materials. 74,635 digital audio books, 27,214 large print books, and 7,331 analog audio books were circulated this year, an increase in all three categories. The overall library holdings were also increased by 51% for digital books, and 12% for large print books.

The Worcester Talking Book Library participated in the EveryoneOn campaign working to help eliminate the digital divide. Talking Book staff demonstrated digital talking books, NLS playback machines and the BARD digital book download site during the event.

ZoomText screen magnification v.10 software and JAWS v.13 software were both installed on computers in the Worcester Public Library computer lab. A series of eight workshops to train those interested on using the JAWS software was planned by Talking Book Library patron David Kingsbury.



STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Fiscal Year 2013 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 FY2013 State Aid to Public Libraries

- Number of municipalities that filed FY2013 State Aid to Public Libraries applications: **344**
- Number of municipalities denied MAR waiver and certification to receive FY2013 State Aid to Public Libraries: **0**
- Number of municipalities that were ineligible or did not apply for FY2013 State Aid to Public Libraries: **7**
- Number of municipalities that received FY2013 State Aid to Public Libraries: **344**

FY2013 Waivers of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR)

- Number of municipalities that applied for a waiver of the FY2013 MAR: **99**
- Number of municipalities that withdrew waiver applications in FY2013: **8**
- Number of municipalities denied a waiver of the FY2013 MAR: **0**
- Total number of municipalities that received a waiver of the FY2013 MAR: **91**
- Number of those municipalities that received a waiver with reservation of the FY2013 MAR (budgets reduced 10% more than average of other municipal departments; Fairhaven, West Tisbury, Wrentham): **3**

FY2013 Financial Activity

- FY2013 State Aid to Public Libraries legislative appropriation: **\$6,823,657.00**
- Disbursed Library Incentive Grant (LIG): **\$3,071,537.69**
- Disbursed Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG): **\$2,423,054.31**
- Disbursed Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC): **\$1,329,065.00**
- TOTAL disbursed State Aid to Public Libraries: **\$6,823,657.00**



State Aid to Public Libraries Program

Each year the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awards State Aid to Public Libraries grants to municipalities whose libraries meet statutory (MGL c.78, ss 19A and 19B) and regulatory (605 CMR 4.00) requirements.

This year marked the largest number of libraries to be certified in the history of the program.

Funding for State Fiscal Year 2013



MBLC Administration (7000-9101)	\$998,778
State Aid to Regional Libraries (7000-9401)	\$9,231,475
Talking Book Program (Worcester) (7000-9402)	\$430,628
Talking Book Program (Perkins) (7000-9406)	\$2,400,000
State Aid to Local Libraries (7000-9501)	\$6,823,657
Library Technology and Resource Sharing (7000-9506)	\$1,929,238

Other Funds

Library Services and Technology Act Funding (Federal)

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners uses federal Library Services and Technology Act funds to directly support library services across the Commonwealth.

\$3,062,100

State Capital Funds for Library Construction

Ongoing funding to support the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program and the Library Green Incentive is authorized by the governor and legislature.

\$16,500,000

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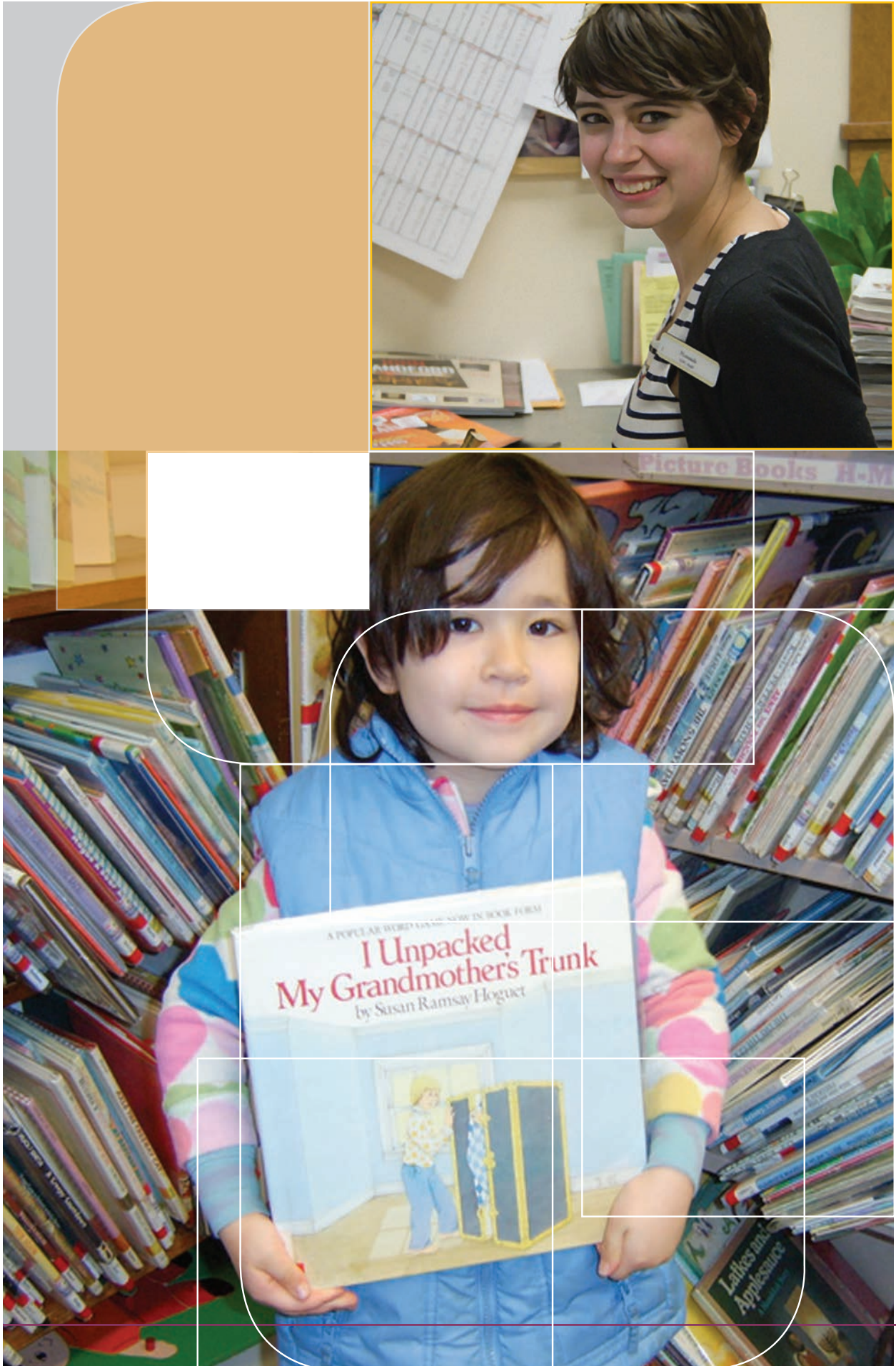
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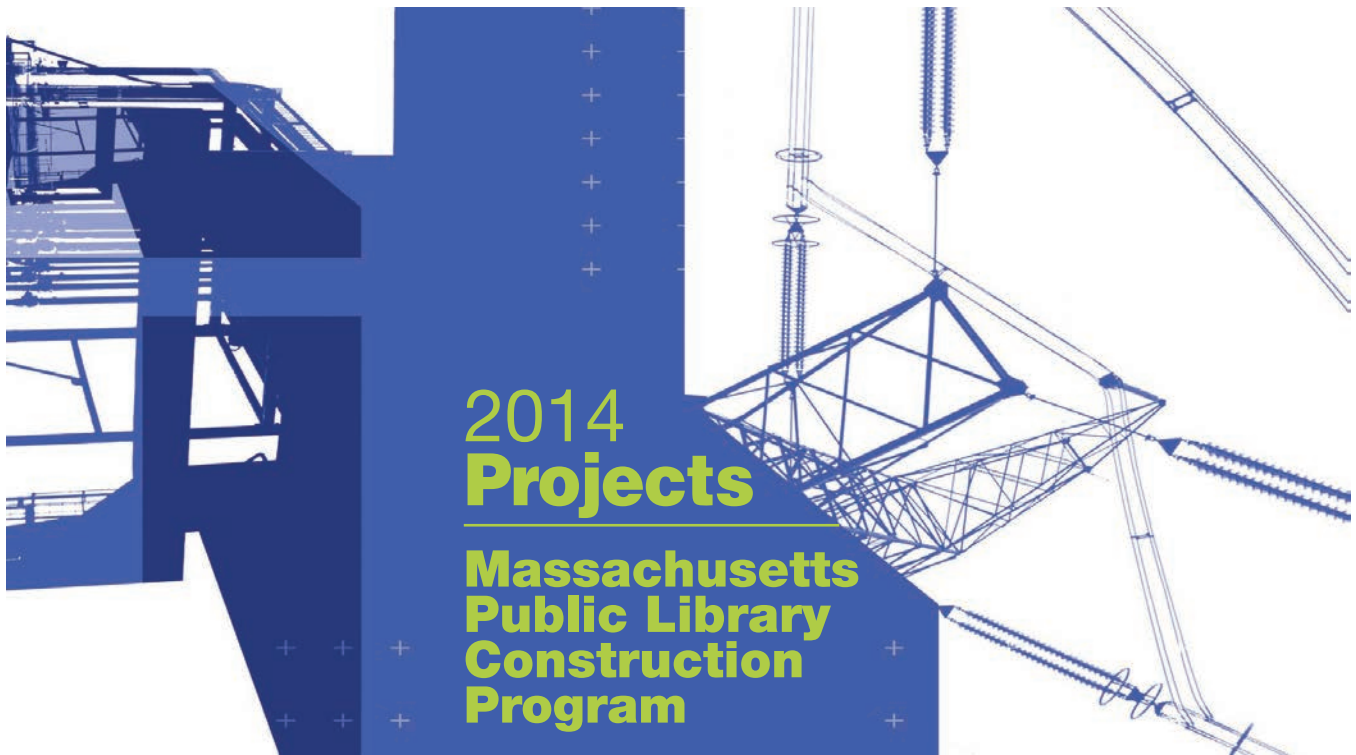
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FY 2014 Commissioners

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	N. Janeen Resnick, South Hadley	2012
	Alice Welch, Leominster	2010



Openings

Westwood

Date: September 15, 2013
Total Project Cost: \$13,000,000
MBLC Grant: \$3,698,929
Built to meet LEED standards
Architect: Finegold Alexander Architects

The new Westwood Public Library is a 21st century library with community meeting space, new separate rooms for children and teens, and handicap accessibility. The facility is a "green" library, built to meet U.S. Green Building Council's standards for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. "The Westwood Public Library has ushered the American public library into the digital age," said MBLC Commissioner George Comeau.

Millis

Date: September 21, 2013
Total Project Cost: \$7,700,000
MBLC Grant: \$2,789,569
Green Library Incentive upon LEED certification: \$139,478
Architect: Oudens-Ello

In her remarks at the dedication of the new Millis Public Library, Director Patricia Perry said, "This is the realization of a dream and a shining example of a modern American public library." Both the interior and exterior of the new Millis Public Library are designed with all ages of the community in mind. The new library offers many features unavailable in the former library: a meeting room that can be used even when the library is closed, a vibrant teen room, spaces for quiet reading and collaboration, and better access to technology. The children's room has been expanded and has a dedicated space for programming.

East Boston

Date: November 2, 2013
Total Project Cost: \$18,000,000
MBLC Grant: \$7,255,988
Built to meet Gold LEED standards
Architect: William Rawn Associates

Boston Mayor Tom Menino celebrated with community members and state and local officials at the dedication of the new East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library. With an open and flexible design that is responsive to community needs in this vibrant, active, growing neighborhood of 40,000 residents, the new branch transforms the way residents experience library services. It is a welcoming community space that offers everything from homework help, story time, conversation circles, and parent-child play groups to books, computers, and entertainment.

Foxborough

Date: November 16, 2013
Total Project Cost: \$11,600,000
MBLC Grant: \$3,461,606
Green Library Incentive upon LEED certification: \$173,080
Architect: LLB Architects

At the new Boyden Public Library in Foxborough the past meets the future in this forward-thinking renovation and expansion. The 13,800 square foot expansion went a long way, doubling the size of the children's library, creating enough space for more than thirty computers, adding and improving public meeting areas, and making room to showcase new books and media on the ground floor.

Granby

Date: November 16, 2013
Total Project Cost: \$4,775,200
MBLC Grant: \$2,603,663
Green Library Incentive upon LEED certification: \$100,000
Architect: Johnson Roberts Associates

Forty years is a long time to work on a project, but that's how long library trustee Virginia Snopek had been heading up a team with the goal of building a new public library in Granby. The new library boasts a children's room with separate programming area, local history room, a meeting room that can be used after library hours, and a new teen room -- none of these were available in the old building which was built in 1917.

Holyoke

Date: November 22, 2013
Total Project Cost: \$14,500,000
MBLC Grant: \$4,367,594
Green Library Incentive upon LEED certification: \$218,380
Architect: Timothy Murphy Architects

The existing 25,000 square foot Holyoke Public Library was fully renovated and extended, bringing the total area up to 41,773 square feet. Both a new children's area and a new teen space were added, in addition to new computers with wireless internet access, a much larger public meeting room, and dedicated places for quiet study.

Athol

Date: January 25, 2014

Total Project Cost: \$8,601,300

MBLC Grant: \$4,572,147

Built to meet Platinum LEED standards

Architect: Tappe Architects

Building a sustainable, environmentally-friendly library was a priority for the community of Athol. The project renovated the original library building and added nearly 16,000 square feet of new space, making the new Athol Public Library truly a place for learning, discovery, collaboration, and contemplation. The new library is fully accessible and has a vibrant and spacious children's room, space that teenagers can claim as their own, a large and well equipped community meeting room, quiet study and conference rooms, and technology sufficient to meet the demand for access to electronic information as well as personal computing. It also has a local history room that preserves the history and culture of the town.

West Tisbury

Date: March 22, 2014

Total Project Cost: \$6,055,308

MBLC Grant: \$2,982,544

Built to meet LEED standards

Architect: Oudens-Ello

The new West Tisbury Free Public Library on Martha's Vineyard more than doubled in size to 13,312 square feet and is designed to meet the library and information needs for a 2030 estimated population of 4,772, as well as serving the annual swell of summer visitors. The renovated library building provides the town with a unique and comfortable community space for many years to come.



Groundbreakings

Salisbury

Date: June 6, 2014

Total Project Cost: \$7,500,000

MBLC Grant: \$3,856,187

Built to meet LEED standards

Architect: Design Partnership

The Salisbury Library project will demolish the existing 1956 building and replace it with a new, modern facility in the same centrally located site on Salisbury's town green. The accessible new library will include a multipurpose room, children's room, and teen room, as well as increased collection space, public seating, and staff workspace.

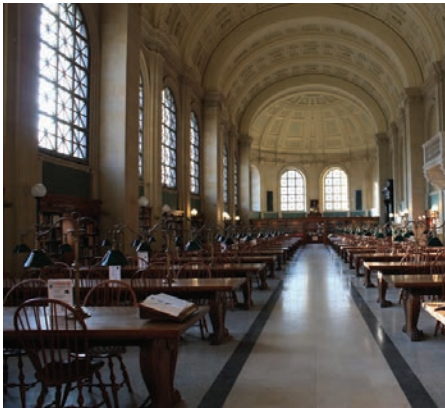
Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program

Grants – Planning and Design Grants

Municipality	Library	Award
Amherst	Jones Library Inc.	\$50,000
Brewster	Brewster Ladies Library	\$50,000
Chester	Hamilton Memorial Library	\$41,205
Dartmouth	Dartmouth Public Library	\$50,000
Deerfield	Tilton Library	\$41,205
Dighton	Dighton Public library	\$50,000
East Bridgewater	East Bridgewater Public Library	\$50,000
Erving	Erving Public Library	\$50,000
Falmouth	Falmouth Public Library: North Falmouth Branch	\$38,860
Greenfield	Greenfield Public Library	\$50,000
Hadley	Goodwin Memorial Library	\$50,000
Kingston	Kingston Public Library	\$50,000
Littleton	Reuben Hoar Library	\$50,000
Lynnfield	Lynnfield Public Library	\$50,000
Nahant	Nahant Public Library	\$49,295
North Attleborough	Richards Memorial Library	\$50,000
Seekonk	Seekonk Public Library	\$50,000
Springfield	Springfield City Library: East Forest Park Branch	\$50,000
Sutton	Sutton Free Public Library	\$50,000
Upton	Upton Town Library	\$44,220
Westborough	Westborough Public Library	\$45,895
Westford	J.V. Fletcher Library	\$50,000



Library for the Commonwealth at the Boston Public Library



The Boston Public Library, in addition to providing library services for residents of the city of Boston, is the Library for the Commonwealth. Any Massachusetts resident may get a library card to the BPL and access the wealth of print and digital materials offered through the library.

Boston Public Library expanded its work as Library for the Commonwealth throughout FY14. Key activities include the beta launch of a new statewide digital repository and portal, reaching over 150 partner institutions with free digitization services, and working as a pilot service hub for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). The portal will be in general release by the end of March 2014. Over 100,000 items/records were prepared and uploaded to the new system and subsequently harvested into DPLA for national exposure. More than 50,000 maps, photographs, manuscript pages, books, and more were imaged in Boston Public Library labs.

Additionally, BPL unveiled its mobile catalog and mobile app in August 2013 which enabled library users to renew books, place holds and more all while on the go. The library launched a free digital magazine service for download in September 2013. Through a service named Zinio, Boston Public Library cardholders can download and keep digital copies of more than 100 popular magazines. Plans are in place for digital streaming of movies, television, and music to be added to the library collection in March 2014 and made immediately available for download.

The library received an honorable mention for its September 2012 "Get Carded" social media campaign which encouraged Massachusetts residents to sign up for a library card during national library card sign-up month. The recognition was conferred at the 2013 American Library Association annual conference.

Library Services and Technology Act

The Federal Government, through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), annually appropriates funds to the Board under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Each year, in addition to statewide projects, the Board uses LSTA funding to give direct grants to libraries that allow for them to offer services above what their local funding would permit.

In FY2014, MBLC awarded \$443,328 in 37 grants to public, academic, school, special libraries and library networks across the Commonwealth. Libraries use LSTA grants in a variety of ways including implementing literacy programs that benefit all ages, increasing library access to underserved populations, providing advanced automation services, training staff, and preserving valuable historical documents.

Several libraries received “Innovative Grants” to implement programs designed to meet local needs. The Memorial Hall Library used the grant to host “Especially for All”, a program to serve families with children on the Autism Spectrum. The Massachusetts Correctional Institution - Norfolk Library used an LSTA grant for the program “Humor-as-Therapy in the Correctional Environment.” The Bellingham Public Library is presenting “Shaking up STEM”, a collaboration with the Weston Observatory to bring an educational seismograph and other science and technology equipment/training to the library. The Chicopee Public Library will host events on genealogy and local history through their funding for the “Find Yourself at the Chicopee Public Library” grant.

The program is reviewed by the State Advisory Council on Libraries, a council of library users and librarians from public, academic, school, institutional and special libraries, as well as libraries servicing persons with disabilities.

LSTA

LSTA Direct Grants to Libraries

Municipality	Institution	Program Name	Amount Awarded
Agawam	Agawam Public Library	Preservation Assessment	\$3,500
Andover	Memorial Hall Library	Innovative Grant – <i>Especially for All – serving families with children on the Autism Spectrum</i>	\$7,500
Attleboro	Attleboro Public Library	Community Languages	\$10,000
Barnstable	CLAMS	Network Connections	\$21,880
Barnstable	Marstons Mills Public Library	Reader's Advisory	\$7,500
Bellingham	Bellingham Public Library	Innovative Grant – <i>Shaking Up Stem</i>	\$7,500
Boston	USS Constitution Museum	Preservation of Library and Archival Materials	\$12,676
Bourne	Jonathan Bourne Public Library	Libraries for Job Seekers	\$7,500
Braintree	Old Colony Library Network	Network Connections	\$53,608
Brockton	Brockton Public Library	Preservation Assessment	\$3,500
Chicopee	Chicopee Public Library	Innovative Grant – <i>Find Yourself at the Chicopee Public Library</i>	\$5,000
Hamilton	Hamilton-Wenham Public Library	Customer Experience	\$7,500
Ipswich	Ipswich Public Library	Mother Goose on the Loose	\$7,500
Kingston	Kingston Public Library	Customer Experience	\$8,500
Lakeville	Lakeville Public Library	Customer Experience	\$10,000
Lynnfield	Lynnfield Public Library	On the Same Page	\$7,500
Maynard	Maynard Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Medfield	Medfield Memorial Public Library	Reader's Advisory	\$7,500
Melrose	Melrose Public Library	Preservation Assessment	\$3,500
Natick	Minuteman Library Network (MLN)	Network Connections	\$57,635
Newburyport	Newburyport Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$14,960

Municipality	Institution	Program Name	Amount Awarded
Norfolk	MCI, Norfolk	Innovative Grant – <i>Humor-as-Therapy in the Correctional Environment</i>	\$8,795
Norwood	Morrill Memorial Library	On the Same Page	\$7,500
Peabody	Peabody Institute Library	Innovative Grant – Creativity Lab	\$30,000
Plainville	Plainville Public Library	Customer Experience	\$5,955
Raynham	Raynham Public Library	Customer Experience	\$8,200
Reading	Reading Public Library	Customer Experience	\$8,000
Rowley	Rowley Public Library	On the Same Page	\$7,500
Stoughton	Stoughton Public Library	Science is Everywhere	\$7,500
Sunderland	Sunderland Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Uxbridge	Uxbridge Free Public Library	Mother Goose on the Loose	\$6,194
Wayland	Wayland Free Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000
Wellfleet	Wellfleet Public Library	Libraries for Job Seekers	\$7,300
West Boylston	Beaman Memorial Public Library	Customer Experience	\$6,625
West Bridgewater	West Bridgewater Public Library	Mother Goose on the Loose	\$7,500
Westborough	Westborough Public Library	Next Chapter	\$7,500
Worcester	Worcester Public Library	Serving Tweens and Teens	\$15,000

eBook Pilot Program Launched

On November 21, 2013, the Massachusetts Library System working with content companies Baker & Taylor and BiblioLabs launched the pilot of the Massachusetts eBook Project. Fifty-one libraries are participating in a six-month trial to explore models for eBook lending, different platforms, and user experiences.

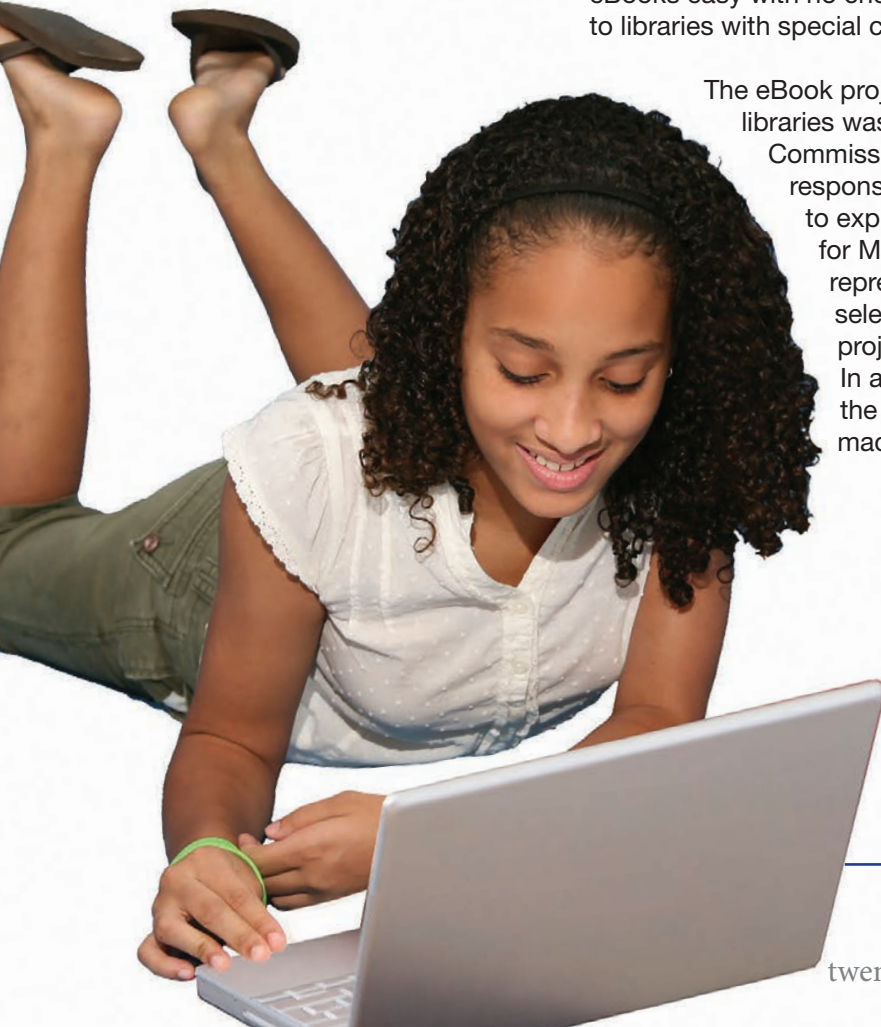
“We are pleased to see this project launch after so much work from our member libraries and from staff here and at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners,” said Gregory Pronevitz, Executive Director at MLS. He added that the project is “a direct response to our member libraries throughout Massachusetts who have made it clear that eContent is a statewide imperative.”

Over 3,000 eBooks are made available through Baker and Taylor, a Charlotte based Distribution Company through their Axis 360 digital media circulation platform. All titles that are offered are fully ADA-compliant, and come in multiple formats, including Blio, ePub and PDF.

BiblioLabs has 30,000 eBooks and other materials available through its BiblioBoard platform for patrons to borrow. This software makes borrowing eBooks easy with no checkout or waiting list, and gives a publishing platform to libraries with special collections to make these resources easily available.

The eBook project, which involves public, school, and academic libraries was conceived by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' Statewide Resource Sharing Committee in response to growing interest within the library community to explore new models and to expand the reach of eBooks for Massachusetts library users. Three task forces that represent the 51 pilot libraries are assessing the content selection, promotion and sustainability for the pilot project, and beyond to future statewide eContent efforts. In addition to the MBLC, MLS, and the pilot libraries, the nine automated networks in Massachusetts have made essential contributions.

This project is made possible by a partnership between the Massachusetts Library System, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, your local library, and funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library and Worcester Talking Book Library

The Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library and the Worcester Talking Book Library work together to provide materials to residents in the Commonwealth who are blind or visually impaired.

At the Perkins library, over **663,294 books** were circulated during FY2014. Additionally, over **11,300 people** used the **Newsline program**, which provides access to over **350 national and local newspapers and magazines** on a same-day basis.

These publications are accessed through the use of **computerized speech**, allowing users to listen to the newspapers via a touch-tone phone, online, or with an iOS application.

In Worcester, there were over **110,000 items loaned**, and a **7% increase** in the number of titles in the library's collection. **58,600** digital books were loaned, representing a **5.8% increase** in that category.

The Worcester Talking Book Library and the Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library provide accessible library services in Massachusetts to over 25,000 individuals statewide with disabilities that are unable to read conventional print and to institutions and organizations providing services to this population.

Borrowers depend on the Perkins and Worcester libraries as the primary source of accessible reading materials for study, work, personal enrichment, intellectual development, and leisure.



State Aid to Public Libraries Program

Each year **the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners** awards State Aid to Public Libraries grants to municipalities whose libraries meet statutory (MGL c.78, ss 19A and 19B) and regulatory (605 CMR 4.00) requirements.

For the FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries Program, 344 communities have been certified. Of those, 272 met all program requirements and 72 received MAR waivers. This is down from the FY2011 high of 123 applicants. Of the FY2014 MAR waiver applicants, 59 received increases in their library budgets, but not enough to meet the MAR. Overall, applications to the FY2014 State Aid Program indicate that municipal funding to libraries is beginning to rebound. For the first time in several years, no library experienced a disproportionate budget cut greater than 10% and because of this, Commissioners determined that the disproportionate reduction threshold of 5% should be reinstated for FY2015. The MBLC temporarily increased the threshold to 10% in 2010 in an effort to support libraries through the economic downturn.

The funding for the FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries program is still 31% lower than its FY2009 high of \$9,989,844. It has remained at the same level since FY2010 and is at the same level as it was in 1994.

Libraries that are certified in the State Aid to Public Libraries Program work together to provide access to items that resident's cannot get from their local libraries. Communities use state aid funding to do everything from updating technology, to expanding library hours.



STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Fiscal Year 2014 Statistical Summary

- Number of public libraries in Massachusetts: **370**
- Number of municipalities with public library service: **350**
- Number of municipalities without public library service: **1** (New Ashford)
- Number of Massachusetts municipalities: **351**

Certification to Receive FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries

- Number of municipalities that filed FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries applications: **344**
- Number of municipalities denied MAR waiver and certification to receive FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries: **0**
- Number of municipalities that were ineligible or did not apply for FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries: **7**
- Number of municipalities that received FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries: **344**

FY2014 Waivers of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR)

- Number of municipalities that applied for a waiver of the FY2014 MAR: **76**
- Number of municipalities that withdrew waiver applications in FY2014: **4**
- Number of municipalities denied a waiver of the FY2014 MAR: **1** (Wareham)
- Number of municipalities granted a waiver on appeal of the denial: **1** (Wareham)
- Total number of municipalities that received a waiver of the FY2014 MAR: **72**
- Number of those municipalities that received a waiver with reservation of the FY2014 MAR (budgets reduced **10%** more than average of other municipal departments; Wareham): **1**

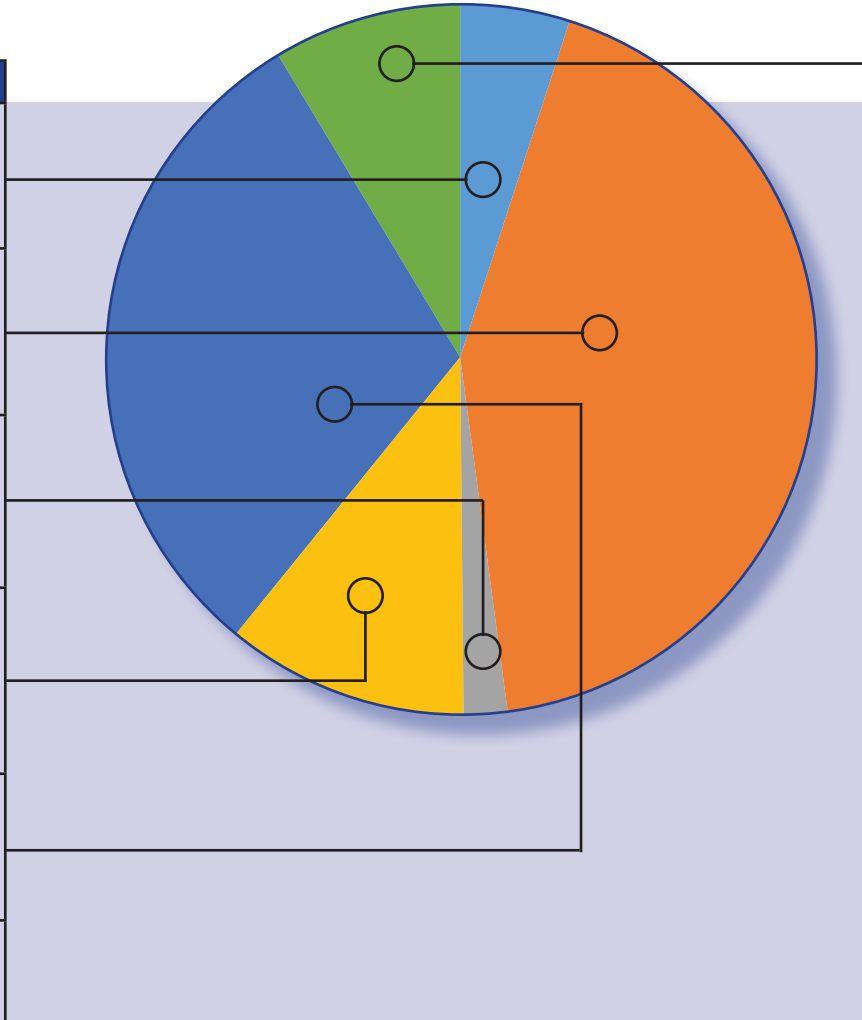
FY2014 Financial Activity

- FY2014 State Aid to Public Libraries legislative appropriation: **\$6,823,657.00**
- Disbursed Library Incentive Grant (LIG): **\$3,081,456.39**
- Disbursed Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG): **\$2,413,135.61**
- Disbursed Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC): **\$1,329,065.00**
- TOTAL disbursed State Aid to Public Libraries: **\$6,823,657.00**

Funding for State Fiscal Year 2014

- MBLC Administration
- State Aid to Regional Libraries
- Talking Book Program (Worcester)
- Talking Book Program (Perkins)
- State Aid to Local Libraries
- Library Technology and Resource Sharing

MBLC Administration (7000-9101)	\$1,120,047
State Aid to Regional Libraries (7000-9401)	\$9,579,475
Talking Book Program (Worcester) (7000-9402)	\$441,394
Talking Book Program (Perkins) (7000-9406)	\$2,455,408
State Aid to Local Libraries (7000-9501)	\$6,823,657
Library Technology and Resource Sharing (7000-9506)	\$1,929,238



Other Funds

Library Services and Technology Act Funding (Federal)	<i>The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners uses federal Library Services and Technology Act funds to directly support library services across the Commonwealth.</i>	\$3,114,756
State Capital Funds for Library Construction	<i>Ongoing funding to support the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program and the Library Green Incentive is authorized by the governor and legislature.</i>	\$19,998,648.91

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