



Massachusetts Libraries  
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

# Because America is still the land of opportunity



## **MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARIES NEED MORE FUNDING.**

More than 55 percent of new Americans use the public library at least once a week\*. Libraries provide a trusted environment and serve as a gateway to citizenship, English language learning, and civic engagement. Just as important, through libraries, new Americans and their families connect with their neighbors so that new relationships and friendships form, helping to create a community in which our differences are valued and appreciated.

**State funding to support Massachusetts Libraries is lower than it was in 1998.**

\*Institute of Museum and Library Services: Serving New Americans

**Decreased funding is affecting our residents.**



## FY2018 MBLC Budget Request

96% of MBLC State Funding goes right to our libraries and the residents they serve.

Line Item No.	Line Item	High	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Request	FY 2018 Increase Over FY 2017
7000-9101	Board of Library Commissioners	\$1,229,472 (FY 2001)	↓ \$1,077,431 <b>12% from high</b>	\$1,225,000	\$147,569
7000-9401	State Aid to Regional Libraries	\$17,623,954 (FY 2002)	↓ \$9,883,482 <b>44% from high</b>	\$10,948,670	\$1,065,188
7000-9402	Talking Book Library (Worcester)	\$446,828 (FY 2016)	↓ \$441,715 <b>1% from high</b>	\$450,115	\$8,400
7000-9406	Talking Book & Machine Lending (Perkins)	\$2,516,693 (FY 2016)	↓ \$2,487,893 <b>1% from high</b>	\$2,562,528	\$74,635
7000-9501	State Aid to Public Libraries	\$9,989,844 (FY 2009)	↓ \$9,000,000 <b>10% from high</b>	\$10,127,412	\$1,127,412
7000-9506	Library Technology & Resource Sharing (Library Networks)	\$4,420,235 (FY 2001)	↓ \$2,076,564 <b>53% from high</b>	\$3,259,000	\$1,182,436
7000-9508	Mass. Center for the Book	\$200,000 (FY 2017)	\$200,000	\$210,000	\$10,000
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			\$25,167,085	\$28,782,725	\$3,615,640

