



MLA Executive Board Meeting

Agenda

Friday, August 9, 2019, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main Street, Shrewsbury MA

1. Call to order and vote to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2019 meeting
2. President's Report
 - a. Statement regarding Lynda.com privacy concerns
 - b. Statement regarding Macmillan lending model
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Payroll deductions for health insurance
 - b. Fundraising policy
4. Association Manager's Report
5. Strategic Planning
6. By-law review
7. PR Committee
 - a. Requests for publicity, policy
8. Conference Update
9. Committee Reports
10. New Business
11. Old Business
12. Adjournment

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2019*

**A meeting of the Finance Committee will immediately follow this one*

Archives Report

On August 5, 2019, Rebecca (association manager) and Aimie (archivist) met to discuss the state of MLA's electronic files to create a plan to bring them together on one cloud-based storage platform, eliminating duplicates in the process. Rebecca showed Aimie the varied existing storage spaces, explaining size limits, and explained the work done so far to clean up these spaces. Aimie let Rebecca know that she had a thumbdrive of files given to her by the previous archivist and filled her in on the history of the archives, including the physical files present state. After some discussion, the plan devised is as follows:

1. Aimie will assess the thumbdrive files compared to what is stored on Wild Apricot and the Dropbox. Any unique files will be added to GSuites. Duplicates will be deleted.
2. Aimie will work on the Records Retention Schedule and share a draft with Esme. Once this is finalized, both Aimie and Rebecca can use it to more quickly assess what needs to be stored.
3. Aimie will give Esme the background on idea to apply to Digital Commonwealth to have existing physical files digitized.
4. Aimie will assess Wild Apricot and Dropbox to understand scope of work and then be in touch with Rebecca to devise a plan to work together to clean it up. At present, the idea is to get Wild Apricot files paired down to 2018-present, transition old, inactive files to GSuites. Then comparing those to Dropbox and transition any unique files from Dropbox to GSuites.
5. Give the Executive Board an update on progress at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimie Westphal, Archives



Conference Committee Report to MLA Executive Board August 9, 2019

*2020 MLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
"Turning the Tide"
May 19 - May 20, 2020
Cape Cod Resort and Conference Center, Hyannis Mass.*

The MLA Conference Committee held its kickoff meeting on July 19, 2019 at the Reading Public Library.

New members: Sarah Breen will be the new liaison from the Reference and User Services Section. Anna Gooding-Call will be the new liaison from the Intellectual Free and Social Responsibilities Committee.

Committee Expectations: Reviewed by Michelle Filleul. Members missing 3 meetings will not receive free conference registration. Attendance is allowed via conference call.

Responses to the 2019 Conference Survey: Outcomes included allowing more time between sessions, reducing number of printed programs as the Conference App is being heavily utilized. Other discussion items included balancing programs equally for all three days of the conference, vendor attendance for all three days. Respondents and the committee agreed that convening the MA Annual Meeting at breakfast was successful. Surveys also indicated that attendees enjoyed the two evening events.

Raffle Baskets: Ginny Johnson reported that this year's raffle was the 2nd best with 134 tickets sold. \$2,180 was raised from the sale of raffle tickets.

Program Proposals: Proposals will be due at the October meeting.

Program Proposal Form: Kim Hewitt gave an overview of the new Program Proposal form. Once the proposal form is shared with the program's shepherd, it will immediately become the program form. Program forms with complete information should be finalized by the December meeting. Once the conference co-chairs develop the program schedule, the document becomes the speaker agreement form with the next step being the DocuSign process. All present agreed that this a significant improvement over the previous procedures.

2019 Conference Recap: Finalized conference data including attendance and financials is not yet available. It is anticipated that we will have the information available to the Executive Board prior to the budget process.

Submitted by:
Conference Committee Co-Chairs
Michelle Filleul
Kim Hewitt
Ellen MJ Keane
Joanne Lamothe

Intellectual Freedom & Social Responsibilities Committee Report, August 2019



In June we facilitated a roles and goals session. We also settled on a new meeting format, meeting in-person four times a year at libraries throughout the state or at the Massachusetts Library System office. The committee strongly prefers to meet in-person.

FY20 Roles:

- Committee Chairs: **Andrea Fiorillo, Carol Witt**
- Secretary: **Karen Tobin**
 - Role: take minutes, distribute minutes to committee *(and MLA Archives?)*
- Social Media Maven: **Elizabeth McKinstry**
 - Anna at Springfield City Library may coordinate all MLA social media
 - Side note: we should think about spreading word out about state listservs
- Intellectual Freedom Champions: **Susan Caulfield, Matt Amory, Karen Tobin**
 - Role includes providing support to libraries with material challenges, or other challenges to IF, reporting to ALA OIF *(via ALA Liaison?)* when needed
- Conference Committee Member: **Anna Gooding-Call**
 - Role includes attending MLA conference planning committee meetings once a month and coordinating presentations for the MLA conference. Andrea will go to next conference committee meeting w/Anna and provide mentoring. We will work more collaboratively as a committee on conference planning to support the Committee Conference Planning Chair.
- ALA Liaison: **Michelle Spinney**
 - Role includes attending four ALA teleconferences a year- State of the State Updates and monitoring emails from ALA OIF.
- Social liaison, party planner, cruise director: **Annette Diola**
 - Role may include planning snack schedule for meeting *(maybe in SignUpGenius?)*, organizing conference raffle basket, and all things fun.
- MLS Liaison: **Michelle Eberle**

Past activities:

- Fitchburg Public Library held a Drag Queen Story Time event on July 19th. Co-Chair Carol Witt (who lives in Fitchburg) offered IF/SRC and ALA OIF's assistance, and attended the event. While a few protesters attended, there were no disruptions, and they were outnumbered by numerous supporters and attendees.

Upcoming and ongoing work includes:

- Helping to facilitate MBLC & MLS's *Communities in Crisis: Libraries Responding to the Opioid Epidemic* Symposium on November 15th, 2019
- Climate Preparedness Week grassroots programs
- Preparing to mobilize education and action on 2020 Census; helping to get people counted on the new online census
- 2020 Conference Planning
- In conjunction with the Library Information Technologies Section, IF/SRC asked the MLA to make a recommendation that libraries in the Commonwealth discontinue their use of LyndaLibrary/LinkedIn Learning until LinkedIn addresses privacy and data retention/ownership issues.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th from 10-12 at the Chelmsford Public Library. Keith West, a Debate Coach from the Boston Latin School, will lead a moderated discussion and offer facilitation training in preparation for the Opioid Epidemic Symposium's table talks.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Fiorillo and Carol Witt
Co-Chairs, IF/SRC



Leadership and Management Section Report August 2019

- LAMS held their first meeting on August 1, 2-4 in Northborough.
- There were 25 people in attendance (2 on GotoMeeting)
- Bylaws were submitted to the group for a vote and approved with one change.
- Maureen Ambrosino volunteered to be the section's secretary for this year. There were no other interested parties, so the group voted to approve her in that position.
 - We selected topics for our next 3 meetings (locations TBD):
 - Sept 5 - Conference Proposal Development
 - November 7- Building Trust
 - January 12- Dealing with Difficult Patrons
 - We determined that at each meeting we will have time for someone to give a 5-10 minute Resource Talk and time to discuss a particular issue (which will be emailed out ahead of time so people can prepare their thoughts/resources that helped them, etc).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Hewitt



Legislative Committee Report

8/9/19

The Legislative Committee concluded the FY19 year by waiting for the final approval for the State Budget, knowing that we had success in increasing the lines overall. Many people have commented that the advocacy work we did this year, especially developing our relationship with the Library Caucus is reaping benefits. Throughout the budget process we continued to contact our legislators and kept the message strong.

The new fiscal year began with the retirement of Susan McAlister, MLN Executive Director and Charlotte Canelli stepping down as Co-Chair. We have added new members, including Catherine Halpin, BPL who has willingly joined on as the Co-Chair of Library Legislative Day with veterans Tressa Santillo and Jayme Viveiros. Jennifer Harris is the Chair. WMLA and CMLA participated throughout the year; a new member for CMLA is needed as Margaret Cardillo stepped down. MSLA is strongly represented by Greg Pronovitz. It is our goal to increase membership to the committee through outreach and persuasion.

We were asked to submit a Letter of Support to the MLA Executive Board on behalf of UELMA (Uniform Electronic Material Act) by Marnie Warner, Law Librarians of New England (LLNE) Government Relations member. We will be submitting to EBoard shortly.

The Leg Com hosted the *“Meet and Greet Your Legislative Committee and Library Caucus”* program for the MLA Conference. The program with the Town Hall format included members of the Legislative Committee and Members of the Library Caucus. Guest speakers included Co-Chair Rep. Brian W. Murray, 10th Worcester District, Rep Kathy LaNatra, 12th Plymouth District, Rep Joan Meschino, 3rd Plymouth District, and MBLC Chair, Commissioner Roland Ochsenein. We had 30 attendees, many familiar faces and some new one. We had 5 people who expressed interested in hearing more about participating in the Leg Com.

The Leg Com discussed the past practice of holding a “Breakfast on Legislative Breakfasts” and will further pursue how to update the information to be shared in a way that benefits most members of MLA when organizing such activities.

We are also following up on the Census 2020 activities throughout the Commonwealth as they get the attention that is needed through Libraries being involved. Each town is handling the task differently; most importantly – the towns that are difficult to get accurate counts are being urged to be involved.

The MLA Legislative Committee’s next meeting is September 27, 2019 at MLS in Northampton.

Respectfully submitted
Jennifer Harris, Chair



Membership Committee August 2019 Report

The Massachusetts Library Association has 572 members, 114 members joining since conference registration opened on March 5th.. We also have 204 members who have lapsed.

A spreadsheet of the contact info for these members will be posted to Google Drive and shared with the exec. Board. Please go through and contact people on your committees who need to renew. It is suggested to treat the lapse as an oversight and this is a gentle reminder that to serve on a committee, you must be a current MLA member.

Hope everyone will be able to join us at the meet & greet on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7 PM – 10 PM
At Six String Grill & Stage

275 Patriot Place, Foxborough, Massachusetts 02035

<https://www.facebook.com/events/360776104563434/>

Respectfully Submitted by,
Melissa Campbell, Co-Chair
Laurie Lessner, Co-Chair
Kim Hewitt
Patrick Marshall



NELA Representative Report

Prepared for meeting of August 9, 2019

The NELA Board met on Friday July 19th at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. NELA is considering this venue for a future conference.

* The NELA Executive Board is finishing up a new Strategic Planning process which they have been engaged in with ECS from Boston.

* The NELA Annual Conference will be taking place in Mystic CT. October 20-22, The theme is Challenging Expectations Together. Registration is now open.

* NELLs begins next week, Below you will find a list of Massachusetts Participants. We are pleased that Esme is able to join us for the State Association Leadership Panel on August 15th.

STATE NEWS

CT is beginning the search for a new State Librarian. Kendall Wiggin, the current State Librarian announced his retirement early this year, and will retire on January 1, 2020. The State Library Board hopes to have someone named by November.

ME is exploring new amended standards for its libraries. Standards are divided into the categories of Governance; Staff; Facility; Collection; Programming; Advocacy; and Ethics. Each standard will be further categorized as Essential, Enhanced, or Exemplary. The standards are still in draft form. ME Library Association's Annual Conference registration is now open. The conference is to be held at the Sunday River Resort in Newry, ME Sept 30th - Oct 1st ; the theme is LIBRARIES:Building Stronger Communities for Maine's Next 200 Years. Confirmed keynote speakers are author Cory Doctorow and ALA President Wanda Brown.

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Respectfully submitted,
Krista McLeod, NELA Rep



Paralibrarian MLA Executive meeting Report for August 9th, 2019

Paralibrarian Section met at Memorial Hall Library – Andover on June 13th, 2019

Old Business

- Discussed MLA Conference and PARA Certificates

New Business

- Appointed Patty Bailey as Awards Chair and confirmed membership of Michelle Sheehan.
- 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule for Section Board was voted on and approved. All meetings will run from 10:00-12:00 pm on the following dates:
 - Thursday, September 19, 2019 – Cape TBD
 - Thursday, November 21, 2019 – Norwood Public Library
 - Thursday, January 16, 2020 – Virtual
 - Thursday, March 19, 2020 – Middleboro Public Library.
 - Thursday, April 16, 2020 – TBD (Awards voting)
 - May 18-19-20, 2020 – MLA Conference (Cape) and Annual Meeting
 - Thursday, June 18, 2020 – Reading Public LibraryMeetings information will be posted on our website.
- New Hampshire Library Association Collaboration
 - Karen Horn Paralibrarian Section Review Committee Chair will be the keynote speaker at NHLA Paralibrarian Mini-Conference on October 4th, 2019.
- NELA Conference Collaboration
 - Karen Horn and Lori Salotto Paralibrarian Section Secretary will present at the NELA Conference in October discussing the Paralibrarian Certification Reciprocity between NH and MA.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna McGrath
Chair Paralibrarian Section



Public Relations Committee Report August 2019

The Public Relations Committee welcomed Andrea Puglisi to co-chair in June with the MLA transition meeting. The committee has accepted several new members as a result of conference and Andrea's direct recruiting.

The first committee meeting of the 2019-2020 year was held via conference call on Thursday, July 18. Four summer 2019 projects were outlined and tasks were assigned by interest:

- Develop a messaging Calendar that will largely be determined based on PR Committee's workflow & preferences (consensus). We should be adopting some tool or infrastructure to support our messaging goals, example, adopting Hootsuite for scheduling.
- Create a copy/style guide for MLA that highlights rules and best practices for association communications.
- Discover the best analytical tools to establish how we measure our success so we have an informed marketing presence.
- Integrate the above to best support MLA committees and sections

We've established teams of social media contributors to the existing social media channels.

Other projects discussed included conference programs and the upcoming Hall of Fame awards, as well as planning for the association newsletter.

Co-chairs, along with Anna Mickelson, submitted a draft policy to Admin Board regarding the volume of requests the Association receives to share information with the membership. Work on a social media policy draft has also begun.

An attempt to meet with the originators of the Library Land Project is also underway. A conference call for the PR Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 22 at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Puglisi & Jocelyn Tavares, Co-Chairs



Readers' Advisory Section Report For MLA Executive Board Meeting 8/9/19 The

Readers' Advisory section held a meeting Thursday, August 1, 2019.

A draft of bylaws was presented and will be posted to members for edits and suggestions.

We came up with several MLA 2020 conference program ideas and are making inquiries and drafting proposals to solidify them.

We formed a committee to create a member survey so we will be able to assess the RA needs of MLA members and the larger commonwealth library community.

Action items include communicating with Rebecca about our web presence on masslib.org, being added to the section list displayed at MLA registration, and prioritizing our many ideas into a strategic plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Aghababian and Alene Moroni, co-chairs



Reference User Services Section

Bi-Monthly Report August 2019

- RUSS has two new co-chairs this year, Sarah Breen from the Needham Free Public Library, and Rebecca Lemos from the Newburyport Public Library.
- Sara Kelso will continue as the RUSS secretary.
- Sarah Breen will serve as the RUSS liaison to the Conference Committee.
- The first meeting of the year will be on Friday, August 23rd at the Needham Free Public Library. In addition to the business portion of the meeting we will be discussing library fines with speakers from the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy.
- The next section meeting will be on Friday, November 15th at the MA Library System's Marlborough office.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Breen



Youth Services Section Report August 9, 2018

Youth Services Section members are currently powering through their respective summer reading programs. We held a virtual meeting on Thursday, June 27 to regroup after conference and check in before we were in the thick of summer.

Overall we were pleased with our conference programs, especially Beyond Sound It Out and Fan Con. Bethany Coito from New Bedford is our new Member-at-Large Southeast.

Our biggest discussion has been fundraising—how and why. I've had a persistent idea to do a non-dated planner featuring library and librarian pet photos, but other ideas have been shared in a Google doc and include enamel pins or patches, a Boston bar crawl with a cover fee as the fundraising bit, a bar crawl where the librarians are guest bartenders and the tips are the fundraiser, trivia night with an entry fee, magnets which we already have printed, pet photo contest which is part of the planner idea, tshirts, tea party... Most of these we'd have to pay for to book a venue or get an item made, then people would pay for the thing to raise the funds. The question was raised why are we raising the money, and I decided it would be a good year since we haven't done a fundraiser in a long time and I wanted to break out of our cycle of unconferences and retreats. My goal is to promote and bring more people back to YSS since it seems there has been more migration to regional roundtables and create something engaging and fun. Our first step is to refresh our logo and then narrow down the fundraising ideas.

Meeting venues are being ironed out for next year. Calls out to Marlborough for September, Chicopee for November, and Tewksbury for January. Spring meeting in the southeast TBD.

Respectfully submitted in absentia,

Marissa Antosh
Chair



Association Manager Monthly Activity Report

Name: Rebecca Beckley

Date: June/July 2019

Meetings Attended

- Attended Executive Board meeting 6/14/19.
- Attended Admin board meeting remotely 7/12/19.
- Attended Conference Committee meeting remotely 7/19/19.
- Met with Treasurer Bernadette Rivera 7/26/19 to discuss division of financial duties.

Membership/ Customer Service

- Updated new Malden PO Box mailing address on all communication templates and website. Sent email blast to all members with updated W9 informing of new address. Continue to contact members individually to update our address with their accounting departments as checks are forwarded from Seekonk and Carlisle PO Boxes.
- Continue to respond to member emails and voicemails.

Conference

- Sent reminder emails for six unpaid invoices for Conference registration, as of 8/2/2019 four have been paid, one was made in error and to be voided, and one remaining unpaid with no response from the attendee.

IT

- Began overhauling website, consolidating Contact information pages, Committee/sections (IFSRC by request), Board pages. Created new page on website for new Leadership and Management section.
- Began to remove old files from website and Wild Apricot storage. Currently we are using 2374 MB, 79% of our storage on Wild Apricot. Will move these files to permanent storage in GSuites. Meeting minutes from the past two years are available to the public on our website. Anyone can contact the Association Manager for any Meeting Minutes prior to 2018.
- Dropbox storage will also need to be integrated with archived files in GSuites. We may need to increase storage in GSuites to accommodate MLA files and archives, and may stop using Dropbox as a result. I will know more after discussing a strategy with Aimie, MLA archivist and will report at a future date.
- Setup Go To Meetings by request for upcoming Committee section meetings.
- At the suggestion of the Admin board, created Announcements section on our homepage for official MLA statements, including statement on Everett Public Library and upcoming statement on Lynda.com
- Setup @masslibrary.org email addresses for all Board Members and Committee sections. This will allow them to access files stored in GSuites without permissions needing to be setup individually.

Outside Agencies

- Continue to send joint membership reports at the beginning of the month to NELA.
- Continue to add ALA joint student members to MLA from monthly ALA reports.
- Reserved Shrewsbury Library Meeting room for August eboard meeting.

Financial

- Continue to collect checks from PO Box and deposit into TD bank account every Friday.
- Began using Quickbooks to settle deposits.

Goals Met:

- Gather feedback for website improvements
- Send an email blast to all members notifying of new mailing address and including updated W9.
- Back-up files from old association manager's computer

Goals for Next Month:

- Meet with Aimie to discuss digital archival strategy and website redesign.
- Create MLA orientation process documentation for new Committee Section Chairs (Eventkeeper, webpage editing access, GSuites access, etc.)
- Work with Treasurer to switch our billing from World Pay to Wild Apricot and update. Make list of all World Pay transaction links on website to be updated.
- Create Master password list of our vendor account login information and share with Board.
- Continue to use and become more knowledgeable in Quickbooks.
- Create ALA monthly report process documentation.

The Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA) Update to MLA Executive Board - August 2019

MSLA has a new President, Laura Luker, Librarian at the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School, She is taking on this leadership role for two years. Kathy Lowe, our long-term Executive Director, is stepping down into retirement. Her role is being filled by two contractor positions:

-Emily Kristofek, Office Manager/Event Planner - emilykristo@gmail.com

-Greg Pronevitz, Director of Outreach - greg@pronevitzconsulting.com, 978-760-4767



Our 2020 Conference, "We can do it: School libraries build strong communities," will be held March 29-30 at the Sheraton in Framingham.

New advocacy cochairs have been appointed: Deeth Ellis, Boston Latin and Georgina Trebbe, Minnechaug Regional High School. We are reaching out to connect with legislators who are on the Joint Committee on Education, Ways and Means, and the Library Caucus to deliver our advocacy message.

Our **advocacy priority** is to call for the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Commission on School Library Services in Massachusetts as described in the Commissions [2018 Report](#). The study found that there is disparity of equity of access to school libraries and school library services in Massachusetts schools. The recommendations are steps to enhance equity. We feel that the most important first steps are to appoint an individual at the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education with responsibility for school libraries. No one has this responsibility currently. We also would like to see a comprehensive audit or census of school libraries, librarians, and related services to provide a baseline for enhancing equity.

About MSLA

The MSLA is an association of school librarians, supporters of school libraries, and other stakeholders. We host professional development events and an annual conference to support our 700 members.

Our Vision--All students in Massachusetts will have consistent access to effective school library programs, led, taught, and implemented by credentialed school librarians that provide opportunities for every student to learn and succeed.

Mission--MSLA promotes school librarian leadership and school library programs that provide resources, instruction, and opportunities for collaboration that maximize student learning. MSLA works to ensure every school has a school library program that is fully integrated at all grade levels across the curriculum and has a significant and measurable impact on student achievement. MSLA provides its members with paths to school library leadership. The organization communicates its vision to members and potential members, the educational community, and the general public.

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**MBLC Director's Report to MLA Executive Board
August 2019**

Governor Baker has signed the FY2020 budget, with no vetoes to the Conference Committee version. Six of the MBLC's seven budget line items were funded at or above the FY2020 Legislative Agenda request levels; the Massachusetts Center for the Book (7000-9508) received level funding.

State Aid to Regional Libraries (7000-9401), which funds the Massachusetts Library System and the Library for the Commonwealth, received a much-needed increase of \$1,233,860, for a total of \$11,516,000, which will help stabilize delivery, support statewide resource sharing, and broaden digitization efforts across the Commonwealth.

Library Technology and Resource Sharing (7000-9506) was funded at \$4,259,000, an increase of \$1,433,072 over FY2019--and \$1 million over our FY2020 Legislative Agenda request. Funding for this line primarily supports the nine Automated Library Networks as well as a portion of the statewide databases. The MBLC administrative line (7000-9101), the Worcester Talking Book Library (7000-9402), and the Perkins Library (7000-9406) were all funded at or just slightly above the amounts requested.

State Aid to Public Libraries (7000-9501) received \$10,059,081, with \$158,000 of earmarks to various projects.

MBLC	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
Item Number & Item Name	Final Budget (after overrides)	Legislative Agenda Request	Governor's House 1 Budget	House Budget	Senate Budget	Final Budget
7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners	\$1,275,000	\$1,313,250	\$1,314,774	\$1,322,130	\$1,313,250	\$1,322,130
7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries	\$10,282,140	\$11,516,000	\$10,384,961	\$11,484,961	\$11,516,000	\$11,516,000
7000-9402 Talking Book Library	\$454,966	\$468,217	\$459,516	\$468,217	\$468,217	\$468,217
7000-9406 Talking Book & Machine Lending	\$2,588,155	\$2,665,800	\$2,614,037	\$2,665,800	\$2,665,800	\$2,665,800
7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries	\$9,612,700	\$9,901,081	\$9,456,327	\$10,024,327	\$9,921,081	\$10,059,081
7000-9506 Library Technology & Resource Sharing	\$2,815,928	\$3,259,000	\$2,848,279	\$3,259,000	\$3,259,000	\$4,259,000
7000-9508 MA Center for the Book, Inc	\$200,000	\$206,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$ -	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$27,228,889	\$29,329,348	\$27,277,894	\$29,424,435	\$29,143,348	\$30,490,228
earmarks	-\$250,000			-\$168,000	-\$20,000	-\$158,000
minus earmarks	\$26,978,889			\$29,256,435	\$29,123,348	\$30,332,228

We have been told that a member of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight has placed a hold on **H.3687**, which includes \$100 million for public library construction. Once the bill is no longer being held, we will work with our House Library Caucus co-chairs Reps. Higgins and Murray and their colleagues to have the bill amended to include a higher amount for the MPLCP. If we are unsuccessful in amending the current bond bill, we will work with the Caucus co-chairs to file a bond bill during this fiscal year.

IMLS Site Visit: Michele Farrell, our IMLS program officer, conducted an official monitoring site visit to the MBLC from July 22-25. IMLS program officers conduct visits to each state/territory at least once in a five year cycle to review program procedures, documentation, and financial activity, and to visit IMLS-funded projects and highlight exemplary grants. We'd like to thank the following libraries/library directors and staff for hosting visits with Michele and MBLC staff:

- Boston Public Library (David Leonard): David and colleagues gave an update on digitization services and the Digital Commonwealth and provided a tour and discussion of the recent Johnson Building renovations.
- Shrewsbury Public Library (Ellen Dolan): Ellen and staff discussed their very successful Memory Café program that brings together dementia and Alzheimer patients and their caregivers for weekly programming at the library. Michele and MBLC staff also met with participants of the program.
- Bellingham Public Library (Bernadette Rivard): Michele and MBLC staff were able to take part in the library's Camp Millionaire game targeted to pre-teen participants. This was just one of many LSTA funded programs designed to increase the financial literacy of all ages in the community.
- Reading Public Library (Amy Lannon): We observed the wrap-up meeting for the participants in their Town-Wide Preservation grant. The Library coordinated the assessment of collections from the library, town hall and local historical cultural institutions. The meeting consisted of a review by a preservation specialist from the Northeast Document Conservation Center who performed the assessments.
- Somerville Public Library (Cathy Piantigini): Michele and MBLC staff visited the centerpiece of Somerville Public Library's Food for Thought Urban Gardening Initiative: two raised gardens on the library's lawn. This grant brought together a number of community partners to build the garden and provide a number of programs relating to food literacy.

The **Fall 2019 Trustee Orientation** schedule is as follows (all from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.):

- Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Sudbury, Goodnow Public Library
- Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Westfield Athenaeum
- Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Chelmsford Public Library
- Wednesday, October 30, 2019
Williamstown, David & Joyce Milne Public Library
- Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Middleborough Public Library

Planning is underway for the **Massachusetts Library Trustees Association** annual meeting and program that will take place on November 16 at the Shrewsbury Public Library. The program will feature a panel on roles and responsibilities among directors, trustees, friends and foundation with crowd sourced scenarios for panelists to discuss. Another topic will be the role for libraries in the 2020 Census.

MPLCP: The Monterey Public Library has set their dedication for Saturday, August 17 at noon. Commissioner Kronholm is scheduled to speak at the event.