



Massachusetts Library System (MLS)

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MLS provides services to member libraries, often at no direct cost to the library or library users, to promote equitable access to excellent library services and resources for all who live, work, or study in Massachusetts.

We

- Share resources: books, magazines, videos and more from around the state and world to our local libraries. Even when physical buildings were closed to the public, we moved millions of items across the Commonwealth ensuring access to information.
- Help libraries become future ready: we offer hundreds of training sessions and hours of consulting services, as well as lead special initiatives and programs to help libraries tackle big challenges, like the “Summer slide” that affects students during the summer months between school and workforce development, a critical component of the pandemic recovery.
- We provide 24/7 access to Digital Resources: Partnering with the MA Board of Library Commissioners, we provide a suite of databases and eContent. Our Commonwealth eBook Collection offers an ever-growing robust collection of rich and diverse titles to help support the 550+ K-12 school libraries that participate in this program. In 2021 and 2022, program circulation exceeded one million checkouts each year and this program currently ranks 2nd in the US and 3rd world in total circs for K-12 shared collections.