

Massachusetts Library System (MLS)

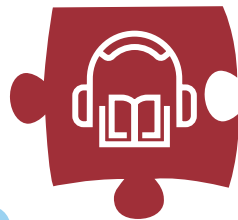


Building a stronger Commonwealth: **one person at a time**

To promote equitable access to excellent library services and information resources for all who live, work, or study in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) provides services to member libraries such as:



- **Resource Sharing:** books, magazines, videos and more from around the state and world to our local libraries. MLS moves millions of items across the Commonwealth, all at less than the cost of a postage stamp per item, ensuring access to information, at little to no direct cost to the user or library.



- **Thousands of hours of in-person and online learning opportunities, hundreds of hours of consulting services, and opportunities for independent professional learning,** as well as lead special initiatives and programs to help libraries become feature ready and tackle big challenges, like workforce development and the “summer slide” (which affects students during the summer months between school).



- **24/7 access to online Digital Resources.** The MLS partners with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) to provide a suite of online magazines, encyclopedias, and eContent.

- **Our Commonwealth eBook Collection offers an ever-growing collection of rich and diverse titles to help support over 580 K-12 school libraries.**

In the 2022 school year, over 1.6 million eBooks were checked out. The 2023 school year is on track to exceed this benchmark. This program’s usage currently ranks 2nd in the United States and 3rd in the world.

