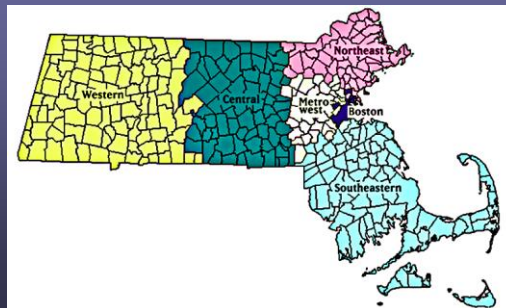


The Real Deal: Regional Library Systems

Six Regions



Regional Membership

Regional Member Libraries by Library Type and by Region

Library Type	BMRLS	CMRLS	METRO-WEST	NMRLS	SEMLS	WMRLS	Total
ACADEMIC	36	17	29	12	12	19	125
PUBLIC	3	72	38	53	102	103	371
SCHOOL	46	130	246	202	236	165	1025
SPECIAL	64	26	54	39	36	29	248
TOTALS	149	245	367	306	386	316	1769

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

Requirements are: that the participating library shall:

- (a) be part of an organization or institution that has a legal basis for operation;
- (b) have an organized collection of information and material accessible for use by its designated clientele;
- (c) have a fixed location;
- (d) have established and posted hours of service;
- (e) have an on site paid librarian-in-charge. (For public schools, each secondary school library member must be staffed by a full time certified library teacher, and each non-secondary school library member must be staffed by either a full or part time certified library teacher. For each non public school and each charter school, a Masters in Library Science degree shall be considered equivalent to a library teacher certification for purposes of meeting this requirement);
- (f) have a written mission statement and service objectives, which the library reviews and evaluates annually;
- (g) have an established funding base and an annual budget;
- (h) be authorized to participate by its appropriate administrative authority;
- (i) agree to the terms and conditions of the regional library system membership agreement as established by the Board of Library Commissioners. This agreement shall include certification by each member library that it meets the minimum eligibility requirements for participation, agrees to participate in interlibrary loan activities within the Commonwealth in accordance with the National Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States and agrees to provide data on the use of regional and statewide library materials and services.

Return on Investment - ROI

- Regional library systems deliver over \$78.7 million in services each year
- Appropriated funds for regions is only \$9.1 million annually
- This equals \$8.59 in value to libraries for each \$1 appropriated

ONLINE SERVICES

- 20 million searches per year
- Search from classrooms, administrative offices and the library



Massachusetts
Newsstand



Infotrac databases
Gale Cengage Learning



Biography Resource Center



24/7 online chat with reference librarians

Members Comments

- “ I just opened today’s mail, including CMRLS directions for the new databases, and, as you had e-mailed (so quickly), directions, on the back, for the old databases. I don’t know how I could have missed that in the past. I am sure that with the addition of the new databases, and the “old” one that we will be adding, as well, we will increase library usage, but, and perhaps more importantly, students and staff who will realize the value of libraries and the many resources available and, especially, databases. Thanks for all the extra that you do.” - Barbara Fontes, Marlborough High School 2/9/06
- “When my school joined CMRLS, I canceled an \$800 database subscription because I get it free through our membership. That \$800 just represents one of the many databases our kids use all the time — all free through regional membership.”-- Mary Braney, Media Specialist, Knox Trial Regional Junior High School, Spencer 11/14/00

MASSCAT

A Resource Sharing Network for a Diverse Group of Massachusetts Libraries



A low-cost automation solution for libraries that cannot afford to be part of other automated networks

Provides high-quality MARC records to libraries

Allows libraries to be part of resource sharing network

Why MassCat?

- “I love being a member of MassCat. Being a part of the network really stretches my budget dollars. I own only one book on Title IX but can borrow five!” - Patricia London, Avon Middle-High School
- “MassCat has enabled me to combine the interlibrary component with an easy to use circulation suite. The transfer to Koha has been smooth and the customer service from Nora Blake is fantastic. I have been tremendously please with the ease of cataloging and the other features. What I like best is knowing that the system is constantly evolving and improving with no need for me to install updates. Using Koha through MassCat has made my job easier and my library more accessible.” - Barbara Fecteau, Beverly High School

And

- “I truly believe that MassCat is the best decision that our high school ever made. The ability to share resources is paramount to the success of my library program. Using Koha as our circulation system has not only made the ability for students to access materials easier but also streamlined the process into something that seems natural and an interface which they are comfortable using. Although faculty and students may laugh at our school identification on MassCat (SNOR), I only hear positive feedback from everyone. It also doesn't hurt that everyone who works with and for MassCat is friendly and knowledgeable!” - Ted Schelvan, Norwell High School
- “The “Help Desk” (Nora) is great. She responds quickly to questions, especially when getting started. Our library has not taken full advantage of resource sharing, but it is a feature that is appealing.” - Leslie Schoenherr, Lexington Christian Academy
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CONTINUING EDUCATION



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- Workshops and trainings on basic library techniques, literacy, technology, and library topics.
- On-site, Online, and locally held workshops.
- All regions are PDP providers.

Additional Comments

- "I put into immediate practice some of Professor Polette's techniques of engaging all readers regardless of their comprehension & skill levels. I am now able to engage the entire classroom rather than just the strongest readers. Anna Fernbach, Taunton Schools
- "It is so inspiring to hear from HAPPY FUNCTIONAL LMSs"
- So, we take what we can from the workshop and we remember that change takes time."

Advisory and Technical Assistance

- Who you gonna call (or email)?
- For what?
 - Policies
 - Long-range Planning
 - Grant proposals
 - Weeding
 - Space design
 - Regions collaborate with MSLA for discussion groups and district meetings.



Members Say"

- "I must compliment the Central Region administrators--they have been outstanding in their support to me over and over again; I don't think I would have been able to survive without their help. Thank you for your interest and your great leadership." --Bobbie Spiegelman, Curator Librorum, Applewild School, Fitchburg. May 12, 2003
- "Thank you for your correspondence delineating the scope of the services received by our library for 2002. I just want you to know that we are very grateful for the "breath and depth" of services received here at NDA. Our students are very lucky to be in an environment where so much is offered to them and to their librarian. Thank you again....." Sr. Eileen, Eileen J. Christopher, SSJ, Notre Dame Academy, 10/02

SUMMER READING



"...My child was getting an ice cream cone at a summer stand 40 minutes from our town, he saw the [Massachusetts Regional Library Systems] "Wild Reads" poster for the local library and said "That's my library program!" That is effective advertising with a focused theme with a memorable title."

SUMMER READING



2009 MRLS/MBLC SUMMER READING PROGRAM



2010 MRLS/MBLC Summer Reading Program

Our Annual Statewide Library Summer Reading Program is sponsored by your local library, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Statewide Purchasing Cooperative

- Satisfies requirements of Uniform Procurement Act (MGL Ch. 30b) for libraries
- Provides libraries with large discounts they couldn't achieve on their own.
- Over \$14 million for materials and \$1 million for supplies.
- Examples of discounts:
 - Hardcover adult and children's books: 46.7%
 - DVDs: 30.1%
 - Spoken Word tapes and CDs: 38 – 45%
 - Some supplies up to 70% off!

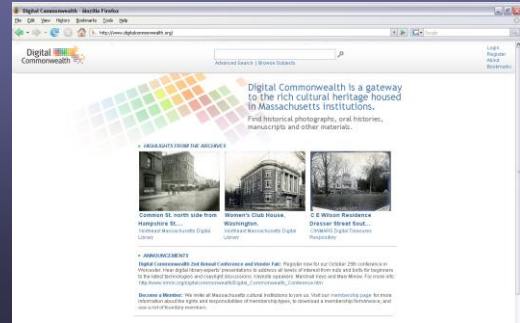


Delivery Service

Delivery Growth Statewide



The State-Wide Digital Commonwealth www.digitalcommonwealth.org



Library Leadership Institutes



Leadership Institutes 2002-3, 2005, 2007, 2009



Participants Insights

- Attending LLMA gave me the insight and focus needed to set realistic priorities for the school library program. I was able to pinpoint my strengths and where I needed to improve in order to make collaborating with my colleagues a significant part of their classroom practices. I highly recommend LLMA. The interactive sessions will get you out of a rut and thinking positively!
- After attending the 2009 Library Leadership Program I came back with new ways of thinking about my school library, its services and my role. I have since communicated and implemented many of these new ideas with our school community and am impressed with the results. I highly recommend school Media Specialists apply for this special opportunity.
- "LLMA helped me to develop an understanding of how what I do affects other people and how I can contribute to the library profession."

Other Major Services

- Interlibrary Loan
- Supplemental Reference Service
- Statewide Performer Directory
- Equipment Loans
- And More!

Future Direction of Regions
Questions???

Thank You!