

MSLA Annual Report

2023-2024



Year in Review

- Successful Conference at a snazzy venue.
- Strategic Plan
 - Plan was released in September
- Intellectual Freedom
 - Several members addressed the state legislature regarding legislation
 - Worked with other New England library stakeholders to develop a Helpline funded by ALA Grant
- Bookmark celebration successfully returned.
- Continuing Advocacy efforts
 - Working with EveryLibrary, meetings with DESE, Legislative Day
- Wild Apricot implementation
 - Forum was successfully migrated

Area Reports

Boston

- Virtual meeting focused on updating collections, practices and possible mentorship
- Lunch gathering at the Conference

Central

- Social Event to attend a Worcester Red Sox game
- Outreach to independent school librarians in area

Metrowest

- Fabulous event on 3/23 featuring local author Francisco X. Stork
- Support of MSLA's pd initiatives, including annual conference and intellectual freedom series

Area Reports

Northeast

- Hosted a social event with guest speakers on IF; strong attendance
- Networking with new members

Southeast

- Hosted a trivia event and an online meetup; in person gathering at conference
- Partnered with Christi Farrar, MLS, for PD on Learning Labs

West

- Very active PLC, also can join on Zoom;
- Representation at MTA annual meeting

Committee Reports

Advocacy

- Meetings and communications with DESE toward developing an information literacy curriculum for the state
- Meeting with staff from Senator Markey's office regarding importance of information literacy (in regards to broadband initiatives)

Awards

- New Member Award Review Committee established; rubrics created.
- Call for award nominees at the Annual Conference; winners announced in September and celebrated at the following year's conference
- Bookmark Contest revived: Anne Powell, Committee Chair

Forum

- 3 issues published covering a variety of topics
- Produced a "roving" Podcast at the annual conference

Professional Learning Committee Highlights

The Professional Learning Committee presented MSLA's second face to face conference of the 2020s. We met at The Verve Hotel in Natick. We provided a full schedule of workshops along with keynotes from Rajani Larocca and Kekla Magoon.

Under the direction of Alix Woznick, the committee has worked on ways to make the conference more accessible and relevant to school librarians all over the state.



Financial Report

Massachusetts School Library Association

Balance Sheet

As of 4/30/2024

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Checking	\$86,739.98	
MoneyMarket	\$59,533.15	
<i>Total Bank</i>		\$146,273.13
PayPal (Paradis donations)		\$0.00
Stripe (2022 Conference)		\$0.00

Certificates of Deposit

Main Street Bank		<u>\$13,659.43</u>
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Total Assets \$159,932.56

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities \$0.00

Restricted Fund Balances

Paradis Fund \$5,484.84

Unrestricted Fund Balances

EBSCO Fund \$17,500.00

Total Liabilities \$22,984.84

GENERAL FUND (Equity) \$136,947.72

Total Liabilities and Equity \$159,932.56

Outreach Director - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Strategic Plan

- Collaboratively written draft
- Fall retreat broke into action items
- Continuing to revisit

MLA Legislative Committee

- Worked on eBook Legislation, Intellectual Freedom and supported MBLC Leg. FY'24 Agenda
- Debbie [presented at Leg. Day at statehouse](#): Censorship, unfair book pricing, accessibility for all... and planted the seeds about equitable access to an effective school library program.

MBLC Legislative Agenda FY'25 & Legislation Initiative

- IF Committee work intersected with determining Legislators who may submit legislation for equitable access.
- Significant work with other stakeholders.

Thank you to the 23-24 Executive Board!

Barb Fecteau, President
Jen Varney, past-President
Emma Kwon, Secretary
Daisy Magner, Treasurer

Georgina Trebbe, Advocacy
Alix Woznick, Professional Learning
Michelle Fontaine and Luke Steere, Forum
Ella Stocker, Awards
Anne Powell, Bookmark Contest

Emily Kristofek, Office Manager
Deb Froggatt, Director of Outreach

Iris Santana & Trent Bodeck, Boston Area
Michael Caliguiri and Liz Cammilleri, Central
Harriet Wallen and Reba Tierney, Metrowest
PJ Feynman and Tinamarie Sheckells, Northeast
Suzanne Larson and Colleen Simpson, Southeast
Claudia Palframan and Emily Willis, West

Jenna Wolf, Independent Schools Liaison
Christi Farrar, MLS Liaison
Sue Doherty, Union Liason
Laura Harrington, Intellectual Freedom Liaison
PJ Feynman, Tech/Trade School Liaison
Nutan Mathew, Social Media Liaison

Special shout-outs (non-returning Board members)

Iris Santana, Boston Area Co-Director

Canice Thynne - Metrowest Area Co-Director

Welcome New Board members!

Harriet Wallen, Metrowest regional co-director

Laura Harrington, Intellectual Freedom Liaison

Nutan Mathew, Social Media Liaison

PJ Feinman, Northeast regional co-director (new role)

Jenna Wolfe, Independent School Liaison

Looking forward to 2023-2024

- 2025 Conference, March 2 & 3, Norwood Conference Center & Four Points by Sheraton
- Continuing Intellectual Freedom work
- Continuing Advocacy efforts
- Continuing Collaboration with DESE, MLA, MBLC & MLS
- New Design and implementation of the Wild Apricot Website
- What would you like MSLA to be? Let us know!