

MSLA Annual Report

2020-2021



Year in Review

- 2020 Summer PD: Reopening Plans, “Me and White Supremacy” (Layla Saad) study groups, Better Together (cohosted by MassCue, MASCD, and GBH)
- Project Ready cohorts throughout the school year, run by regions
- Virtual multi-region events
- MSLA’s first ever Virtual Conference!
- Continuing Advocacy efforts
 - Senator Eric Lesser’s letter to DESE requesting an annual census of school libraries

Area Reports

Boston

- Hosted part one of ProjectREADY for members with plans to continue with part 2 in the fall
- Two award winners in the Boston Area: Iris Santana, the President's Award and Annissa Essaibi-George, Joan Gallagher Legislator's award

Central

- Project READY Central/West Regional Cohort
- Library logo puzzler
- Hosted our only in-person meeting, complete with trivia!

Metrowest

- Combo area meetings with the Northeast Region
- Conference participation and planning

Area Reports

Northeast

- Annual conference - as always
- Teaming up with the MetroWest gals for three events that were well attended and lots of fun! We talked libraries and had games and even prizes at the last one!

Southeast

- Project READY (Rachel and Carrie hosted)
- Mid-year PD day zoom for regional members (and nonmembers)

West

- PLC monthly virtual meetings facilitated by Suzanne Judson-Whitehouse of the Collaborative for Educational Services in Northampton covering a wide variety of topics, including how we were promoting and expanding our library services during COVID limitations. We ended with an IRL picnic.
- Several of our members participated in Project READY with some members from the Central region, which was an excellent cross region experience.

Committee Reports

Advocacy

- Partnered with MLA to engage EveryLibrary to expand library advocacy in Massachusetts
- Senator Eric Lesser's letter to DESE requested annual census of school libraries - 35 signatories

Awards

- The MSLA Awards Committee worked hard to identify the [2021 Award Winners](#).
- Awards timeline will be slightly altered next year to avoid the holidays.

Forum

- 3 issues published covering a variety of topics
- Ella Stocker Luke Steere started the MSLA Podcast and have had a lot of interest and excitement. We are looking forward to getting it going again next year and connecting the conversations we have to the formal Forum articles.

Professional Learning Committee Highlights

The Professional Learning team strove to adapt and deliver services to members during the pandemic with a focus on racial justice.

We produced our first online annual MSLA conference in March 2021 which was well attended and appreciated by participants and presenters. Our keynote speaker Dr. Ghody Muhammad, author of *Cultivating Genius*, provided a powerful and impactful program. It was a really great way to connect and learn during the pandemic and we are so proud to have pulled this off. The annual conference is the main source of income for the association so it's a very important event for us.

We also provided members with two extended, cohort based free online anti racist learning opportunities during the summer of 2020 including the high quality program Project READY, a curriculum focused on improving relationships with, services to, and resources for youth of color and Native youth.

School Librarians at the Crossroads: Be the Hero of Your Journey



Massachusetts
School Library
Association
Conference

March 21-22,
2021

Financial Report

Massachusetts School Library Association Statement of Financial Position

As of June 7, 2021

	<u>Jun 7, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Main Street Bank CD	13,450.80
Main Street Bank Checking	37,681.90
Money Market	33,885.31
Total Checking/Savings	<u>85,018.01</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>85,018.01</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>85,018.01</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	51,559.93
32000 · Retained Earnings	24,290.84
32100 · Retained Earnings - Restric...	6,052.00
Net Income	3,115.24
Total Equity	<u>85,018.01</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>85,018.01</u>

Thank you to the 20-21 Executive Board!

Laura Luker, President
Jennifer Varney, President-Elect
Jennifer Dimmick, Secretary
Michelle Fontaine, Treasurer
Georgina Trebbe, Advocacy
Reba Tierney and Kat Steiger, Forum
Alida Hanson and Alix Woznick, Professional Learning
Wendy Garland, Ingrid Mayyasi, and Pat Fontes, Awards

Deeth Ellis and Morgan Keohane, Boston Area
Michael Caliguiri and Pamela Vallee, Central
Patsy Divver and Maria D'Orsi, Metrowest
Barb Fecteau and Laura Harrington, Northeast
Carrie Tucker and Rachel Barrett, Southeast
Claudia Palframan and Sarah Forfa, West

Emily Kristofek, Office Manager
Gregory Pronevitz, Director of Outreach

Special shout-outs (non-returning Board members)

Greg Pronevitz, Director of Outreach

Jennifer Dimmick, Secretary

Katherine Steiger, Forum

Alida Hanson, Professional Learning

Pamela Vallee, Central Area Co-Director

Patsy Divver, Metrowest Area Co-Director

Carrie Tucker, Southeast Area Co-Director and Past President

Rachel Barrett, Southeast Area Co-Director

Sarah Forfa, West Area Co-Director

Welcome New Board members!

Emma Kwon, Secretary

Luke Steere, Forum

Canice Thynne, Metrowest Area Director

Donna Phillips, Southeast Area Director

Elena Schuck, Southeast Area Director

Liz Cammilleri, Central Area Director

Ella Stocker, West Area Director

Deb Froggatt, Director of Outreach

Looking forward to 2021-2022

- Better Together 2021, August 19th [register here](#)
- 2022 CONFERENCE? HYBRID?
- Discussion Groups
 - Listening Tour
 - Continuing Advocacy efforts
 - Continuing DEI efforts