

# MSLA Annual Report

2021-2022



# Year in Review

- 2021 Summer PD: Better Together
- Regional PD events and virtual multi-region events
- Intellectual Freedom
  - Collection development/reconsideration policies PD hosted by MSLA on 01/06/22.
  - Intellectual Freedom “Unconference” sessions for discussion and questions
  - *Controversial Books in K–12 Classrooms and Libraries: Challenged, Censored, and Banned* by Randy Bobbitt discussion hosted by Luke Steere
- Our 2nd virtual conference
- Continuing Advocacy efforts
  - Meetings with DESE regarding possible information literacy curriculum, early childhood literacy
  - Meeting with staff from Senator Markey’s office regarding information literacy
- Wild Apricot implementation

# Area Reports

## Boston

- Project Ready Cohort Year 2
- Virtual area meet-and-greets

## Central

- Worked with a classroom teacher in our area who was wanting to apply for the librarian position in her school. We helped her figure out the DESE website and ELAR and helped her figure out which path would be best for her and how to get going on this. And she got the job!
- 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

- Conference planning and participation
- Helping coordinate the all-new Massachusetts Teen Choice Book Award!

## Southeast

- Virtual regional membership meetings
- Outreach to expired / lapsed members

## West

- Participated in Western Area PLC
- Participation in conference committee, podcast host

# 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

- The MSLA Awards Committee worked hard to identify the [2022 Award Winners](#).
- Next year's committee will review rubrics.

## Forum

- 3 issues published covering a variety of topics
- MSLA Podcast going strong; teamed up with the MA Teen Choice Book Awards to highlight nominations

# Professional Learning Committee Highlights

The Professional Learning Committee presented MSLA's 2nd virtual conference. Once again, we enjoyed Whova and fun committee activities. We provided a full schedule of workshops along with keynotes from SLJ School Librarian of the Year KC Boyd, Cynthia Leitich Smith, and Pablo Cartaya.

The Professional Learning Committee also sprung to action in response to the nation's most recent attack on intellectual freedom and the spate of book challenges. We held a virtual PD in January about writing a collection development policy, followed by two open discussion "unconferences" and a book group!



# Financial Report

## Massachusetts School Library Association

### Balance Sheet

As of 6/30/2022

#### ASSETS

##### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Checking	\$48,092.43	
MoneyMarket	\$34,098.74	
	<u>Total Bank</u>	\$82,191.17
PayPal (Paradis donations)		\$0.00
Stripe (Conference)		\$0.00

##### *Certificates of Deposit*

Main Street Bank		<u>\$13,551.76</u>
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**Total Assets** \$95,742.93

#### LIABILITIES

*Current Liabilities* \$0.00

##### *Restricted Fund Balances*

Paradis Fund \$5,387.32

##### *Unrestricted Fund Balances*

EBSCO Fund \$17,500.00

**Total Liabilities** \$22,887.32

**GENERAL FUND (Equity)** \$72,855.61

**Total Liabilities and Equity** \$95,742.93



# Thank you to the 21-22 Executive Board!

Jennifer Varney, President  
Laura Luker, Past President  
Emma Kwon, Secretary  
Michelle Fontaine, Treasurer

Georgina Trebbe, Advocacy  
Alix Woznick, Professional Learning  
Reba Tierney and Luke Steere, Forum  
Wendy Garland, Ingrid Mayyasi, and Pat Fontes,  
Awards

Deeth Ellis and Morgan Keohane, Boston Area  
Michael Caliguiri and Liz Cammilleri, Central  
Maria D'Orsi and Canice Thynne, Metrowest  
Barb Fecteau and Laura Harrington, Northeast  
Elena Schuck and Donna Phillips, Southeast  
Claudia Palframan and Ella Stocker, West

Emily Kristofek, Office Manager  
Deb Froggatt, Director of Outreach



# **Special shout-outs (non-returning Board members)**

Wendy Garland, Awards

Ingrid Mayyasi, Awards

Pat Fontes, Awards

Deeth Ellis, Boston Area Co-Director

Laura Harrington, Northeast Area Co-Director

Elena Schuck, Southeast Area Co-Director

Donna Phillips, Southeast Area Co-Director

# Welcome New Board members!

Amy Short, Awards

Trent Bordok, Boston Area Co-Director

Tinamarie Sheckells, Northeast Area Co-Director

Alison Connelly, Northeast Area Co-Director

Sue Larson, Southeast Area Co-Director

Laura Luker, Professional Learning (new role)

Ella Stocker, Awards (new role)

Morgan Keohane, Awards (new role)

**Barb Fecteau, President-Elect (new role)**

# Looking forward to 2022-2023

- Better Together 2022, August 25th [register here](#)
- 2023 CONFERENCE – In Person!!! Stay tuned
- Continuing Intellectual Freedom work - time to go on the offensive?
- Continuing Advocacy efforts
- Picking up the DEI work once again
  - Mentoring opportunities
- Writing new MSLA Strategic Plan 2023-2027
- Wild Apricot implementation - listservs / forums and website