

Member Update

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Join MLS at Library Legislative Day - March 7th at the Statehouse

The Mass Library Association/Mass School Library Association Annual Legislative Day at the State House is coming up on March 7th, 2017. There are opportunities to learn about the 2017 Library Legislative Agenda, to attend a "first-timer" Orientation, to see a Showcase of innovative programs from libraries around the Commonwealth, and to meet with your Legislators to talk about funding for your Library and Network. MLS will also be exhibiting in the showcase. Please stop by.

It is always a good idea to contact your legislators in advance to make an appointment to let them know how important library funding is in your community.

MLA will be offering a photo opp to elected officials to print a READ Poster. Consider inviting your Representatives and Senators to take advantage of this. You might consider hanging the poster in your library for a time too. There is no charge for participation in the Great Hall at 10:30-12:00.

For more information and to register to attend (free!) please visit: www.masslib.org.

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
9:00 am	Registration opens	Great Hall
9:30 - 10:00 am	Legislative Briefing	Room 222
10:30 - 11:15 am	First time attendee program	Room 222
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Library Showcase	Grand Staircase
10:30 - 12:00 pm	READ Poster Photo Opp for Elected Officials	Great Hall
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Legislative Briefing (repeat)	Room 222
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Luncheon and Advocacy Award	Great Hall
All Day/Make appointment	Visit your Legislator	Directory and Room numbers available at Registration desk

Review the Legislative Agenda here, [Mass Board of Library Commissioners](#). We are seeking support for increases in State Aid to Public Libraries, Library Technology & Resource Sharing, the Massachusetts Center for the Book and the Board of Library Commissioners. Come, support our libraries and show the Massachusetts Legislature that you care!

MLS signs on to the Library Copyright Reform Statement on eBooks.

Over the past three years, Congress, the Department of Commerce, and the Copyright Office have all begun investigating the need to “reform” the current Copyright Act in the face of rapidly evolving technology. Most recently, the Library of Congress has initiated a Notice of Inquiry seeking public input regarding whether and how Section 108, the “library and archives exceptions,” should be amended to accommodate modern technology.

This Statement presents considerations the signatories of the Statement (libraries, library associations, publishers, and other entities) believe are imperative to maintaining the constitutional purpose of copyright law in the face of contemplating statutory changes to address modern technology, specifically the move from ownership of copyright-protected works to licensing.

The MLS Executive Board approved signing on to this important statement to encourage consideration of library access to eBooks as copyright provisions are under discussion at the federal level. For more information, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/copyright-ebooks>

MLS Listening Tour and Fake News

MLS hosted its first listening tour stop on February 22, 2017 with many attendees. This portion of implementation of our [strategic plan](#) was designed to co-create library solutions/responses to the fake news phenomenon. The early results of this co-creation effort are available [online](#).

We also discussed various ways that MLS members could be active in support of the Massachusetts Library Community, including, participation in MLS events/activities, Executive Board membership, short-term task force assignments.

If you have a suggestion for a theme for a tour stop in your area, please contact greg@masslibsystem.org.

The next Listening Tour Stop is March 8 at MLS-Northampton, repeating the theme of Fake News. [REGISTER](#)

Upcoming Events / Spring Calendar

March 3 - The Library Director Forum- Fitchburg - [REGISTER](#)

March 8 - Listening Tour - Fake News Theme - MLS-Northampton - [REGISTER](#)

MLS is excited to announce our [Spring Training Calendar](#)! We have a lot on our schedule, including in person half and full day events, webinars, special guests, Commonwealth eBook Collection (CeC) trainings, and discussion forums. You can find registration information, including dates and locations, for these sessions, as well as lots more on our calendar.

Facing the Future: Strategic Planning in Libraries with Kristi Chadwick March 2
[Register](#)

Keep Calm and Manage on: A Time Management Workshop with Anna Popp March 2
[Register](#)

Build a Better Summer Library Program with April Mazza March 9
[Register](#)

Wandoo Reader Training with April Mazza March 9
[Register](#)

Inclusive Programming Skillshare with Christi Showman Farrar March 9
[Register](#)

Universal Design for Libraries with Stacy Hart from The Institute for Human-Centered Design March 9 [Register](#)

Library Roundup: Using Assessment to Improve Your Programs and Services with Kelly Jo Woodside March 16 [Register](#)

Howdy Partner! Let's Get Creative with Community Engagement with Michelle Eberle March 16 [Register](#)

We'll also welcome speakers Betsy Diamant-Cohen, Pat Keogh, April Hathcock, and Gene Ambaum for some special opportunities.