

Massachusetts Libraries

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

300%*
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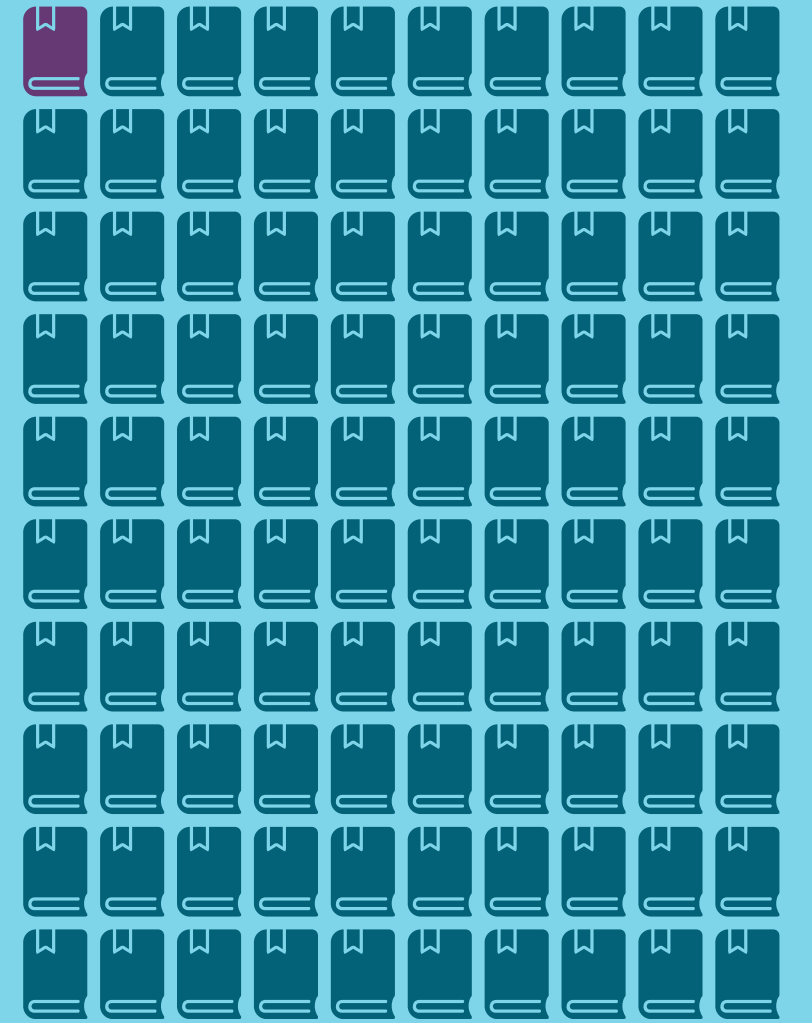
Return on
Investment

For every \$1 a municipality invests in its library, the average MA library offers 3x that value in services to the community

Libraries provide essential services that support & enrich their communities.

1.24%*

Average a MA municipality invests in its public library from the general fund



Here is a small sample of how MA public libraries spent FY25:

3.78 million

People attended programs enriching themselves & their community at MA public libraries



72.5 million

Books, music, movies & more borrowed and shared from MA public libraries



22,090

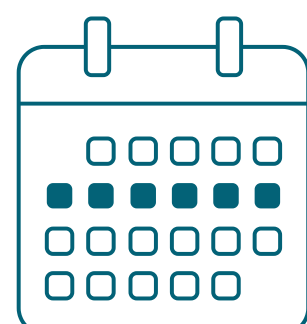
Hours professional librarians dedicated to early literacy and school support in MA public libraries



An average **WEEK** for Massachusetts public libraries looked like:

576,942

People visited their public library



65,294

Questions people asked that needed library expertise



46,495

People used a public computer station[^]



[^]This does NOT include wi-fi usage which most MA libraries offer as well