FY2026 Statewide Databases

Library Research Offerings Reduced

On March 14, 2025 President Trump signed Executive Order 14238 eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services to (IMLS) "to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law." IMLS is the single largest source of critical federal funding for libraries. In the President's FY2026 budget IMLS is eliminated.

Federal Funding Impact

Through IMLS, for FY2025 the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) was allocated $3.6 million to support statewide library services and grants to local libraries. The MBLC currently spends close to $2.2 million of its federal allocation to fund statewide research databases. On average 60% of database usage comes from schools. Last year, there were over 9 million full text downloads from these databases, an increase of 12% in just one year. With no federal funding, the amount that the MBLC can now spend on databases is $500,000.

Statewide Research Databases

Beginning on July 1, 2025, statewide research database offerings will be significantly reduced, but the MBLC and Massachusetts Library System (MLS), which jointly fund statewide databases, will maintain several of the most heavily used. The MBLC and MLS prioritized providing databases that support students at every level of learning: elementary, middle, high school, and postsecondary education. See below and reverse for details and research options. For more information about the impact of Executive Order 14238, please visit: **libraries.state.ma.us/federal-funding-at-risk**

STATEWIDE CONTINUED DATABASES

- **Britannica Escolar**
- **Britannica Library**
- **Britannica School**
- **Gale Academic OneFile + OneFile Collections**
- **Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints**
- **PebbleGo**

FROM DOVER AND MINUTEMAN

For Dover patrons:

- Ancestry Library
- ArtistWorks
- Artstor & JSTOR
- Banker & Tradesman
- Consumer Reports Online
- CreativeBug
- hoopla
- Indieflix
- Kanopy
- Libby
- Mango Languages
- NoveList
- NYT.com
- Quello concerts
- Great Courses
- Tumblebook Library
- Wall Street Journal

Massachusetts LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Statewide Databases and Research Options

DISCONTINUED DATABASES

- Boston Globe Article Archive
- Britannica Moderna
- Gale Legal Forms
- HeritageQuest Online
- Gale Academic OneFile Select
- Gale General OneFile
- Gale Health and Wellness
- Gale in Context: Biography
- Gale in Context: Elementary
- Gale in Context: Environmental Studies
- Gale in Context: Global Issues
- Gale in Context: Middle School
- Gale in Context: Science
- Gale in Context: US History
- Gale in Context: World History
- Gale Interactive Science
- Gale Literature Resource Center
- Peterson's Career Prep
- Peterson's Test Prep
- Science Database (ProQuest)
- Transparent Language

OTHER OPTIONS

Through Boston Public Library

Massachusetts residents have access to a wide range of free, high-quality digital resources through the Boston Public Library (BPL), many of which can serve as alternatives to those no longer available through statewide systems. With a free BPL eCard—available to anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Massachusetts—you can access academic databases, online learning tools, newspapers, journals, and more.

To apply for a BPL eCard, visit **bpl.org/ecard**

For a list of online resources available through BPL, visit **bpl.org/blogs/post/explore-additional-research-resources**

For a list of BPL online resources for high school students, visit **bpl.org/blogs/post/5-best-bpl-online-resources-for-high-school-students/**

Through the Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries

The Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries offer helpful resources and services including:

- **Ask a Law Librarian** mass.gov/ask-a-law-librarian
- **Document Delivery Service** connects librarians and patrons with state and federal legal forms, treatises, and case law research. mass.gov/forms/document-delivery-service-request-form
- **Massachusetts Law about...**over 190 MA legal topics curated by Trial Court Law Libraries mass.gov/massachusetts-law-about

Through MassHire

MassHire Career Services and Planning offers job support online and in person at 25 career center locations across MA. Search and apply for jobs, explore careers and find the right training/education matching your career interests at mass.gov/topics/masshire