

**21st
Annual**

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS

*Organized by the Western Massachusetts Library Advocates
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Do you work at your library, or help by volunteering? Perhaps you serve as a Friend or Trustee. Maybe you simply love your local library. Well we are asking **have breakfast with us to show our legislators we need their support!**

Because of a decrease in funding this year.

- Membership costs to C/W MARS have gone up at least 5.5% as a direct result to cuts in budget line 9506.
- The Small Libraries in Network grant was cut, resulting in a significant increase in membership costs for small libraries.

As anyone who has been in a library recently can attest, the rumors of our demise have been *greatly* exaggerated. But while we all know that our communities depend on us more than ever, we still need to tell our legislators.

Help us help you get the support you need from our state legislators.

- We are seeking **financial support** for the libraries hosting breakfasts around the region.
- We are asking you to encourage library staff, Friends and Trustees to **attend** the breakfast in your district (See the reverse side for dates, times and locations).

Don't miss this chance to do your part! Join us to strengthen our message and thank you for your support.



Your financial support helps make these breakfasts possible! Please contribute today.

_____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ Other

Name: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to: Western Mass Library Advocates PO Box 609, South Deerfield, MA 01373-0609

WESTERN MASS LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS SCHEDULE 2016

Senator Benjamin Downing
Friday, Jan 22, 2016 ~ 8:00 a.m.
Berkshire Atheneum

Contact: Linda Kaufmann
Registration email:
L.Kaufmann@mcla.edu

Senator Stan Rosenberg
Friday, Mar 18, 2016 ~ 7:30 a.m.
Sunderland Public Library

Contact: Katherine Hand, Director
Registration email:
director@sunderlandpubliclibrary.org

Senator Don Humason
Friday, Feb 5, 2016 ~ 8:00 a.m.
Agawam Public Library

Contact: Judy Clini, Director
Registration email:
jclini@agawamlibrary.org

Senator Anne Gobi
Friday Feb 12, 2016 ~ 8:00 a.m.
Monson Free Library

Contact: Hope Bodwell, Director
Registration email:
hbodwell@cwmars.org

Senators Eric Lesser and James Welch
Friday, March 4, 2016 ~ 7:30 a.m.
West Springfield Library

Contact: Toni Golinski-Foisy, Library Director
Registration email: agolinsk@cwmars.org

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