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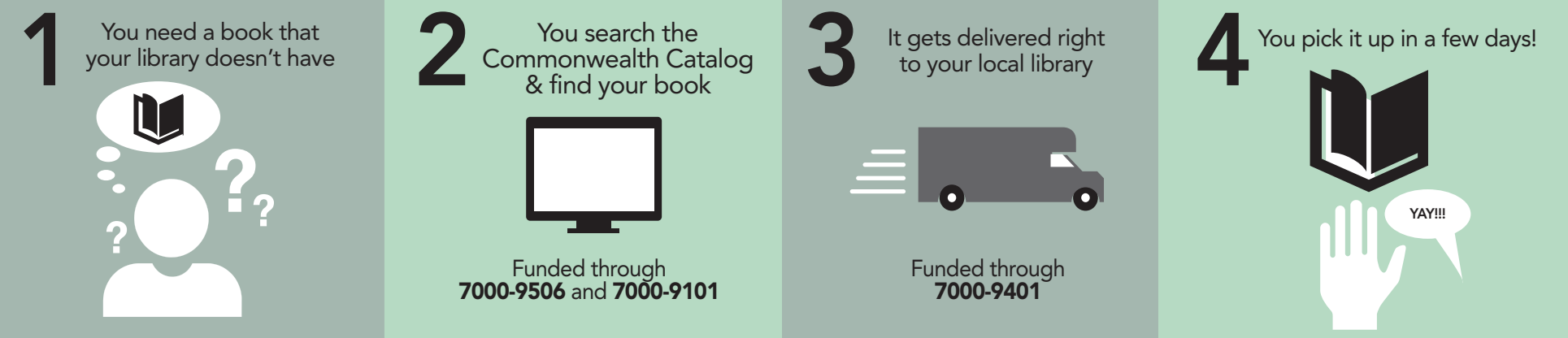
State Funding Cuts Are Putting Library Resource Sharing At Risk.

At the  of sharing resources is the **State Aid to Public Libraries Program**.

It provides the basis for sharing across  and gives access to 53 million items beyond what any single library owns.

+ Many libraries use State Aid to pay for Network membership.




How Sharing Resources Works



And It's Not Just - It's Digital

Boston Public Library (BPL) as Library for the Commonwealth gives  access to:
eBooks • Streaming Audio & Video • Music
Funded through 7000-9401

Commonwealth eBook Collections have **even more eBooks**
Funded through 7000-9101, 7000-9401 and 7000-9506 and local libraries

Digital Commonwealth has digitized collections from all over 
and around  that can be accessed free by 
Funded through 7000-9401

Research databases provide reliable information that you can't find through a Google search
Funded through 7000-9401, 7000-9506 and 7000-9101

state funding that supports all of this is ↓ 30%*
*FY2016 as compared to funding high

LIBRARIES = OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Library Resource Sharing = Economy of Scale
Economy of Scale = Saving money while simultaneously providing more

On average, libraries have local collections that number in the thousands; it's only through resource sharing that residents get access to 53 million items.

FUNDING OVERDUE LIBRARIES

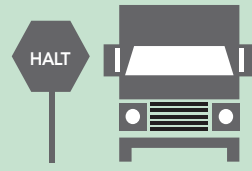
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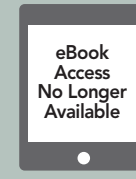
Some libraries will have to drop network membership



Delivery will be limited



Some libraries will drop out of the Commonwealth eBook Collections



Improvements to network infrastructure to increase internet speed in libraries will not happen



Mass. libraries are far below national bandwidth standards

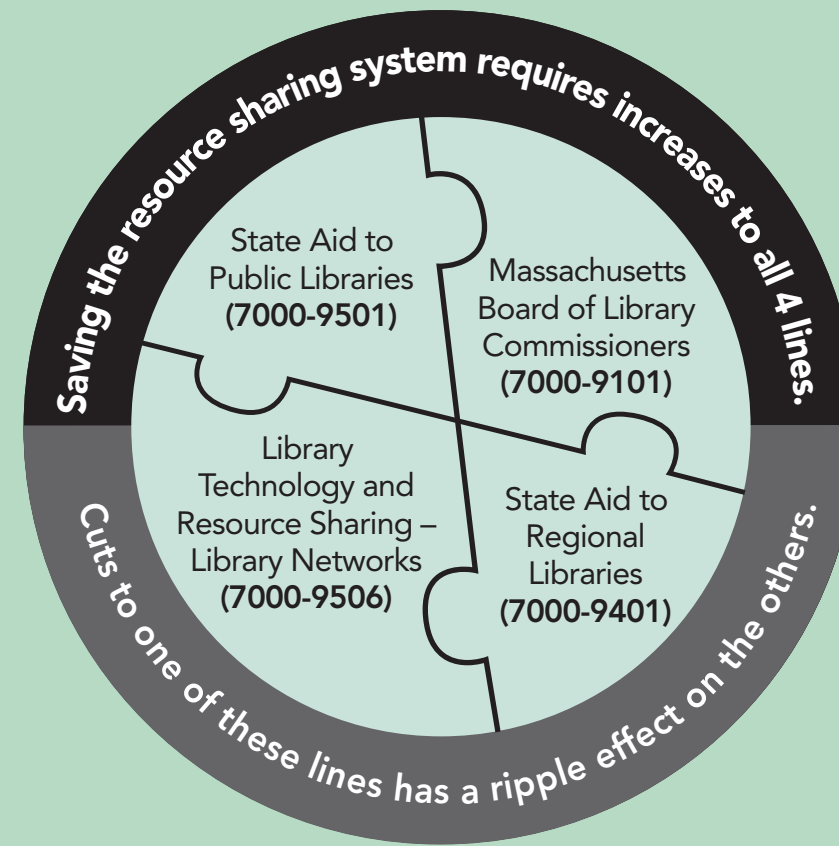
There comes a point when the only thing that you can do with less is less; we're at that point.

Libraries don't need BIG money, they need ENOUGH money.

Library funding is .07% of the state budget

Line Item No.	Line Item	High	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 Request	Increase Request
7000-9101	Board of Library Commissioners	\$1,229,472 (FY 2001)	\$1,077,431 ↓ 12% from high	\$1,225,000 ↓ .4% from high	\$147,569
7000-9401	State Aid to Regional Libraries	\$17,623,954 (FY 2002)	\$9,938,482 ↓ 44% from high	\$10,940,475 ↓ 38% from high	\$1,001,993
7000-9501	State Aid to Public Libraries	\$9,989,844 (FY 2009)	\$9,029,000 ↓ 10% from high	\$13,500,000 ↑ 35% from high	\$4,471,000
7000-9506	Library Technology & Resource Sharing (Library Networks)	\$4,420,235 (FY 2001)	\$2,116,564 ↓ 52% from high	\$6,000,000 ↑ 36% from high	\$3,883,436
7000-9402	Talking Book Library (Worcester)	\$446,828 (FY 2016)	\$446,828	\$460,233 ↑ 3% from high	\$13,405
7000-9406	Talking Book & Machine Lending (Perkins)	\$2,516,693 (FY 2016)	\$2,516,693	\$2,592,194 ↑ 3% from high	\$75,501
7000-9508	Mass. Center for the Book	\$200,000 (FY 2016)	\$200,000	\$206,000 ↑ 3% from high	\$6,000
		\$36,427,026	\$25,324,998 ↓ 30% from high	\$34,923,902 ↓ 4% from high	\$9,598,904

A Word About Funding: INTERDEPENDENT



Funding Will Repair Resource Sharing

96% of the state funding to the MBLC goes right back out to the libraries and residents they serve

We'll use it to:

- Make necessary improvements to network infrastructure, increasing bandwidth for all libraries.
- Keep network membership fees affordable for all libraries.
- Ease the burden on local communities; State Aid to Public Libraries funding goes directly to local libraries.

Why Resource Sharing Is Worth Saving

Residents love it! In 2014, they borrowed 6.5 million items that their own libraries didn't have, used 7.9 million articles and media through research databases, and eBook circulation is ↑ 34%.

It saves cities and towns \$: Lawrence residents, for example, borrowed more than 45,000 items from other libraries. Without resource sharing the library would have to purchase these items, at an estimated cost of \$450,000.

It's a win-win: Bring home \$ to your community while strengthening the entire resource sharing system. Libraries can use State Aid in any way that benefits the library and funding Technology and Resource Sharing (Library Networks) helps to offset your local library's network membership fee.

Funding Technology and Resource Sharing (Library Networks) = funding better technology in libraries.

It helps all of us: No matter where you live, your education level, or income, resource sharing gives **EVERYONE** equal access to information and resources.