



# Western Mass Library Advocates

A Voice for Libraries in Western Massachusetts

## Become a member today!

Dear Library Advocates,

Advocacy is not only an annual breakfast event; it is a year-round effort to inform and engage our library and legislative leaders on the need for adequate funding and services to the libraries in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties. Within the state budget there needs to be greater recognition that library funding is local aid. All changes in the MBLC budget lines are passed on to local libraries. This makes a difference in what our libraries are able to provide for their communities. **Your membership in WMLA supports collaborative efforts and advocacy for increased state funding to libraries and strengthens our voice in statewide conversations about library needs and access to library services for all residents of the Commonwealth.**

WMLA initiatives include:

- Sponsoring legislative breakfasts throughout Western Massachusetts.
- Chartering a bus to Boston for people to attend the MLA Legislative Day.
- Distributing museum passes and coupons for summer reading program prizes statewide.
- Hosting professional development and networking opportunities and advocacy education.
- Providing support for libraries experiencing collection and funding challenges.

Joining is easy, you can scan the QR code to be directed to the website membership page or you can send in the form below to:

WMLA, P.O. Box 460, Easthampton MA 01027



WMLA membership page

**Thank you so much for your support!**

## I'm a Library Advocate!

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to WM Library Advocates for my annual membership.

\$150 Library Champion  
\$ 25 Individual

\$100 Business or institution  
\$10 Student/Retiree

\$50 Friends/Library Group    \$50 Family/Household  
*All payments are tax deductible!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me to help with advocate activities.

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