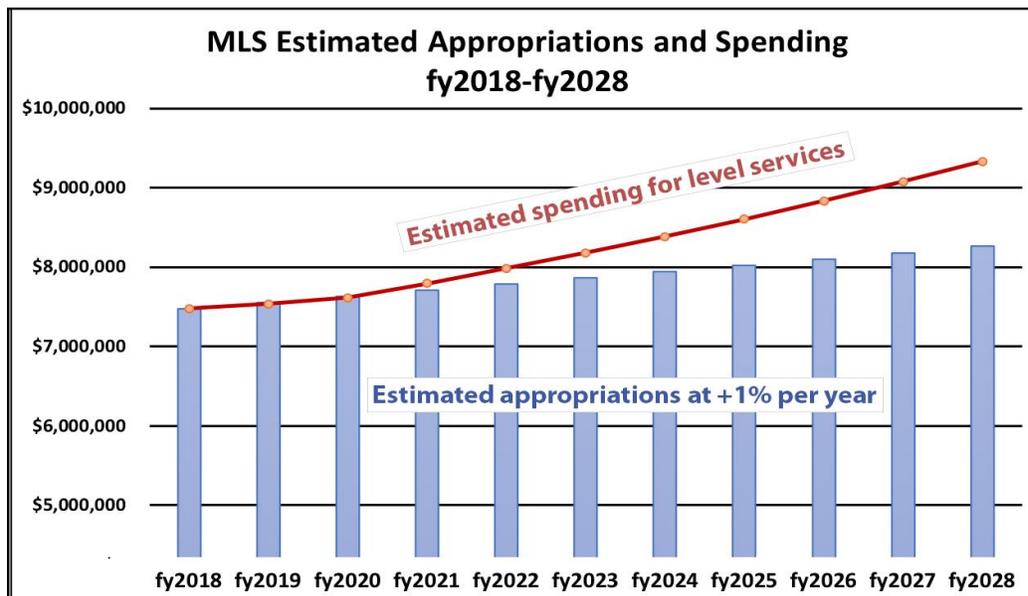


Executive Board Activities – April 23, 2018

Long-Term Sustainability Task Force

The Task Force reviewed a ten-year budget forecast that indicates a growing budget shortfall beginning in three to four years. This forecast takes into account a 1% per year increase in appropriations and costs increasing at 2% per year (13% per year for healthcare). These future shortfalls can be avoided if appropriations could rise to 2.5-3% per year. The Task Force will address long-term measures to alleviate these shortfalls, e.g., advocacy, service levels, cost cutting, and cost sharing with members.



Executive Director Search Committee Update

Melinda Webster Loof, Bowman School, Lexington, Search Committee Chair, announced that the Committee has received many applications and review is in progress.

Nominating Committee Update

Henry Toromoreno, Past-President (Haverhill High School) will chair the 2018 Nominating Committee. A call for volunteer/nominations will begin in May. Staff in member libraries will be invited to apply. The MLS Bylaws call for electing Executive Board members that are fair representation of current employees of member libraries according to library size, geographic region and type.

Commonwealth eBook Collections

MLS launched enrollment for OverDrive on April 18. So far, more than 100 libraries have enrolled. Enrollment closes on May 9. (The next enrollment window will be this fall.) Interested libraries can learn more on the Commonwealth eBook Collections site: <http://guides.masslibsystem.org/cec/home/enrollment>

There is certainly more news to come about OverDrive. MLS, MBLC and the automated resource sharing networks are working now with OverDrive on exciting plans to expand statewide access. Stay tuned!

Sadly, we were unable to establish a partnership with EBSCO to provide an eBook solution targeted at academic libraries. MLS has notified Commonwealth eBook Collections participants and academic member libraries. Instead, MLS will be working with academic library members and consortia to explore other possible statewide initiatives. Libraries can expect to hear more once MLS completes the transition to OverDrive.

Directors' Forums

May 18, 2018 10am to 12 noon at the Peabody Institute Library in Danvers

Join your library director colleagues for this informal brown-bag lunch discussion. It is a great opportunity to network and visit a newly renovated space. [RSVP](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like to host a future forum at your library.

Staff News

We are pleased to announce that several MLS staff members have been recognized, appointed, and elected to offices in the American Library Association's recent ballot. Congrats to all!

Kristi Chadwick, Consultant, was selected to serve on the Stonewall Book Award committee for the 2020 award. The Stonewall Book Award-Barbara Gittings Literature Award, the Stonewall Book Award-Israel Fishman Non-Fiction Award and the Stonewall Book Award-Mike Morgan and Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award are presented to English language works published the year prior to the announcement date. The award is sponsored by the American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table.

Christi Showman Farrar, Consultant, was elected to the Robert F. Sibert Medal Selection committee for the 2020 award. The award is administered by the Association of Library Services to Children and is awarded for the most distinguished informational book published in the United States in English during the preceding year.

Anna Popp, Consultant, has been selected as a judge for the ALA LLAMA PRXchange committee, which recognizes the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year.

Steve Spohn, Resource Sharing Director, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the ALA Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA). This division of ALA is the hub of activities for library consortia, state library agencies, consultants, and work dedicated to serving special populations.

Greg Pronevitz, Executive Director, will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference with the ASCLA Leadership & Professional Achievement Award. This prestigious award is presented to ASCLA members exemplifying leadership and achievement in one or more of the following areas: consulting, library cooperation, networking, statewide services and programs and state library development.