

**BOSTON
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**



TO: City Clerk's Office
FROM: Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board
DATE: May 12, 2026
RE: Annual Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

The Annual Trustees Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.-10:30a.m., at the Central Library, requires two separate meetings that run consecutively.

The first meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Trustees as an **Administrative Agency**. During this meeting, the Trustees will address the ongoing business of the Boston Public Library along with administering matters of the Boston Public Library as a Department of the City of Boston. This includes the signing of payrolls, acceptance of Critical Repair Funds, appointive authority over Civil Service personnel at the Library, and other operating procedures.

The second meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Trustees as a **Corporation**. In the second meeting the Trustees will address matters in which the Trustees act as a separate § 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, including the election of officers, signing of payrolls for grant funded positions, acceptance of gifts and grants, as well as authorization to accept funds and spend Trust Funds.

The first meeting will be adjourned, and the second meeting will convene immediately within the allotted time frame.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Annual Meeting of the Trustees as an Administrative Agency
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Central Library, Rabb Hall (must use Dartmouth Street entrance)
700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

AGENDA

I. **Chair's Call to Order and Report**

Evelyn Arana, Interim Chair

- A. Welcome remarks/Acknowledge EDI statement
- B. Roll Call of Board
- C. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026

II. **President's Report**

David Leonard, President

- A. Executive Summary of Accomplishments and Goals 2025-2026
- B. Strategic Plan–Update
- C. Key Operational Updates

III. **Trustees Finance and Audit Committee**

Evelyn Arana, Interim Chair and Committee Chair

- A. Mayor Wu's FY27 Recommended Operation and Capital Budgets Executive Summary

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve to accept Mayor Michelle Wu’s FY27 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget.”

- B. Award of Annual Contracts

(May be Taken as a Full Slate if there are no objections for topics B 1&2, D, E)

1. Contract or Contracts for Various Goods or Services relating to the Critical Repair Operating Budget for FY27

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston authorize the President, or designee, on behalf of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, to enter into a contract or contracts for various goods or services relating to the Boston Public Library Critical Repair Budget for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 provided that each contract entered into pursuant to this authorization shall have been estimated to be less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). In no event will the contracts cumulatively exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).”

2. Contract for the Purchase of Books and Certain Other Library Bibliographical Acquisitions Materials

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston enter into a non-advertised contract, as authorized under G.L., c.30-B, Section 7(a), referred to as a “Procurement of Library Books,” between the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston (a Corporation under Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878), and the vendors listed therein

(including any subsidiaries or agents), for the acquisitions of books and for certain other library bibliographical acquisitions materials, in an amount not to exceed the amount appropriated in the Library Department budget for books and other related bibliographical acquisitions materials, during the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.”

C. Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee/Trust Fund FY27 Expenditure (Estimated)

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the estimated expenditure from the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$108,335.11) to support the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund Programmatic Plan for FY27 as recommended by the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee and to be presented at an upcoming meeting.”

D. Review of delegation of certain contract approvals for the Board of Trustees

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston delegate approval of any contract deemed to be of a critical nature by the President of the Library during the period between May 2026 and September 2026 to the Finance and Audit Committee.”

VII. **New Business**

A. City Council Ways & Means Hearing at 2:00-5:00pm at Boston City Hall, City Council Chambers

VIII. **Public Comment**

**Members of the public may sign up for public comment in-person or via chat on Zoom by 9am. Participants will be called in the order they were received. Each person will be allowed for up to two minutes to speak. Public comments can also be emailed to the Clerk of the Board up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting. All comments and/or questions given at this time will be documented and/or answered accordingly later. (Comments left in the zoom chat will not be acknowledged)*

IX. **Adjournment of First Meeting**

Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston

Evelyn Arana, Interim Chair

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Clerk of the Board, Pamela R. Carver

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TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Annual Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

(Immediately following 1st meeting)

Central Library, Rabb Hall (Lower Level)

700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

AGENDA

- I. Chair's Call to Order
Evelyn Arana, Interim Chair
- II. Trustees Governance Committee
John Hailer, Committee Chair
 - A. Update of Appointments/Reappointments of Trustees
 1. Outgoing
 - Navjeet Bal
 - Jim Canales
 - Cheryl Cronin
 - Dr. Ray Liu
 - Christian Westra
 2. Reappointed
 - Joe Berman
 - Jose C. Masso III
 - Senator Mike Rush
 3. Newly Appointed
 - Marta Garcia
 - Meredith DeWitt
 - Paul Lee
 - Alexander Leventhal
 - Wadi Muhammad
 - B. Nomination for Officers 2026-2027
 1. Chair: Marta Garcia
 2. Vice Chair: Evelyn Arana
 3. Clerk: Pamela Carver

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the recommendation of the Trustees Governance and Development Committee for the Officers of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston of Marta Garcia as Chair, Evelyn Arana as Vice Chair, and Pamela Carver as Clerk for a period of one year from May 2026 through May 2027.”

- III. Annual Enabling Votes (may be voted on as a slate, pending no objections)
 - A. Enabling Vote for the Signing of Payrolls

VOTED: “that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Operations, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Staff, or the Clerk of the Corporation be, and hereby are, authorized to sign on behalf of the Corporation, bills, special drafts, and payrolls of the Library.”

B. Enabling Vote for the Signing of Contracts Approved by the Board

VOTED: “that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Operations, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Staff, Chief of Collection Management (for contracts related to Collections only), Chief Technology Officer (for Information/Technology Contracts under the guidance and approval of the Chief Financial Officer only) or the Clerk of the Corporation be, and hereby are, authorized to sign any and all contracts, except as otherwise authorized, voted to be made by the Board in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and any and all communications in connection with the award of contracts so voted or recommended to be so voted and to authorize payments under contracts so voted.”

C. Enabling Votes for the Acceptance on Behalf of the Corporation of those Gifts, Payments made in Recognition for Special Services Rendered, and Payments Received for Publications and Prints Executed under Library Sponsorship

VOTED: “that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Operations, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Staff, or the Clerk of the Corporation be, and hereby are, authorized to accept on behalf of the Trustees gifts, payments made in recognition for the special services rendered, and payments received for the publications and prints executed under library sponsorship and, in connection with the acceptance of the same, to endorse on behalf of the Trustees checks so received, said amounts to be reported to the Board at the September Meeting.”

D. Enabling Vote for Acceptance on Behalf of the Corporation of Gifts to be Added to Funds Already Established in the General Investment Account

VOTED: “that, until the next Annual Meeting, by delegation of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Operations, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Staff, or the Clerk of the Corporation, hereby are, authorized to accept on behalf of the Trustees gifts to be added to funds already established in the General Investment Account, the acceptance of said amounts to be reported to the Board at the meeting following any such acceptance.”

E. Enabling Vote for the Distribution of Income

VOTED: “that, the President, Chief Financial Officer, or Chief of Staff, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to distribute and pay to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston the income of the General Investment Account for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and further,

VOTED: that, the President, Chief Financial Officer, or Chief of Staff, be and hereby is, authorized to cause to be paid to the Rector of Trinity Church for the period from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 income on the Children's Fund now held in the custody of the Collector- Treasurer of the City of Boston pursuant to the provisions of the 11th Clause of the will of Josiah H. Benton, as required by the 19th Clause of said will; and

further,

VOTED: that, the President, Chief Financial Officer, or Chief of Staff, be and hereby is, authorize and directed to cause to be distributed and paid to the Rector of Trinity Church, to be held by said Rector pursuant to the provisions of the 12th Clause of the will of Josiah H. Benton, as defined by the Agreement of Compromise, dated January 15, 1935 and made in connection with the administration of the trust created by such Clause, four-tenths of the income of the Benton Book Fund for the period from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, inclusive, now held in the custody of the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston, and to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston the remaining six-tenths of said income for said period to be applied to the purchases provided in said Agreement of Compromise.”

F. Enabling Vote on Trust Funds

VOTED: “that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Operations, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Staff, or the Clerk of the Corporation, until the next annual meeting, is authorized to spend for the purpose of buying library materials any authorized and proper purpose income from those Trust Funds held by the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, where no specific vote of the Trustees is required by the Trust instrument.”

IV. New Business

V. Adjournment

Evelyn Arana, Interim Chair

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Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation and Administrative Agency
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 8:30am
Via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

The Meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston (“BPL”) held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

All present at the meeting included: Chair Dr. Ray Liu, Vice Chair Evelyn Arana Ortiz and Trustees: Navjeet Bal, Joe Berman, Jim Canales, John Hailer, Julie Kim (departed at 9:05 am), Jonathan Lavine, Porsha Olayiwola, Jose C. Masso III, Senator Mike Rush, Christian Westra (arrived at 9:00am). Trustees Cheryl Cronin, Jeff Hawkins, and Lynn Perry Wooten were absent.

BPL President David Leonard, Clerk of the Board Pamela R. Carver, BPL staff, and members of the public were also present.

Chair Liu presided and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. He acknowledged the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) welcome statement. The Clerk reminded all that the meeting was being recorded for administrative purposes and reviewed the process for signing up for public comments.

The first matter of business was the approval of the meeting minutes from January 20, 2026. No comments or edits were made, and the Board voted to approve them.

Chair Liu acknowledged and thanked Trustees Bal, Cronin, and Westra, as well as himself, for their service to the Board as they prepare to transition off the Board at the conclusion of their terms. He noted that newly appointed trustees will transition onto the Board beginning May 1, 2026.

David Leonard began his President’s Report. He noted that the MA Senate/House of Representative’s Joint Ways and Means Hearing was recently held at the Mattapan Branch Library that was hosted by Representative Russell Holmes. It was noted that Trustee Senator Rush was unable to attend due to mandatory Navy training obligations.

President Leonard also highlighted the recent Massachusetts 250 celebration held at the Central Library in Copley Square. He noted that the Mayor approved the early closure of the second floor of the McKim Building to accommodate the event, during which the Washington Medal was showcased. Trustee Joe Berman attended as the Board’s representative.

President Leonard then reviewed highlights from the Library’s Strategic Plan, organized by strategic pillars, including:

Lifelong Learning

- 3,800 downloads of the Winter Reading Log.
- Children’s Room programs at the Central Library averaged 916 patrons weekly during March.

Trusted Resource

- 12,052 new eCard registrations.
- 1,747 Books Unbanned registrations.

Welcoming Destination

- Development of accessibility improvements database

Organizational Readiness

- Hired or onboarded 7 positions since last meeting

Chair Liu requested that the clerk recirculate the Strategic Plan materials to the Board.

President Leonard introduced the Director of Library Services, Michael Colford, who announced his retirement effective July 2026 after 22 years of service to the Boston Public Library.

Mr. Colford presented an overview of the Library's social work initiative, explaining its origins and growth. He noted that the Library first hired a Health and Human Services Specialist, Allie Dowd, whose work helped shift staff perspectives regarding homelessness and highlighted the increasing role libraries play in connecting patrons with social services.

The initiative later expanded through collaboration with the Boston Public Library Fund to support the Library's first dedicated Social Worker and Peer Navigator positions. Mr. Colford noted that the City ultimately transitioned the position into a permanently funded role after demonstrated success. Taylor Morris is the current Social Work Manager.

Taylor Morris presented an overview of the current Social Work Team and its services which include: Resource navigation and basic needs support, trust and relationship building, collaboration and advocacy with community partners, and staff training and trauma-informed approaches.

Ms. Morris noted that the team currently hosts drop-in hours four times weekly at the Central Library and hopes to expand services to branch locations following the hiring of a second social worker in April 2026.

Some community partners supporting this work include organizations such as Pine Street Inn and Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.

Ms. Morris shared examples of the team's impact, including assistance provided to unhoused patrons, support with compensation claims for crime victims, and referrals to veteran housing and shelter services. She also described the "Coffee and Conversation" program held weekly outside the Newsfeed Café.

Trustees commended the work of the Social Work Team and discussed the importance of supporting frontline staff and maintaining sustainable trauma-informed practices throughout the institution. Trustees also discussed opportunities to share best practices with peer library systems nationally.

Chair Liu remarked that the work strongly aligned with multiple pillars of the Strategic Plan.

Beth Prindle, Director of Research and Special Collections, provided an update on recent and upcoming exhibitions at the Central Library.

Ms. Prindle reported that the "Revolution!" exhibition, which opened in October 2025, had attracted more than 75,000 visitors. She also noted that over 1,500 survey responses have been collected to better understand visitor demographics and experiences. The exhibition will remain open through the conclusion of the Boston Marathon period.

Ms. Prindle then previewed the upcoming "Declarations" exhibition, opening April 11, 2026, and running through September 13, 2026. The exhibition will feature eight rare printings of the Declaration of Independence alongside maps, books, and historical materials exploring the development of American independence. The exhibition is co-presented by the Boston Public Library and the Leventhal Map & Education Center.

Trustees discussed the importance of balancing the Library's social service role with its stewardship of cultural and historical collections. Trustees also expressed interest in future visitor demographic analysis.

Evelyn Arana, Vice Chair and Committee Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, thanked outgoing trustees and staff members for their contributions to the Finance and Audit Committee and the strategic plan process, including Trustee Bal, Christian, Cheryl, as well as Michael Colford.

Emily Tokarczyk, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2027 City Operating Budget process. She explained that all City departments had been directed to prepare budgets reflecting a 2% reduction scenario.

Ms. Tokarczyk reviewed the Library’s operating budget structure, noting that approximately 75% of funding is derived from the City budget, with the remainder supported through external funding sources. She also reviewed key budget categories and the timeline for the Mayor’s proposed budget and City Council hearings.

President Leonard stated that while budget constraints may impact the Library’s ability to fully advance all Strategic Plan goals, the administration’s priority remains minimizing impacts to filled positions and core public programs and services.

Trustees discussed contingency planning, anticipated impacts on staffing, and the status of capital projects, including the Fields Corner and Chinatown Branch projects. Staff noted that the Fields Corner Branch remains anticipated to open in Fall 2026.

Trustee Arana requested that the Clerk share information regarding the City Council budget hearing in May with the Board.

Jessica Chapel, Chief of Digital & Online Services, presented an update on the Library’s AI Digitization Initiative first introduced in March 2025.

Ms. Chapel explained that the three-year initiative is intended to expand public access to historically significant materials through large-scale digitization and improved metadata discovery. The pilot currently includes approximately 5,000 items and over one million scanned pages from the Library’s collections.

Ms. Chapel presented a proposed acceptance of a \$100,000 gift from OpenAI, along with an additional \$100,000 in product credits, to support the digitization initiative. She emphasized that all digitized materials are in the public domain and will remain fully accessible to the public.

Trustees discussed the value of the Library’s collections, the long-term implications of AI partnerships, and opportunities for future negotiations should the initiative continue beyond the pilot phase.

Following discussion, the Board approved acceptance of the gift after a motion was duly made, seconded and voted on.

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston. acting pursuant to their authority under Section 2 of Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878, as amended, hereby accept a gift of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000) from OpenAI Opco, LLC (“OpenAI”) of 1455 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94158 to support digitization projects by the Boston Public Library.”

The Board then reviewed the dates for the 2026-2027 Board Meetings. They voted to approve them as presented. It was noted that the public should check the BPL website as the dates/times are subject to change.

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to accept the schedule of meetings for 2026-2027 as presented, noting that these meetings are subject to change (see website for details).

Full Board:

- Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 8:30am-10:30am, Central Library
- Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 3:00pm-5pm, Codman Square Branch
- Tuesday, January 19, 2027, 3:00pm-5:00pm, Adams Street Branch
- Tuesday, March 16, 2027, 8:30am-10:30am, Central, Rabb Hall
- Tuesday, May 18, 2027, 8:30am-11:00am, Annual Meeting, Central Library

Executive Committee Only:

- Tuesday, February 2, 2027, 8:30-9:30am (via Zoom only)
- Tuesday, June 8, 2027, 8:30-9:30am (via Zoom only) “

Dr. Liu asked for any new business.

President Leonard acknowledged the contributions of the outgoing trustees and expressed appreciation for their commitment to the Library. He read Citations prepared by Mayor Michelle Wu for each of them.

The board members echoed remarks recognizing Chair Liu's leadership and service to the Board along with each of their years of service to the patrons of the BPL and the city overall.

Chair Liu reflected on his tenure, describing service on the Board as "the honor of my life," and thanked fellow trustees and Library leadership for their partnership and dedication.

Dr. Liu asked for public comments. The Clerk noted that two individuals signed up for public comment; however, neither remained present at the time designated for comment.

Chair Liu introduced a motion to enter Executive Session. The purpose is to conduct litigation strategy if an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the body's position, as declared by the chair; under exemption #2 of MA Open Meeting Law. He noted it will be held at the conclusion of the public meeting. The Board of Trustees will not reconvene in a public session.

Trustee Berman raised a procedural question regarding the applicability of the cited exemption related to litigation. Discussion followed.

On a motion duly made, and seconded, the Board voted to enter Executive Session. Joe Berman asked that his vote not to enter into executive session was reflected in the record.

VOTED: "that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve to enter into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss litigation strategy under Exemption #2 of MA Open Meeting Law."

Dr. Liu noted the next meeting would be the Annual Meeting held on May 19th at the Central Library.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board

Marta Garcia

- Marta Garcia is a Principal at Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP in the Intellectual Property Litigation Group.
- Prior to joining Choate, Marta practiced at Finnegan, where her work spanned all areas of patent law, including complex patent and intellectual property litigation, strategic counseling, and patent prosecution across the chemical, mechanical, and biotechnology industries.
- She has experience managing complex patent litigation matters through all phases of litigation, including discovery, trial, and appeals.
- Marta graduated from MIT with a B.S. degree in Materials Science and Engineering and a minor in Biomedical Engineering and obtained her law degree from Stanford Law School.
- Marta lives in Boston with her husband, three children, and bernedoodle.



Meredith DeWitt

- Principal of DeWitt Consulting, providing clients with focused strategic counsel, aligning their public interactions with personal and organizational goals.
- Meredith has worked in national democratic politics, speechwriting and fundraising for over 20 years, including work on five U.S. presidential campaigns and six years as a congressional legislative advisor in Washington, D.C. She served as an aide to President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Senator Hillary Clinton, and Senator John Kerry.
- Meredith also served as Executive Director of Corporate Outreach for Wenner Media where she was responsible for developing and implementing advertising sales strategy for Wenner Media's three magazine properties - Rolling Stone, U.S. Weekly and Men's Journal.
- She serves on the Board of the Better Angels Society, a foundation dedicated to support the making of historical documentaries by Ken Burns and other American documentary filmmakers. Meredith also serves on the Advisory Board of the Camp Harbor View Foundation, which helps provide a summer camp experience for children from Boston's at-risk neighborhoods as well as Opportunity Nation, a bipartisan campaign working to expand economic opportunity in the United States.
- Meredith received her B.A. degree in Government from American University in Washington, D.C. and her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law at Austin.



Paul Lee

- **Paul W. Lee** is a retired partner at Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston where he was a corporate transactions lawyer and one of the first Asian American partners at a Boston law firm.
- Born in Boston Chinatown, Paul has devoted himself to serving the Asian American community as well as all communities of color in MA and nationally.
- He is Co-founder and Chair of the Asian Community Fund at the Boston Foundation which is working to unite the AAPI community in MA to build a stronger collective voice and the Asian Business Empowerment Council which assists AAPI owned small businesses in MA.
- Co-founder and first President of the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts
- Co-founder and past Board President of the Asian Community Development Corporation which develops affordable housing in Chinatown and other Asian American communities.
- Nationally, a past President of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and past Board Chair of Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC, the leading national Asian American civil rights organization.
- Paul is a member of the Boards of the Conservation Law Foundation, WGBH and the Coalition for Anti-Racism and Equity in Education (CARE) and a past Board member of the Boston Foundation and Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence.



Alexander Leventhal

- Alexander D. Leventhal is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Faros Properties, where he focuses on development, asset management, and leasing.
- Prior to founding Faros, Alex served as a Managing Partner of the investment division at Boston Realty Advisors and previously held positions at Jones Lang LaSalle and RM Bradley Real Estate.
- He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Bentley University.
- Alex has been recognized with the Forty Under Forty Rising Star Award by the Business Council of Westchester.
- Alex is also actively involved in several civic and cultural organizations, including the New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, and the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library.



Wadi Muhammad

- Wadi Muhammad is a seasoned business executive serving as principal at MTK Development and CEO of Bioclean Boston, with over a decade of experience in enterprise software sales.
- He is a Corporate Advisor at Amazon Business.
- Deeply committed to community impact, Wadi serves as treasurer and board member of the Daddy and Me Literacy Program
- Has held leadership roles including chair of the board for Greater Grove Hall Main Street, Deputy Political & Field Director for a Boston mayoral campaign, and public engagement lead for Youth, African American, and Faith Based organizations at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Leonard

President

**CONGRATULATIONS
JESSICA CHAPEL!**

**MOVeRS
& SHaKeRS
2026**

THE PEOPLE SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES

**LIBRARY JOURNAL-
TEAM PLAYERS**



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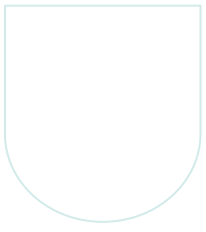


Introducing...

Caroline Tanski

Collections Care Manager

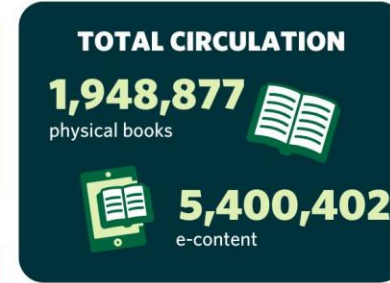
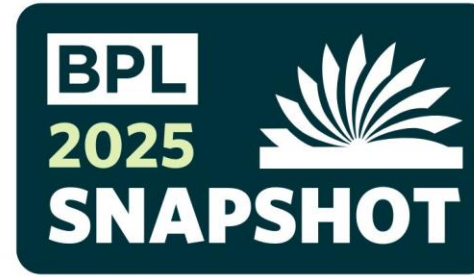
- Reports to the Research & Special Collections Department
- Leads preservation strategies that will protect physical collections and prioritize ongoing use.



BPL BY THE NUMBERS

Calendar 2025

Most recent full-year data



View the facts and figures at
bpl.org/statistics



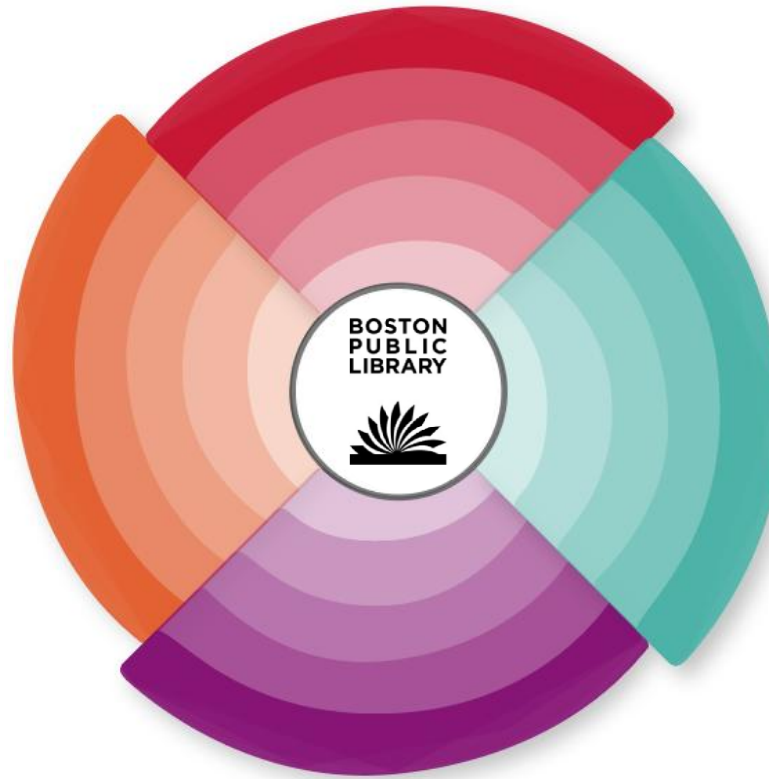
OUR STRATEGIC ROLES

Life-Long Learning & Research Partner

Empowering curiosity and a love of reading, discovery, and scholarly exploration for all.

Community Engager

Expanding the reach of the library beyond its physical walls so we can meet and engage communities where they are.



Welcoming Destination

Creating active, inclusive third spaces where every person can chart their own path.

Trusted Resource

Connecting all people to reliable information and services that meet their needs and enrich their lives.

Ignite Young Minds

Advance Youth Opportunities

Life-Long Learning & Research Partner

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Created BPL's first-ever **all-ages summer reading program**. Families were able to participate together for the first time.

Accepted into the first library cohort of **LEGO Group's Playful Library Network**

Worked closely with Office of Early Childhood on City's **Boston Reads** program, opening the door to closer collaboration with other City agencies with whom BPL had not previously partnered.

Developed **new onboarding process for Youth Service librarians**, to support new librarians' professional growth, training, and mentorship

All Children's Librarians engaged in training focused on incorporating **early literacy practices** into their storytimes, including sharing early literacy information with parents and caregivers

GOALS

Through LEGO Group's Playful Library Network, Youth Services librarians will collaborate with colleagues worldwide to **develop playful programs** and curricula to enhance services.

Launch the **Hello Hatchlings** program to support new caregivers with early literacy resources, with a goal of reaching six thousand families

Launch "**1,000 Stories Before Kindergarten**" to boost caregiver engagement and better support early literacy by providing professional development for children's librarians

Expand the **Teen Volunteer Program** to include career pathways by offering increased opportunities for career exploration and hands-on learning opportunities

Recruit **ESOL volunteers** who can support **students with learning challenges or impairments** and organize training materials to support these students



Life-Long Learning & Research Partner

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Support Lifelong Growth

Hired grant-funded **ESOL/workforce specialist** to increase workforce education programming for ELL patrons

CFA Society of Boston offering **one on one financial coaching** sessions

Successfully refocused work to manage unexpected and unprecedented **shifts in the library vendor market**

Preserve & Share our Heritage & History

Opened first major exhibition in almost a decade: **Revolution! 250 Years of Art and Activism in Boston**; more than **95,000 visitors**

Participate in **Boston 250** programming efforts to showcase Boston in the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution

Showcasing BPL's **eight** copies of the **Declaration of Independence**

GOALS

Comprehensive **collection maintenance plan**

Dedicated workforce support to ESL students, with support from new staff person

Recruit partners to offer **workshops** about **changes to US immigration policy**

Recruit **college and university** volunteer tutors for **adult basic education and literacy instruction**

Launch spring and summer **programs to augment Declarations exhibition.**

Revolutionary Ideas programming will run for all of calendar year 2026

Co-develop **“Teaching Boston” pilot**: Boston history and geography themes in partnership with Leventhal Map & Education Center.



Welcoming Destination

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Create Inclusive Spaces

Completed **strategic review of Central Library tour program**

“Ask Me” shifts; volunteers stationed in high traffic locations to engage visitors

Increased bandwidth, replaced network firewalls, and replaced WiFi access points across the system

Embrace Diversity

Created **accessibility checklist** of improvements needed at all BPL locations

Conducted series of **listening sessions with disability community**; hosted Disability Commission listening tours in multiple locations

GOALS

Implement recommendations to identify **additional seating opportunities** in the Central Library

Using data from pilot program, offer more **frequent and accessible tours** of Central to more patrons.

Roll out revised, **new interpretive signage** that more directly engages with the history of the McKim builds as library space.

Prioritize and identify funding **for accessibility improvements**

Finalize three-year plan to outline **phased implementation of accessibility devices, equipment, building features, assistive technology**



Welcoming Destination

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Reimagine McKim

Used **Bridge to McKim grant funding** to begin preparations for renovation:

Institutional Archivist to organize historic records and plans related to the library's buildings and construction projects.

Launched **Central Library User Experience Study** to identify ways to address needs of operations, service, space, and collection management.

Build Sustainable Communities

Construction underway on new **Fields Corner Branch**, the first branch built to the City's Fossil Fuel Free standard

Construction started on first full size branch in **Chinatown** in more than 50 years. The branch is part of a larger housing development, a first in BPL history.

GOALS

Continue building readiness activities including **photography and 3D modeling** initiatives

Incorporate findings of Central Library User Experience Study with technical assessments to begin **developing the vision for the Master Plan Update**.

Waiting for FY27 capital budget to ascertain upcoming goals



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GOALS

Deliver Reliable Information

Continued participation in **Books Unbanned**, with more than 24,500 signups and 102,000 items borrowed

Continued to offer **Intellectual Freedom training** to all BPL staff

Recast Browse | Borrow | Board as **Why Wait?**, providing magazines, newspapers, games and more.

Expand Books Unbanned, **ensuring the right to read**, to a full collection with no holds

Ensure that Annual Book List Working Groups **complete intellectual freedom training and apply EDI best practices**

Develop **new media literacy workshop** about S.I.F.T. -- a new framework to evaluate digital information

Empower Digital Access

Expanded **scope of digital instruction** to highlight high interest topics, online safety, and AI

Launched **Palace app** to expand digital offerings

Improved digital reading options while managing the growing costs of digital materials

Completed **Community Learning user study** to optimize digital resources for patrons

Develop **vendor neutral in-app experience** for reading and listening to digital books

Build out **curation and discovery opportunities** showcasing print and digital collections.

Simplify descriptions of community learning programs to make them **more accessible** to less **digitally literate patrons**

Trusted Resource

Strategic Initiatives



Connecting to Human Services

Trusted Resource

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Secured partnership with **Trial Court Law Libraries**, which enables patrons to access resources on immigration, general research, and landlord/tenant law.

Secured grant funding to **assess social service needs of housing insecure patrons**, and how the Library can serve them.

GOALS

Enhance outreach in support of our legal resources; explore **creation of a physical space**

Expand AI instruction for patrons new to tech; seniors; and job seekers

Pilot first **Computers4People technology literacy program**

Introduce **“Silver Chat”** to Mattapan’s “Silver Tech” classes



Center Community Needs & Input

Amplify Community Voices

Community Engager

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Increased **block programming to all 25 branches**

Partnering with local organizations to provide **complementary services** alongside BPL programming

Developed additional ways to service communities while **branches are closed for renovations.**

Planned and implemented **Community History programs** including:

- Community scanning days
- Sidewalk stories listening party
- Boston Black Women Lead Wikipedia edit-a-thons
- Roxbury Art Walk
- “Finding My Neighborhood History” program in partnership with LMEC

GOALS

Expand and enhance **civics-based education for ESOL students**

Expand outreach to the **Returning Citizens** population by collaborating with **Norfolk Sheriff’s office**

Expand KBLIC workshops to better serve **Boston’s arts community**

Launch **McKim Memory Program** in Bates Hall

Strengthen collaboration among member libraries by expanding opportunities for staff to **share best practices and participate in statewide policy groups.**



Community Engager

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Foster Civic Participation

- Created definition for **what civic engagement will mean** for BPL
- Launched **Civic Engagement Staff Interest Group**
- Engaged Simmons and Brown University students to help **workshop definitions.**
- Continued to develop and update **curriculum focusing on news and media literacy topics**

Expand Digital Reach

- Completed **user research study** that included staff interviews, community focus groups, and one on one user interviews.
- Analyzed peer library systems and UX **best practices for lower literacy and vulnerable populations**
- Identified patrons' **technical barriers, language challenges, and accessibility gaps**

GOALS

- Test new definition for civic engagement** with patron and staff **focus groups**; strategize current and future civic engagement offerings.
- Roll out **Community Agreement best practices for** public programing and staff interactions
- Work with **Election Commission** to develop engagement around the midterm elections
- Continue **“Unraveling the News”** conversation groups

- Conduct **user study focused on core library patrons** to understand how they discover and access collections and services online.
- Use findings **to inform catalog improvements and website priorities.**
- Implement recommendations to **reduce barriers to web site usability**, including **plain language gaps, mobile accessibility, and registration complexity.**



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Workplace Culture

Organizational Readiness

*Strategic
Initiatives*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded **translation and interpretation** services
- Gathered data in preparation for developing EDI 2.0 plan, in alignment with the strategic plan.
- Implemented staff suggestions for **more physical accessibility** in BPL spaces
- Began regular cadence of meetings with Disability Commission and **re-launched Accessibility Working Group**

Implement recommendations from **Trauma-Informed Approaches** Committee

Built capacity within the Social Work department by hiring a social worker and peer navigator supervisor.

Piloted staff **community of practice meetings** facilitated by social work interns, providing space for staff to discuss challenges of public library work

GOALS

- Ensure front-line staff are confident using Lionbridge for **on-demand interpretation**;
- Train and support BPL's new **Language & Communication Access (LCA) Points of Contact**
- Ensure staff at locations with **assistive listening technology** are confident offering it to patrons
- Develop toolkits and best practices to support staff

Continue search process to hire a **Peer Navigator Supervisor**.

Onboard new Social Worker and **create regular rotation of social work services** (drop-in hours, appointments, and Coffee program) at 3 branches.



Staff Development

Collaboration & Communication

Organizational Readiness

*Strategic
Initiatives*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Strengthened the Library's **onboarding process** so new staff members have a focused 12-month program of learning and development in their first year of employment

Ensure staff are fully aware of **professional development** funds available to them for higher education, certifications, and skill building.

Roll out the Day 2 model of onboarding where new employees get a **second check in moment** with HR and Leadership during the second half of their first year of employment.

Published **Orientation Tasks checklist for Managers** on HR BPL Hub Site.

Made overall **data collection more streamlined**, user-friendly, and accessible to all staff.

Established **transparent process for evaluating funding needs** as they relate to strategic plan and operational priorities

Developed & deployed "**SnAPIcat**" custom application, to dramatically improve efficiency of cataloging workflows.

Improve data collection by socializing new dashboards, developing patron survey templates, identifying individualized success criteria for programs and services

Review appropriate ways to ensure the **Extended Leadership budgeting process** is gathering information from all levels of staff and departments.

GOALS



Capacity Building

Organizational Readiness

Strategic Initiatives

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Develop **flexible and responsive ordering practices** to de-centralize ordering and increase ordering from one vendor across print and digital landscapes

Began phasing out paper- and e-mail-based procedures. Provide clear updates and guidelines to staff using BPL's new intranet platform.

GOALS

Build appropriate capacity in **Communications** to better inform residents of critical services available at BPL

Evaluate findings from current Dolt data evaluation and implement recommendations, **reducing shipping backlogs, collection transit time, and staff touchpoints.**

Build the infrastructure needed for **long-term stewardship** of our digitized and **digital collections.**



Thank you, Michael!

Michael Colford will be retiring as Director of Library Services on July 10th, 2026.

He has dedicated 22 years of service to the City of Boston and the patrons of the Boston Public Library.

You will be sorely missed!



TRANSITION UPDATE

- Job posted
- Committees in formation
 - Ideal candidate profiles
 - Direct reports
 - Screening
 - Interviewing
- Estimated timeline

**Boston Public Library
Fellowes Athenaeum Fund
YTD Report FY 2026
as of May 6, 2026**

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Carryover Balance from FY25 | 8,720.48 |
| FY26 Distribution | 103,893.80 |
| FY26 Funds Available | 112,614.28 |

FY26 Expenses to Date

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Fellowes Programs | (40,464.60) |
| Branch Librarian Programs | (2,400.00) |
| Program Supplies/Advertising | |
| Books/Subscriptions | |
| Security/Custodian Charges | |

Total Expenses: (42,864.60)

Purchase Orders (64,887.31)

Available 4,862.37

FY27 distribution 108,335.11

FY27 Funds available 113,197.48



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July 1, 2026

The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
One City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mayor Wu:

I respectfully request your Honor's approval to award a contract, without public advertisement, pursuant to the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, S.7, to the vendors listed herein for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Under the terms of this multi-vendor contract, various suppliers will provide library materials, as may be requested from time to time by a designated representative of the Boston Public Library. The library's Collection Development team engages in a reasonable search for library materials and will find the best source for these items; in most cases there is only one practical source which will usually include labeling, cataloguing and full book processing.

In some instances, we will purchase supplies made under a cooperative procurement arrangement under G.L. c. 30B, Section 22, via MHEC contract L51: Library Books and Media. All the terms and conditions of this Mass Higher Education Consortium contract will be referenced and incorporated.

Because the Library purchases materials on an as needed basis, a multi-vendor contract is the only practicable method by which it can procure the requisite supplies. The following list represents vendors of library materials from which the Boston Public Library *may* make purchases, in the aggregate, in excess of \$10,000.00. The Boston Public Library has approximately 200 other vendors from which it purchases books where the total annual procurement will not reach or exceed \$10,000.00. This award request is for a one-year period except for the primary vendors listed at the end where a 3-year contract is more efficient.

Book Contract Vendor List

21st Edition

9 New Venture Drive, Unit 1
South Dennis, MA 02660

3M Co.
3M Center Building 225-5s08
P.O. Box 33225
St Paul, MN 55133-3225

Alexander Street Press
99 Canal Center Plaza, suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314

Amazon.com LLC
1200 12th Ave. S Bldg. 1200
Seattle, WA 98144

A-R Editions Inc.
801 Demming Way
Madison, WI 53717

Artifact, LLC
255 Washington Street, Ste 150
Newton, MA 02458

Association of Research Libraries
Coalition for Networked Information
21 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036-1118

Aux Amateurs De livres International
62, avenue de Suffren
75015 PARIS – FRANCE

Bancroft-Parkman
P.O. Box 1236
Washington, CT 06793

Barnes & Noble
800 Boylston St., Ste 179
Boston, MA 02199

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc.
dba Tikatok LLC
76 Ninth Ave., 9th Fl
New York, NY 10011

Bertelsmann Publishing Group, Inc.
Playaway Products, LLC
31999 Aurora Rd
Solon, OH 44139

BiblioCommons
119 Spadina Ave., Suite 1000
Toronto, ON M5V2L1

Bibliotheca, LLC
3169 Holcomb Bridge Rd Ste 200
Norcross, GA 30071

Bloomberg Finance LP
731 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Bonhams & Butterfields Auctioneers Corp
220 San Bruno Ave
San Francisco, CA 94103

Boston Rare Maps, Inc.
88 High Street
Southampton, MA 01073

BTAC Acquisition Corp
2810 Coliseum Center Drive, Suite 300
Charlotte, NC 28217-3252

Bridgeall Libraries, LTD
One Ainslie Road
Hillington, Glasgow
Scotland
G52 4RU GBR

Carolyn Bullard Fine Prints and Drawings
P.O. Box 601088
Dallas, Texas 75360-1088

BUOBOOKS
10835 NW 83rd Ct
Parkland, FL 33076

Leo Cadogan Rare Books Limited
74 Meyton St
London GBR 00000

Casalini Libri Spa
Via Benedetto da Maiano 3
50014 Fiesole (FI), Italy

CCh, Inc.
4025 W. Peterson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60646

Cengage Learning, Inc
PO Box 6904
Florence, KY 41022

China Sprout Inc
34-01 38th Ave, 3rd floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

Clark Fine Art Services
287 Newtonville Ave
Newton, MA 02460

Cohen & Taliaferro, LLC
59 East 54th St., suite 62
New York, NY 10022

Computer Indexed Systems
P.O. Box 50921
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Credo Reference Limited
50 Milk St, 16th floor
Boston, MA 02109

Creative Empire LLC
dba Mango Languages
30445 Northwestern Hwy, suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

CSPG America, LLC, dba Science Press USA Co.
214 Princeton Hightstown Rd
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

Daedalus Inc.
205-3 Arlington St
Watertown, MA 02472

Demco, Inc.
4810 Forest Run Rd
Madison, WI 53704

EBSCO Subscription Services
30 Park Road, Suite 2
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.
325 N LaSalle Dr
Chicago, IL 60604

Les Enluminures LTD
149 rue St Honore
Paris, FRA 75001

Facts on File
132 West 31st St., 17th Floor
New York, NY 10001

French Books Online
71 Route 104
Meredith, NH 03253

Theodore Front Music
26362 Ruether Ave.
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Frugal Bookstore
57 Warren St
Boston, MA 02119

The Gale Group
27500 Drake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48333

Roger Gaskell Rare Books
Blaen Onneu
Ffawyddog Crickhowell
NP8 1PZ UK

Gaylord Brother, Inc.
7282 William Barry Blvd
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Kevin Brown

DbA Geographicus Antique Maps
201 West 105th St #42
New York, NY 10025

Gianfranco Pocobene Studios
193 Maple St
Malden, MA 02148

Globe Newspaper Co, Inc
P.O. Box 415071
Boston, MA 02241
Conrad Graeber, dba Conrad R. Graeber Fine Art
Box 264
Riderwood, MD 21139

Otto Harrassowitz
820 South University Blvd, suite 2c
Mobile, AL 36609

Amanda Hall Rare Books
Home Farmhouse
Teffond Evias
Wiltshire, United Kingdom SP3 5RG

Headspace, Inc
2415 Michigan Ave
Santa Monica, CA 90404
High Ridge Books
P.O. Box 286
Rye, NY 10580

The HistoryMakers
1900 S Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60616

Hui Du, dba Actrace, LLC
14271 Jeffrey Road, Suite 191
Irving, CA 92620

I AM Books
47 Addington St
Brookline, MA 02445

IBEP Corp
7 Proctor Rd
Pepperell, MA 01463

IHS Markit
15 Inverness Way East
Englewood, CO 80112-5776

Infobase Holdings, Inc.
Infobase Publisher/Chelsea House/Films Media Group
132 West 31st St
17th floor
New York, NY 10001

Ingram Library Services
One Ingram Blvd.
LaVergne, TN 37086

Innovative Interfaces, Inc.
1900 Powell St, suite 400
Emeryville, CA 94608

Internet Archive
300 Furiston Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

Internet Securities LLC
225 Park Ave. South, 6th Fl
New York, NY 10003

Jamalon
8 Baouniyyeh Street, Jabal al-Weibdeh
Amman, Jordan 11191

JSTOR dba Ithaca Harbors, Inc.
101 Greenwich St, 18th floor
New York, NY 10006

Kanopy, LLC
781 Beach St, Floor 2
San Francisco, CA 94109

Arlette Kayafas, dba Gallery Kayafas, LLC
450 Harrison Ave., Ste 61
Boston, MA 02118

Anne Krinsky
6 Simon Hapgood Lane
Concord, MA 01742

John Kuenzig
Kuenzig Books Antiques
P.O. Box 452
Topsfield, MA 01983

Learning Express, LLC
224 W 29th St, floor 3
New York, NY 10001

Lectorum Publications, Inc
205 Chubb Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.
7500 Old Georgetown Rd #14
Bethesda, MD 20814

Library Ideas, LLC
P.O. Box 9
Vienna, VA 22183

Lynda.com/LinkedIn Learning
6410 Via Real
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Lyrasis
1438 W Peachtree Northwest
Atlanta, GA 30309

Maggs Bros LTD Rare Books
48 Bedford Sq
London, United Kingdom WC1B 3DR

Jeffrey D. Mancevice, Inc.
PO Box 20413 West Side Station
Worcester, MA 01602

Marcive
12100 Crowpoint Dr #160
San Antonio, TX 78265

Martayan Lan Augustyn
10 West 66th St, suite 26B
New York, NY 10023

W.B. Mason
647 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210

Massachusetts Library Association
PO Box 813
Carlisle, MA 01741

Bruce McKittrick Rare Books Inc.
43 Sabine Ave.
Narbeth, PA 19072-1741

Medianews Group, Inc
P.O. Box 8003
Willoughby, OH 44096

Mergent Online
580 Kingsley Park Drive
Fort Mill, SC 29715

Midwest Library Service
11443 St Charles Rock Rd
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Midwest Tape, LLC
1417 Timberwolf Dr
Holland, OH 43528-9485

Morningstar, Inc
22 West Washington Street
Chicago, IL 60602

Movie Licensing USA
10795 Watson Rd, floor 2
St. Louis, MO 63127

Multi-Cultural Books & Video
30007 John R. Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Multi Service Technology Solutions, Inc
Best Buy Business Advantage Account
8650 College Blvd
Overland Park, KS 66210

Musinsky Rare Books, Inc.

176 West 87th Street
New York, NY 10024

New England Micrographics, Inc.
40 Hudson St #C
Marlboro, MA 01752

New York Times
229 West 43rd St
New York, NY 10036

Newsbank
5801 Pelican Bay Blvd, suite 600
Naples, FL 34108

NISC USA
One Innovation Cir
St Louis, MO 63367

Northeast Document Conservation Center, Inc
100 Brickston Square
Andover, MA 01810-1494

OCLC Forest Press
6600 Kilgour Place
Dublin, OH 43017-3395

OverDrive, Inc.
Overdrive Way
Cleveland, OH 44125

Oxford University Press
198 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

PBS Video
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314

Pharos Systems International, Inc.
4545 E River Suite 210
Henrietta, NY 14586

ProQuest LP
789 E. Eisenhower Pkwy,
P.O. Box 1346

Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1346

Puvill Libros SA
One East Park Drive
Paterson, NJ 07504

Bernard Quaritch, Ltd
36 Bedford Row
London, GBR WC1R 4JH

Reliance Label Solutions, Inc.
205 North Gold Street
Paola, KS 66071

Resources Publications, Inc.
160 E. Virginia Street, Suite 290
San Jose, CA 95112-5876

Barry Ruderman Antique Maps, Inc.
7463 Girard Ave
La Jolla, CA 92037

S & P Global Market Intelligence Inc
FKA Capital IQ Inc
55 Water St
New York, NY 10041

Sage Publications, Inc. (SAGE)
2455 Teller Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Sawa Books
13491 Via Vesta
Delray Beach, FL 33484

Schoenhof's Foreign Books
Distribution Center
8154 N Ridgeway Ave
Skokie, IL 60076

Scholastic Library Pub.
90 Sherman Turnpike
Danbury, CT 06816

Sentrum Marketing, LLC
45 Union Street

Boston MA 02135

Sokol Books Ltd
27 Charles St
London, GBR W1J 5DT

Sporting Goods Research Network (SBRnet)
24 Magnolia Ct
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Standard & Poor's
55 Water Street, 46th Floor
NY, NY 10041

Swann Galleries, Inc
104 East 25th St
New York, NY 10021

Thomson Reuters (markets) LLC
ISI Thomson Scientific
1500 Spring Garden St, 4th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Trident Booksellers and Café
338 Newbury St
Boston, MA 02115
Tsai Fong Books
3711 Briarpark Dr. Ste. 200
Houston, Texas 77042

University Products
517 Main Street
Holyoke, MA 01400

Urban Libraries Council
1333 H Street, NW Suite 1000 West
Washington, DC 20005

US Art
66 Pacella Park Drive
Randolf, MA 02368

Carmen Valentino Rare Books
2956 Richmond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19134

West Group (Thomson Reuters)
620 Opperman Drive
Eagan, MN 55123

WJ Bookstore
141-07 20th Ave
Whitestone, NY 11357

Charles B. Wood Inc. Antiquarian Booksellers
P.O. Box 382369
Cambridge, MA 02238

World Archives Holdings LLC
3214 N University Ave #115
Provo, UT 84604

World Book Inc.
180 N LaSalle Blve. #900
Chicago, IL 60601

Worldwide Books
8406 Main St
Interlaken, NY 14847-9802

Yankee Book Peddler
999 Maple Street
Contocook, NH 03229

Howard Yezerski
460 Harrison Ave. #A16
Boston, MA 02118

Under these contracts the cost of each item purchased will not exceed standard catalog prices in effect at the time of purchase. The contract amount allocated to each vendor will not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per year with the exception of the following vendors:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| OverDrive, Inc. | (\$8,000,000.00) |
| Ingram Library Services | (\$2,000,000.00) |
| Midwest Tape, LLC | (\$1,000,000.00) |
| EBSCO Subscription Services | (\$1,500,000.00) |
| Kanopy, LLC | (\$1,000,000.00) |
| Lyrasis | (\$500,000.00) |
| Bibliotheca | (\$350,000.00) |
| Cengage Learning, Inc | (\$300,000.00) |
| Scholastic Library Pub | (\$200,000.00) |
| Library Ideas | (\$200,000.00) |

The amount of each contract is only an estimate based upon anticipated needs, and the Library is not obligated to purchase any specific amount of materials from these vendors. The Auditor may certify an appropriation in an amount less than the face amount of each contract hereunder pursuant to the Standard Contract General Conditions, Articles 12.3 and 12.4. These contracts encompass one fiscal year except for those vendors listed above where it is expected we will spend more than \$100K annually, where the contracts will be opened for 3 years for efficiency's sake, as needed. The Library Department's financial obligations and purchase orders under these contracts will not extend beyond the fiscal year for which funds are appropriated.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Sproul
Boston Public Library, Budget & Procurement Manager

Mayor's Recommended FY27 Operating Budget

FY27 Budget Submission

- All City departments to outline a **2% reduction**
- BPL FY27 Maintenance Budget: \$52,247,650
- 2% Reduction Total: \$49,755,511



Mayor's Recommended FY27-FY31 Capital Budget

| Project | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Brighton Library Roof | \$1,200,000 |
| Central Library: Roof & HVAC | \$6,000,000 |
| Central Library: McKim Master Plan | \$50,000,000 |
| Chinatown Branch Library | \$32,000,000 |
| Connolly Branch Library | \$575,000 |
| Egleston Square Branch Library | \$31,510,000 |
| Fields Corner Branch Library | \$30,900,000 |

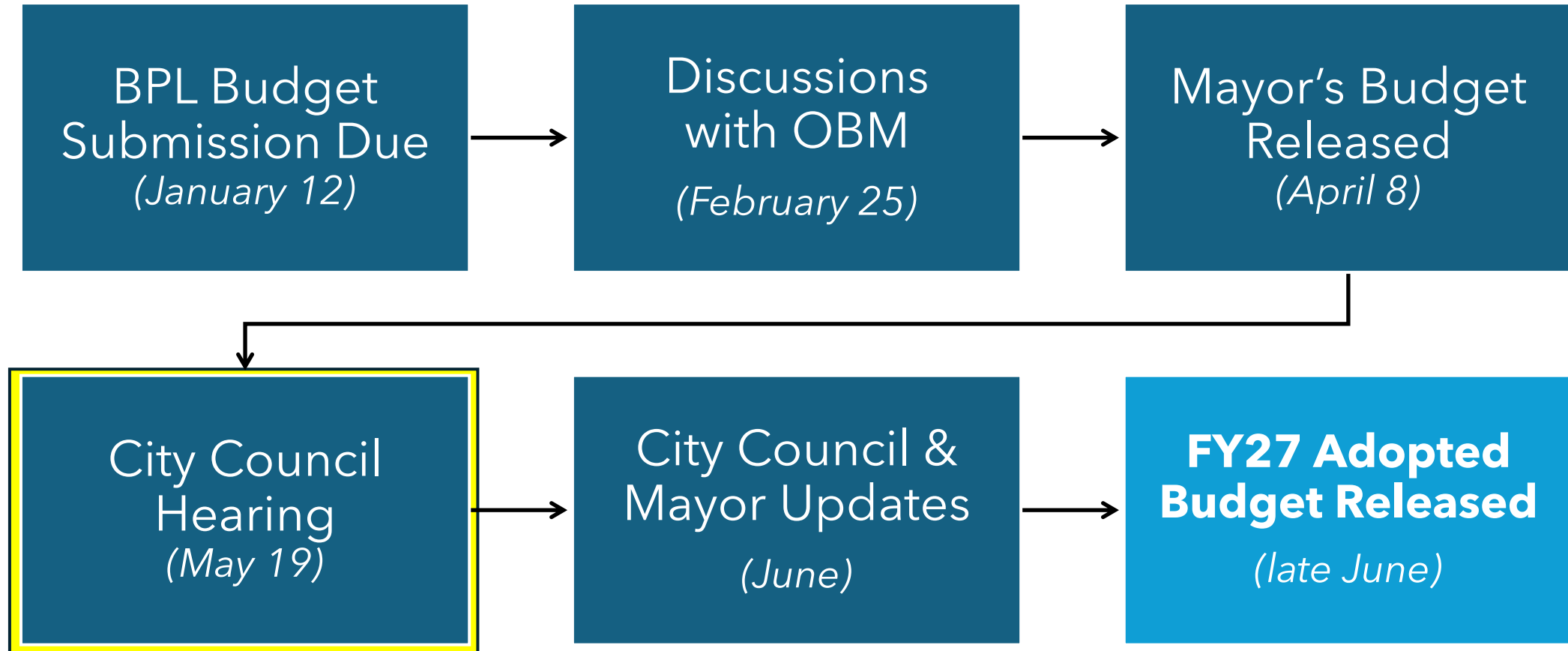
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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Hyde Park Branch Library | \$500,000 |
| North End Branch Library | \$1,475,000 |
| South Boston Branch Library Study | \$250,000 |
| South End Branch Library | \$32,650,000 |
| Uphams Corner Branch Library | \$32,000,000 |
| West End Branch Library | \$32,000,000 |

Total Recommended Capital for FY27-FY31:

\$251,060,000

Mayor's Recommended FY27 Operating Budget

Anticipated Timeline



Mayor Wu's FY27 Recommended Operating & Capital Budget

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to accept Mayor Michelle Wu’s FY27 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget.”