



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

April 8, 2025

Good evening:

Attached please find project reports for the weeks of March 17th and March 24th regarding the construction of the new high school and natatorium. The project continues to be on time and on budget.

The FY26 Draft Budget was submitted on March 31st and we had the first Finance Oversight Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd. The FOC will be chaired by Jim Broderick and he will be joined by Vice-Chair, Dawn Starks, Rich Freccero, Councilor Kathy Hill and Councilor Anna Jones. President O'Shea will serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The first meeting was a general overview of the draft submittal and the Committee will be meeting every Wednesday afternoon until the first week of May to provide an in-depth analysis and review of every aspect of the FY26 budget. Upon completion, they will offer any recommendations to the Town Council in advance of their first meeting in May.

I would like to introduce a special guest, Library Director, Katie McGonigle. Katie is here to promote National Library Week (April 6th-12th) and the East Longmeadow Public Library!

Upcoming Events: National Library Week – April 6th – April 12th
Earth Day Festivities – April 11th 1-4:30pm and April 12th at 9am at the COA
Lion's Club Fishing Derby – April 19th at 7 am at Heritage Park
Recreation Egg Hunt – April 19th at 9 am on the Rail Trail
American Revolution Ceremony – April 19th at 10am on the Town Hall Lawn

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Christensen
Town Manager

East Longmeadow High School
Weekly Report No. 040
Monday, 3-17-25 through Friday, 3-21-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

East Longmeadow High School Building:**I. Safety:**

- a. The Project has run 206 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 3-21-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 30 workers per day for the period of Monday, 3-17-25 through Friday, 3-21-25.

III. Meetings:

- a. Fontaine conducted scope review meetings for the perspective low bidders on Overhead Doors and Finish Door Hardware on Wednesday, 3-19-25
- b. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 3-20-25 starting at 1:00 PM.
- c. Also, the weekly Proposed Change Order (PCO) Meeting was held immediately following the OAC Meeting.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete and Reinforcement:
No concrete or rebar inspections were required this past week.
 - Structural Steel and Decking:
Allied Testing's steel inspector (Julian Freeman) was on site Thursday, 3-20-25 and Friday, 3-21-25, completing visual & non-destructive (NDT) testing of structural steel framing & decking completed to date.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - The Town's Building Commissioner (Will Cahillane) was on site late morning on Friday, 3-21-25 conducting a weekly walk through of the Project's progress.
 - The Town's Plumbing Inspector (Heath Dion) was on site Tuesday, 3-18-25 & Thursday, 3-20-25 to witness smoke tests on under-slab plumbing piping in the A and E-Wings.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - JWA/SMMA design team (Aviva Galaski) toured the Project on Thursday, 3-20-25, when on-site for the weekly OAC Meeting.

On-Site Activities:

Div. 1 – General Conditions - Construction Manager at Risk: (Fontaine Brothers)

- a. Fontaine Brothers is responsible for coordinating and managing all onsite construction activities as well as all safety practices of their subcontractors & vendors. Fontaine also schedules the material testing lab as needed.
- b. Fontaine continues processing and developing the following:
 - Product submittals for items needed in the building.
 - Generate/issue RFI's for unforeseen items and items in question with the drawings/specifications.
 - Issue approved shop drawings through the ProCore program.
 - Develop and issue monthly requisitions for owner payment,

Div. 3 – Concrete/Reinforcement: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. No additional concrete was placed this past week.
- b. Installing welded wire fabric (WWF), chairs and rebar on the 2nd Floor Level in the C and D-Wings.
- c. Cleaning and preparing the 2nd Floor metal decking in the E-Wing for reinforcement placement.
- d. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 3-21-25 remains at 1,818 cys.
- c. Compression testing at 28 days of all concrete cylinder samples taken to date have been found acceptable.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate for fabrication & Stellar to complete erection)

- a. Complete detailing the structural steel installation making up the B and C-Wings.
- b. Continuing installing the structural steel box-out framing for duct penetrations up onto the roof in the B-Wing.
- c. Continued installing shear studs in the A and E Wings at the 2nd Floor level decking.

Div. 5 – Metals (Cold Formed Metal Framing): (A. Carr & Sons)

- a. Mobilize on the job site and receive a shipment of CFMF members.
- b. Begin layout of the exterior walls of the D-Wing.

Div. 22 – Plumbing: (Grasseschi Plumbing and Heating Company)

- a. Complete all under-slab plumbing, including smoke testing in the D-Wing.
- b. Complete all under-slab plumbing, including smoke testing in the E-Wing as well.
- c. Continued under-slab storm water and sanitary sewer piping in the A-Wing.
- d. Perform successful "smoke tests" on under=slab drainage piping in the A-Wing.
- e. Continued performing layout and marking on the 2nd Floor in the A and E Wings.

Div. 23 & 25 – Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) : (Willam F. Lynch Company)

- a. No additional HVAC layout work completed this past week. The A and E Wings are complete with sleeves.
- b. Receiving shipments of materials at the job site.

Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. Performing layout of electric conduits and hangers on the 2nd Floor of E-Wing.
- b. Continue to install under-slab PVC conduits as raceways in the D-Wing.

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Continued working on the issue of the existing 16 inch dia. water main running under the area where the new tennis courts are designed to be installed. A vacuum truck was on site Friday, 3-21-25 to vacuum soil and located this existing water line at various locations.
- b. Continued backfilling under slab utility (water, sewer, Lab waste, electrical) trenches in the A, D and E Wings.
- c. Continued excavating trenches in the Ground Floor of A-Wing for under-slab drainage pipes.
- d. Installed the 12 inch dia. HDPE stormwater drainage pipe from Drainage Manholes DMH1-8 and DMH1-15 in the exterior area between the A and E Wings.
- e. Filling, grading, and compacting the sub-surface on the Ground Floor in the D-Wing

Photos:



The electrical contractor is installing under-slab PVC conduits for electrical cabling on the Ground Floor of the D-Wing



Looking at a cast iron plumbing drainpipe exiting the east end of the D-Wing



The plumbing contractor continued installing underground storm drainpipe in in A-Wing



The structural steel contractor is detailing the steel framing working from boom-lifts in the Gymnasium



Looking at welded wire fabric (WWF) installed over the metal floor decking on the 2nd floor in D-Wing



Looking at the site contractor continuing to excavate trenches for drainage pipes in the A-Wing



A soil vacuum truck is being utilized to expose existing buried 16" dia. water main under future tennis courts

Natatorium Building - East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 014 Monday, 3-17-25 through Friday, 3-21-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

Natatorium Building – East Longmeadow High School

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 73 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 3-21-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 9 workers per day for the period of Monday, 3-17-25 through Friday, 3-21-25.

III. Meetings:

- a. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 3-20-25 starting at 1:00 PM.
- b. The weekly Proposed Change Order (PCO) Review Meeting was held immediately following the OAC Meeting

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete:
Inspected & tested 42 cys of concrete placed through the week at both footing and foundation wall formwork and column base piers in Natatorium Building. To date 326 cys have been placed.
 - Reinforcement:
Inspected rebar reinforcement in these same footing and foundation walls prior to concrete placement.
 - Structural Steel:
No structural steel inspections were completed this past week.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - The Town's Building Commissioner (William Cahillane) was on site Friday, 3-21-25, completing a walkthrough and inspection of the Project.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - JWA/SMMA design team (Aviva Galaski) toured the Project on Thursday, 3-20-25, before the weekly OAC Meeting.

On-Site Activities:

Div. 1 – Construction Manager at Risk: (Fontaine Brothers)

- a. Fontaine Brothers is responsible for coordinating and managing all onsite construction activities as well as all safety practices of their subcontractors & vendors. Fontaine also schedules the materials testing lab as needed.
- b. Fontaine continues processing and developing the following:
 - Product submittals for items needed in the building.
 - Generate/issue RFI's for unforeseen items and items in question with the drawings/specifications.
 - Issue approved shop drawings through the ProCore program.
 - Compiling and issuing monthly requisitions.

Div. 3 – Concrete: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. Continued concrete foundation wall and footing formwork and rebar installation for the Natatorium Building at the north side of the Natatorium Building.
- b. Placed 42 cys concrete between Tuesday, 3-18-25 and Thursday, 3-20-25 at building footing & foundation wall formwork on the north side.
- c. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 3-21-25 is 326 cys.
- d. Continued providing concrete cylinders for compression by the independent testing lab.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate Fabrication, Stellar Steel Erection)

- a. Fontaine has awarded the structural steel package to Norgate Fabrication Company out of Canada.
- b. Structural steel erection will be performed by Stellar Steel Erectors.

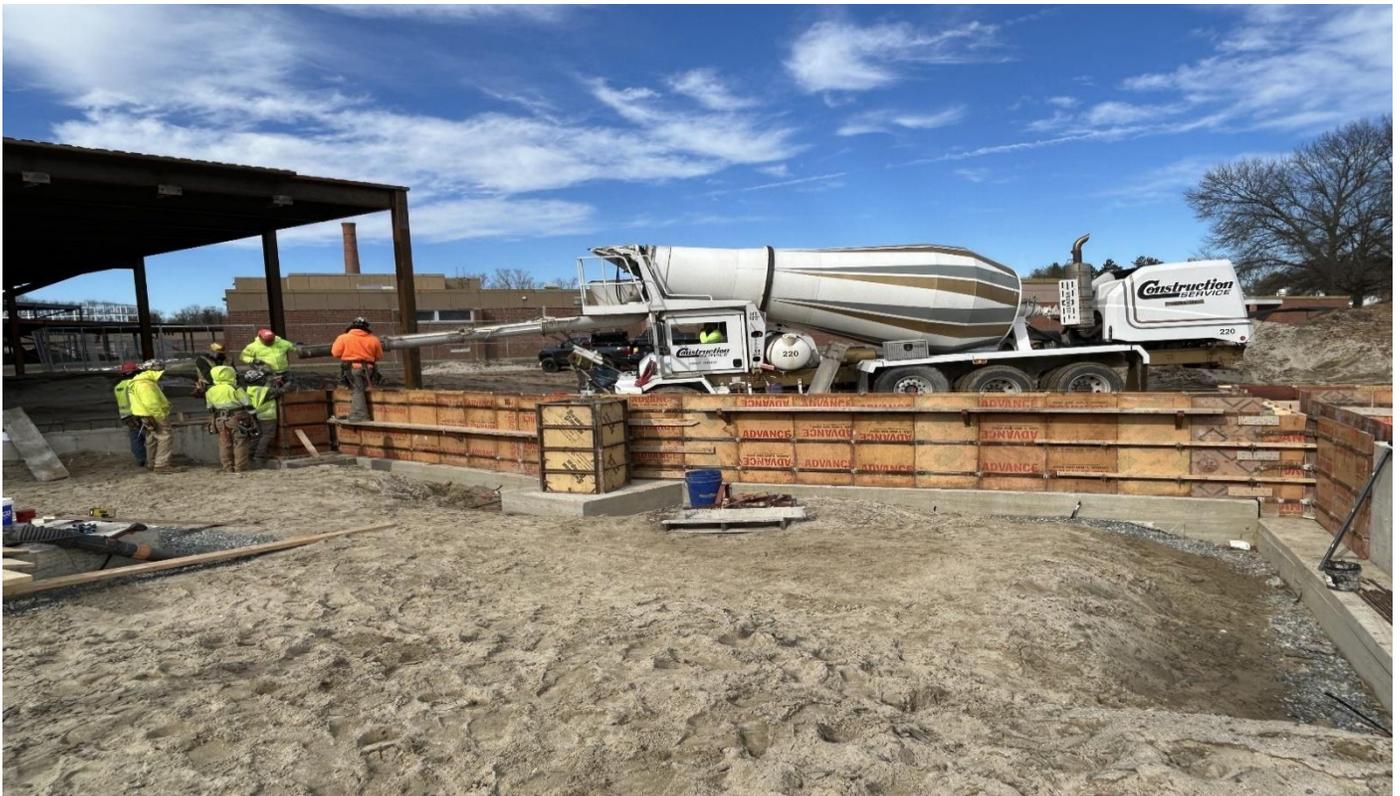
Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. No further electrical work (temp. power) completed this past week.

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Continued backfill and compaction operations at sections of completed foundation walls.
- b. Installing the footing drainpipe, $\frac{3}{4}$ " crushed stone and filter fabric at completed sections of concrete foundation walls of the Natatorium Building.

PHOTOS:



The concrete contractor is placing concrete into the foundation wall formwork at the north wall of the Natatorium Building



The concrete contractor spreads and finishes concrete placed into the foundation wall formwork at the north side of the Natatorium



Wall sleeves are set in place between vertical rebar members at the construction of the foundation wall at the north side of the Natatorium



The concrete contractor is placing concrete into foundation wall formwork at north side of the Natatorium Building



The site work contractor has been installing the footing drainpipe at foundation walls of the Natatorium Building



A happy employee of the concrete contractor waves to the camera on a beautiful, warm & sunny day at the Natatorium Building construction



The concrete contractor continues erecting formwork & rebar for north foundation wall of Natatorium Building

East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 041 Monday, 3-24-25 through Friday, 3-28-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

East Longmeadow High School Building:

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 211 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 3-28-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 43 workers per day for the period of Monday, 3-24-25 through Friday, 3-28-25.

III. Meetings:

- a. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 3-27-25 starting at 1:00 PM.
- b. Also, the weekly Proposed Change Order (PCO) Meeting was held immediately following the OAC Meeting.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete and Reinforcement:
 1. No concrete inspections were performed this past week due to the cold temperatures in regard to concrete placement on the 2nd floor metal decking of the D-Wing.
 2. Welded wire fabric (WWF) and rebar were inspected at various days this week by Allied Testing's inspectors on the 2nd floor decking of the D-Wing.
 - Structural Steel and Decking:

Allied Testing's structural steel inspector (Julian Freeman) was on site various times through the week completing visual inspections of the roof decking.
 - Soil Compaction Testing:

Allied Testing's Soils Inspector (Enrique Ortiz) was on site various times through the week performing soil compaction testing in the D-Wing in preparation for concrete floor slab placement.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - The Town's Electrical Inspector (Michael Erwin) was on site Monday, 3-24-25 in the AM to inspect under slab electrical conduit installed on the Ground Floor of the D-Wing.
 - The Town's Plumbing Inspector (Heath Dion) was on site Tuesday, 3-25-25 & Thursday, 3-27-25 to witness "smoke tests" on under-slab stormwater drainage piping in the A and B Wings.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - SMMA Architects (James White) was on site Wednesday, 3-26-25 for a Project walkthrough & inspection.
 - SMMA Architects (Cameron St. Croix) was on site Friday, 3-28-25 completing and inspection and Project walkthrough.

- JWA/SMMA Architects (Jill DeCoursey & Helen Fantini) toured the Project on Thursday, 3-27-25, resulting in the issuance of JWA Architect's Field Inspection Report No. 10, dated 3-27-25.

On-Site Activities:

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 - Develop and issue monthly requisitions for owner payment.
- c. Fontaine is also utilized the services of Heritage Surveying Company

Div. 3 – Concrete/Reinforcement: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. No additional concrete was placed this past week. The 2nd Floor concrete slab placement scheduled for Tuesday, 3-25-25 was postponed to next Tuesday due to cold morning temperatures.
- b. Complete installing welded wire fabric (WWF), chairs and rebar on the 2nd Floor Level in the C Wing.
- c. Continued installing weld wire fabric (WWF) and rebar on the 2nd Floor decking in the E-Wing.
- d. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 3-28-25 remains at 1,818 cys.
- e. Compression testing at 28 days of all concrete cylinder samples taken to date have been found acceptable.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate for fabrication & Stellar to complete erection)

- a. Complete detailing the structural steel installation making up the B and C-Wings.

Div. 5 – Metals (Cold Formed Metal Framing): (A. Carr & Sons)

- a. Complete installing exterior wall cold-form-metal-framing (CFMF) support clips at the perimeter of the D-Wing.
- b. Completing the same now at the exterior walls of the E-Wing.

Div. 7 – Thermal & Moisture Protection: (Foundation Wall/Brick shelve Waterproofing): (Armani)

- a. Patch and repair damaged waterproofing/damp proofing membrane at the perimeter concrete foundation wall brick shelve in the D and E Wings.

Div. 22 – Plumbing: (Grasseschi Plumbing and Heating Company)

- a. Continued installation of under-slab plumbing drainage piping in the A and B Wings.
- b. Conducted a number of "smoke tests" on installed under slab drainage piping, witnessed by the Town's Plumbing Inspector in the A and B Wings.
- c. Continued layout and rough-in of plumbing system hangers on the 2nd Floor in the D and E Wings.

Div. 23 & 25 – Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) : (Willam F. Lynch Company)

- a. No additional HVAC layout work completed this past week. The D and E Wings are complete with sleeves.

Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. Complete installing under slab electrical conduits runs in the D-Wing to electrical closets.
- b. Continued installing the same for the E-Wing.

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. A resolution continued to be worked on with the Design team and Fontaine concerning the existing 16 inch dia. water main running under the area where the new tennis courts are designed to be installed. The location of this pipe and elevations at various points across the area were found with the aid of a soil vacuum truck late last week. The Town will need to issue final direction.
- b. Completing backfill and compaction of underground electrical conduits and misc. drainage piping in D-Wing.
- c. Completing final fill and grading to the elevation required under the concrete floor slab also in D-Wing.
- d. Excavating trenches in the E-Wing for installation of under slab electrical conduit runs to electric closets.
- e. Continued excavation and backfilling operations for under slab plumbing drainage piping (stormwater, sewer, Lab waste, and electrical) in the A Wing.
- f. Commence trench excavation in the B-Wing for under slab drainage piping in the B-Wing.
- g. Completing site work (filling, grading, and electrical conduit trench excavation) at the far NE corner of the job site within the construction fence line.

Photos:



Site work contractor is trench excavating at north side of B-Wing for installation of stormwater drainage



Looking at the site work contractor filling and grading to the final subgrade elevation required for the concrete floor slab to be installed in the D-Wing



View looking east from the exterior temporary stair tower into the Ground Floor level of the E-Wing with under slab drainage lines installed and backfilled



Installation of under slab stormwater drainage piping continues in the A-Wing



View looking south across the E-Wing at installation of under slab electrical conduits runs to an electrical closet



View looking south at the D-Wing Ground Floor level enclosed with poly to utilize temporary heating



View within the D-Wing Ground Floor at the poly enclosure & prep work for slab-on-grade pour

Natatorium Building - East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 015 Monday, 3-24-25 through Friday, 3-28-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

Natatorium Building – East Longmeadow High School

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 78 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 3-28-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 3 concrete workers per day for the period of Monday, 3-24-25, through Friday, 3-28-25.

III. Meetings:

- a. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 3-27-25 starting at 1:00 PM.
- b. The weekly Proposed Change Order (PCO) Review Meeting was held immediately following the OAC Meeting.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete:
No concrete testing and inspections were required this past week. To date 326 cys have been placed.
 - Reinforcement:
No rebar inspection were required this week as well.
 - Structural Steel:
No structural steel inspections were completed this past week.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - No Town inspectors were on site this past week.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
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Div. 3 – Concrete: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. Removed foundation wall formwork from the north side of the Natatorium Building.
- b. Parging the brick shelf formed into the perimeter concrete foundation wall to create a smooth, even surface for the installation of the air and vapor barrier (AVB) by others.
- c. Performed general clean up and organization of tools and materials.
- d. Cleaned, stacked, and banded piles of formwork panels for removal from the site.
- e. No additional concrete was placed this past week at the Natatorium Building.
- f. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 3-28-25 is 326 cys.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate Fabrication, Stellar Steel Erection)

- a. Fontaine has awarded the structural steel package to Norgate Fabrication Company out of Canada.
- b. Structural steel erection will be performed by Stellar Steel Erectors.

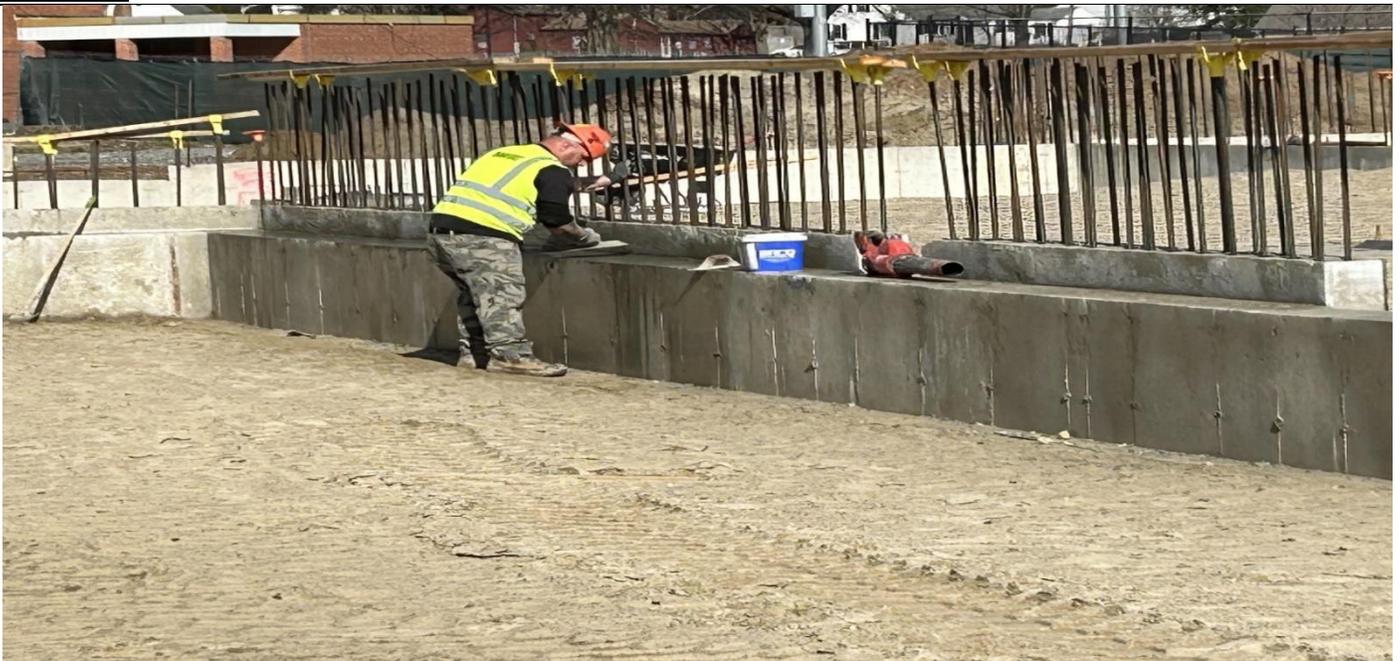
Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. No further electrical work (temp. power) completed this past week.

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Performed limited backfill and compaction operations at sections of completed foundation walls.
- b. Note the east side concrete foundation wall of the Natatorium Building is not completed at this time to allow access into the building center for the actual pool construction.

PHOTOS:



The concrete contractor is parging the brick shelf on top of the concrete foundation wall for the vapor barrier installation by others



View when standing at the southwest corner of the Natatorium Building foundation work looking NE into the future Building



View looking east along the north side concrete foundation wall of the Natatorium Building after formwork was removed



View from the east end of the Project site looking west into the continuing foundation work for the Natatorium Building

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 6-12
2025



"Stories and art draw us together, inspiring all of us to discover our own unique talents. Libraries are essential to that process—now more than ever!"



HONORARY
CHAIR

**RAINA
TELGEMEIER**
Award-winning
author and
illustrator



HONORARY
CHAIR

**SCOTT
MCLOUD**
Cartoonist
and comic
theorist

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EAST LONGMEADOW
PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Longmeadow Public Library
Adult Patron Registration Application

To obtain a library card, an individual must complete a registration form and show a photo ID with their name and current address.

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name (if different): _____ Date of Birth: ____ - ____ - ____

Email Address: _____

Would you like your checkout receipts emailed to you? YES / NO

Would you like to receive emails about library events for adults/teens? YES / NO

Would you like to receive emails about library events for children? YES / NO

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hold Authorization (Opt-In):

How would you like to be notified that an item is being held for pickup? (Circle one): Email / Text / Phone call

You may authorize a personal representative to pick up items on hold for you at East Longmeadow Public Library. These items will be checked out on your library card. A note will be placed on your account authorizing the person to pick up your holds. You will need to notify a staff member to cancel this authorization, which you may do at any time.

Person(s) authorized to pick up materials on my behalf:

I agree to be responsible for all material borrowed with this card, for all fines incurred, and for the loss and damage of material charged upon it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STAFF USE ONLY: Date: ____ - ____ - ____ Initials: _____ Barcode: 205950002 _____

Home Library: _____



East Longmeadow Public Library Strategic Plan FY2025-FY2029

Our Purpose

The East Longmeadow Public Library supports lifelong learning, literacy, and cultural enrichment by providing access to information, knowledge, and ideas through its collections, services and programs.

Our Aspirations

The East Longmeadow Public Library aims to be central to the town's growth and development, responsive to the needs of the community, and committed to quality service through positive interactions and a welcoming environment for all.

Our Values

The East Longmeadow Public Library values are those held by the American Library Association (ALA): Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, Public Good, and Sustainability.

Community Relationships

Expand and strengthen existing partnerships to position the library as the community hub:

- Broaden relationships with East Longmeadow public schools, preschools, daycares, and homeschool families.
- Coordinate with local nonprofits, community organizations, and town departments to foster ongoing and key seasonal events and programmatic offerings.
- Promote the library's value as a partner on issues impacting town residents by having a "seat at the table" on policies and projects related to town initiatives.

Accessibility

Improve efficiencies in the delivery of library services and establish sustainable and impactful programs, services, and collections tailored to meet community needs:

- Develop and coordinate the implementation, and evaluation of all in-person and virtual library programs.
- Expand promotion of and access to borrowable items and downloadable materials (eBooks, eAudiobooks, online magazines), and databases.
- Conduct an internal audit of current physical collection to ensure it is reflective of the community.

Facility Improvements

Create a welcoming, accessible, and functional library:

- Investigate ways to redesign the public use spaces with dedicated areas for people to work, study, read and gather.
- Provide furniture that is comfortable and functional with the input of library users.
- Continue to address maintenance issues of the building with the town.

Organizational Capacity

Maintain the library's position of a successful and user-friendly town library:

- Continue to hire and retain staff for specific positions to ensure quality service and teamwork.
- Implement comprehensive staff training programs focused on mission alignment and collaborative practices.
- Equip staff with the latest tools and resources to improve service delivery and user experience.
- Active participation by all staff in community engagement initiatives to strengthen library-community connections.

VIEW: **BY DATE-ORDERED LISTINGS** BY MONTH FILTER: **BY CATEGORY** BY BRANCH/PLACE

SEARCH

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		<p>1</p> <p>3:00—4:30 PM Teen Activities Group: Writing Group</p> <p>4:30—5:15 PM + Read to Hank (3 Events)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00—10:45 AM Families in Harmony</p> <p>11:00—11:45 AM Families in Harmony</p> <p>3:00—4:00 PM Needlework Network</p> <p>4:30—5:30 PM Origami</p> <p>6:00—7:00 PM Reiki Experience</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Communication & Play</p> <p>2:30—4:00 PM Teen Activities Group: Spring Crafternoons</p> <p>7:30—8:30 PM Dialogue with Dads</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00—4:30 PM Teen Spot @ The Library</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00—11:30 AM Seed Library Launch: Come plant some seeds for your garden!</p>
<p>6</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Preschool Storytime REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—2:00 PM Music & Movement REGISTER</p> <p>3:00—4:30 PM Teen Activities Group: Sew What? REGISTER</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Let's Get Artsy REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—2:00 PM Home School REGISTER</p> <p>5:00—6:00 PM Discovering STEM Sparks REGISTER</p> <p>6:30—7:30 PM Tax Planning and Your Retirement REGISTER</p> <p>7:00—8:00 PM Nature & Development</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00—10:45 AM Families in Harmony REGISTER</p> <p>11:00—11:45 AM Families in Harmony REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—2:00 PM Wiggles & Giggles Storytime REGISTER</p> <p>4:15—5:15 PM Teen Activities Group: Banned Book Club</p> <p>5:00—6:00 PM Creative Crayon Creations REGISTER</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 AM—12:00 PM Spanish for Littles REGISTER</p> <p>2:30—4:00 PM Teen Activities Group: Spring Crafternoons</p> <p>6:00—7:00 PM Developing Communication Abilities</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:45—10:30 AM Grow Play Learn REGISTER</p> <p>10:45—11:30 AM Grow Play Learn REGISTER</p> <p>2:00—4:30 PM Teen Spot @ The Library</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Music with Mr. Liam REGISTER</p>
<p>13</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Preschool Storytime REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—2:00 PM Music & Movement REGISTER</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Transportation Station REGISTER</p> <p>3:00—4:30 PM Teen Activities Group: Teen Fandom Club</p> <p>4:30—5:30 PM Bookworms Book Group Grades 1 & 2 REGISTER</p> <p>6:00—7:00 PM Navigating Libby and hoopla REGISTER</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00—10:45 AM Families in Harmony REGISTER</p> <p>11:00—11:45 AM Families in Harmony REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—2:00 PM Wiggles & Giggles Storytime REGISTER</p> <p>3:00—4:00 PM Needlework Network</p> <p>4:30—5:30 PM Kindergarten Klub REGISTER</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Communication & Play REGISTER</p> <p>2:30—4:00 PM Teen Activities Group: Spring Crafternoons</p> <p>7:30—8:30 PM Dialogue with Dads</p>	<p>18</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>19</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>
<p>20</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>21</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00—11:00 AM Yoga with Lisa Katz REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—2:00 PM Earth Day Craft REGISTER</p> <p>4:30—6:00 PM Adult Craft Club: Mosaic Stepping Stones REGISTER</p> <p>6:30—7:30 PM Adult Evening Book Review</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 AM—12:00 PM Creative Crayon Creations REGISTER</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 AM—12:00 PM Adult Book Group Discussion</p> <p>11:00 AM—12:00 PM Spanish for Littles REGISTER</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00—11:45 AM Dog Man & Donuts REGISTER</p> <p>1:00—4:00 PM Friday Flicks: Wicked</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 AM—12:00 PM Create Your Character w/Mr. Kevin REGISTER</p>
<p>27</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:30—5:30 PM Funny Bonz Book Group Grade 3 & 4 REGISTER</p> <p>4:30—5:30 PM Page Turners Book Group Grades 5+ REGISTER</p> <p>6:30—7:45 PM All About Mushrooms REGISTER</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00—10:45 AM Families in Harmony REGISTER</p> <p>11:00—11:45 AM Families in Harmony REGISTER</p> <p>3:00—4:00 PM Needlework Network</p>			

OVERDUE FINES

You will not be charged any late fines for items belonging to the East Longmeadow Public Library. If you have overdue items belonging to other libraries, you may be charged late fines based on those libraries' policies.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGES

...will occur if your total fines exceed \$10.00 or if any item is more than 28 days overdue. After 28 days, you will be billed a replacement cost, which will be waived if you return the item.

LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS

If an item is lost or damaged, the replacement cost must be paid. We do not accept purchased replacement copies in lieu of payment.

SERVICE FEES

Black & White Copies: \$.15/page
Color Copies: \$.25/page
Outgoing Faxes: \$1.00/page
Scanning: free

LOAN PERIODS & BORROWING LIMITS

ONE-WEEK LOANS:

Telescope and Chromebooks (no renewals), DVDs, magazines, children's kits and tablets, video games.

TWO-WEEK LOANS:

Wifi hotspots (no renewals), new adult books (with the exception of Large Print), outdoor games.

THREE-WEEK LOANS:

Everything else!

RENEWALS:

Items eligible for renewal will be automatically renewed on their due dates. Most items may be renewed once.

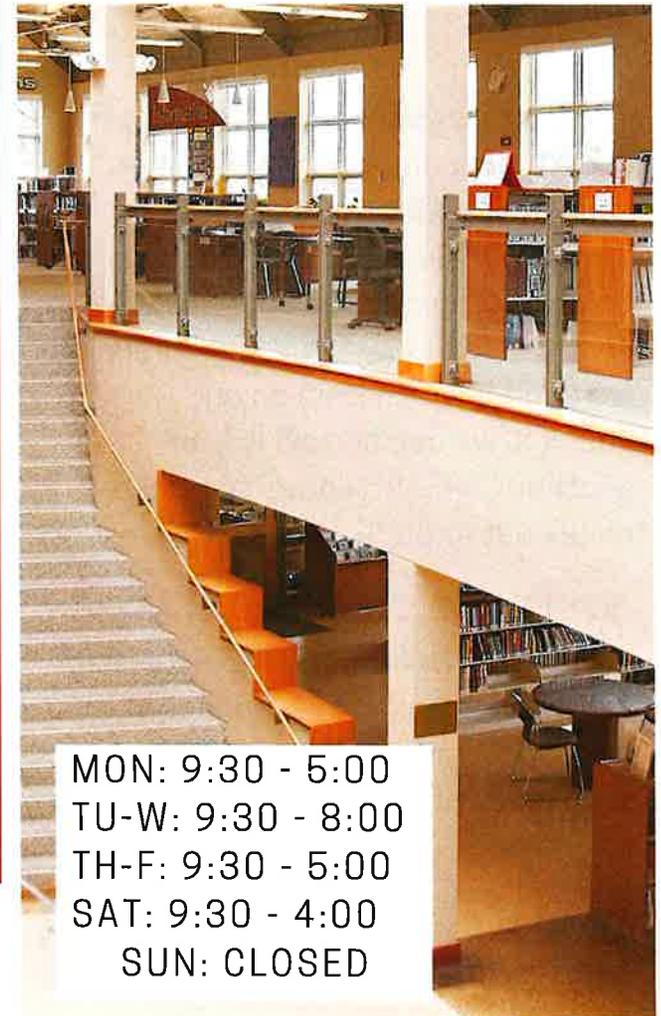
BORROWING LIMITS:

Total Items at a Time: **50**
Music CDs: **20**
Library of Things: **various**
Wifi Hotspots: **1**

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EAST LONGMEADOW, MA
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eastlongmeadowlibrary.org



MON: 9:30 - 5:00
TU-W: 9:30 - 8:00
TH-F: 9:30 - 5:00
SAT: 9:30 - 4:00
SUN: CLOSED

GETTING A LIBRARY CARD

Please present a photo ID to sign up for a library card. If the address on your ID is incorrect, proof of residence is required (such as a utility bill, a lease, or a car registration). Replacement cards are \$2.00. If you are not a resident of Massachusetts, you must pay a \$38.00 annual fee for borrowing privileges.

The East Longmeadow Public Library is part of a consortium of libraries called **CWMARS** (Central and Western Massachusetts Resource Sharing). You can use your ELPL library card at any CWMARS library. If we don't have an item on our shelves, we can borrow it from another CWMARS library for you to check out at ELPL.

VISIT THE ONLINE CATALOG

...at elongmdw.cwmars.org. Search for items, place holds, and manage your library account! Log in using your barcode number and your PIN (for new cardholders, your PIN is the last four digits of your phone number).



STAYING CONNECTED

Join our email list and receive updates about library news and events. Sign up on our website: eastlongmeadowlibrary.org.

Sign up for Wowbrary emails and be the first to hear about our newest books, movies, and more! Visit wowbrary.org to register.

Follow us on social media:

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Instagram: [@elpubliclibrary](https://instagram.com/elpubliclibrary)



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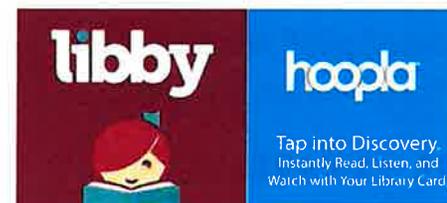
SERVICES

BORROW MATERIALS

...including books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, video games, wifi hotspots, museum passes, and more!

BORROW ONLINE

Borrow digital materials including e-books, e-audiobooks, and digital magazines! Get started by downloading the Libby app or visiting hoopladigital.com.



USE OUR IN-HOUSE RESOURCES

...including computers, public wifi, photocopiers, study rooms, a Local History Room (by appointment), a children's play area, and more!

USE OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

...to create a resume, learn a language, discover local history, do genealogy research, and more!

Congratulations on your new CW MARS library card!

What is CW MARS?

CW MARS is a diverse multi-type library consortium made up of over 160 member libraries primarily located in Central and Western Massachusetts.

CW MARS is an acronym that stands for **C**entral and **W**estern **M**assachusetts **A**utomated **R**esource **S**haring.

What are the perks of membership?

As a library card holder, you get access to...

160+ Libraries

Your CW MARS card grants you borrowing privileges at all CW MARS libraries. Items can be checked out and returned to any CW MARS library. A list of libraries and catalogs can be found at www.cwmars.org/libraries

8M+ Physical Items and 175K+ e-Titles

Over 8 million items in the network can be borrowed, most of which can be requested and picked up at your local library. Borrow items through the online catalog at catalog.cwmars.org.

Get 24/7 access to the network's collection of over 175,000 digital titles, powered by OverDrive and Libby. Over 3,000 magazine titles are always available to borrow. Access the digital collection at catalog.cwmars.org or cwmars.overdrive.com.

Automatic Renewals

Forget the hassle of manually renewing your items. Physical items eligible for renewal will be auto-renewed on their due date!

Commonwealth Catalog

If a CW MARS library does not have a title, expand your search across the state using the Commonwealth Catalog at www.cwmars.org/cwmars_comcat



www.cwmars.org



Scan to find your library!
www.cwmars.org/libraries

ONE CARD, MANY LIBRARIES



HOW TO USE YOUR CW MARS ACCOUNT

SEARCH THE CATALOG,

PLACE HOLDS,

AND MORE.

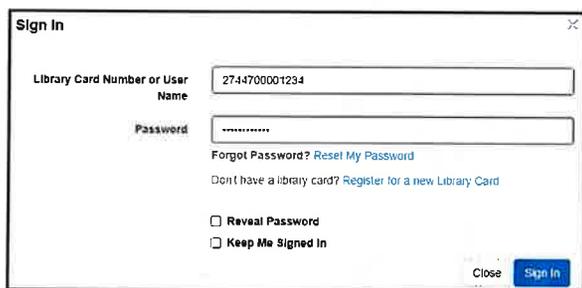
Accessing Your Library's Catalog

Search the network catalog at catalog.cwmars.org, or download the CW MARS Libraries app from your app store.

Logging Into Your Account

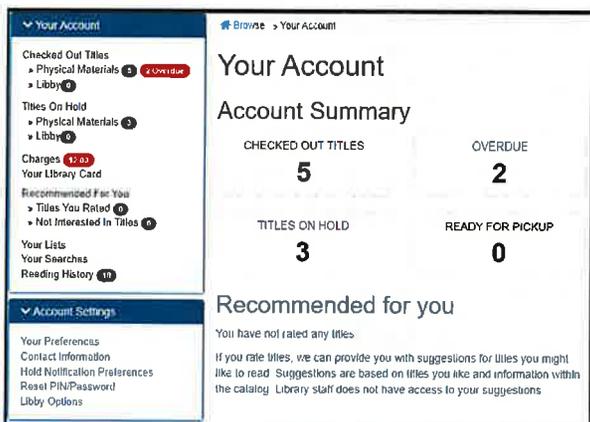
You can log into your account from any page in the catalog.

1. Click **Sign In** in the top right.
2. Enter your full library card number without any spaces. Then enter your password.
3. Click to **Sign in**.



Navigating Your Account

From **Your Account Summary** page, you can view your due dates by clicking **Checked Out Titles**, manage your holds with **Titles on Hold**, view charges and pay any over \$0.50 by clicking **Charges**, and update your preferences with **Account Settings**. You can also create lists of titles with **My Lists** and view your **Reading History**.



Searching the Catalog

To search the catalog, enter your search term into the *Search* field. Optionally, select a search *Type* (e.g. *Keyword*, *Title*, etc). Click **Search**.

Searches will default to a *Keyword* search of material owned locally*. These can be adjusted or filtered upon if you are having trouble finding what you want.

To view items owned by ANY CW MARS library, make sure the **CW MARS Libraries tab is selected above your search results.*



Placing a Hold

Through the catalog, titles from across all of CW MARS can be requested for pickup at your local library. To do this, you will need to place a hold.

1. Search for material in the catalog.
2. Once you've found the title you want, click **Place Hold** next to the format you'd like to request.
3. Confirm/choose the CW MARS library at which you'd like to pick up the item.
4. Adjust your notification preferences* if desired. You can choose to be notified by *email* and/or *text message*. Some libraries may also *call*.
5. Click **Submit Hold Request** to place the hold.

*These preferences can also be adjusted in **Your Account > Account Settings > Hold Notification Preferences**.

Managing Your Holds

You can view items on hold by going to **Your Account > Titles on Hold**. From here, you can check your status, *suspend* holds that you'd like later, or *cancel* holds that you no longer want.

eContent

Digital material from OverDrive and Libby are available directly in the catalog. From your *Search Results*, you can place holds and check out material with digital formats (like eBook). You can also manage your e-material from **Your Account**.

Saving Your Reading History

You have the option to keep a historical account of titles you've checked out. To protect your privacy, this option is disabled by default. If you'd like to enable your reading history, navigate to **Your Account > Reading History**. Read the disclaimer, and continue by clicking *Start Recording My Reading History*.

Note: Reading History is not retroactive; only items checked out at the time of enabling the feature along with future checkouts will be listed in your history.

Important: If Reading History is ever disabled, your history will be lost with no way to restore it!

You'll also see which titles you have already checked out when searching the catalog.



Need Help?

If you have questions about CW MARS or how to navigate the catalog, help articles can be found at catalog.cwmars.org/cwmars_help.

You can also always ask your local librarian, and they will be happy to help!

To borrow a museum pass, library patrons must present a CWMARS library card in good standing (no billed items, fines over \$10.00, or expired library cards).



Digital passes are loaned for 1 day. Physical passes are loaned for 3 days. Neither are renewable.



Passes can be reserved online at our website up to 90 days in advance.



Before visiting, please check with each museum for hours, holiday hours, and emergency closings.



Some of the passes allow free admission and others allow discounted admission. The number of adult and children admitted varies from pass to pass.



All passes are listed in the library catalog.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MUSEUM PASSES



Scan the QR Code to
reserve your digital
pass today!

Digital Passes



Basketball Hall of Fame

Discounted daily admission: \$20 for up to 3 adults, \$17 for seniors, and \$15 for up to 3 children
hoophall.com

Children's Museum at Holyoke

½ price of admission for up to 6 people
childrensmuseumholyokey.org

CT Trolley Museum

Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children
ct-trolley.org

Eric Carle Museum - Amherst

Free admission for 2 adults and up to 4 children
carlemuseum.org

JFK Museum (no pass needed)

50% discount when showing your physical or digital library card
Kids under 12 are free
<https://www.jfklibrary.org/>

Mass MOCA (Gallery Only)

Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children under 16
massmoca.org

Digital Passes

(cont.):

Norman Rockwell Museum- Stockbridge

2 adults, \$12 each
nrm.org

New England Air Museum

½ price of admission for up to 5 people, children 3 and under are free.
<https://neam.org>

Riverside Reptiles

Buy one get one admission for up to 6 people
riversidereptileseducationcenter.com

The Zoo in Forest Park - Springfield

Free admission for up to 5 people (seasonal pass) and 10% discount at the gift shop
forestparkzoo.org

USS Constitution Museum - Boston

Pass admits up to 9 free
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

Physical Passes



Amelia Parks Children's Museum

\$4 off admission price of \$8 for up to 4 people
ameliaparkmuseum.org

Historic Deerfield

Free admission for 4. Pick up tickets at the Hall Tavern for entrance to the museum houses.
historic-deerfield.org

New England Botanic Garden

Admits 2 at ½ price
nebg.org

Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory

Temporarily Unavailable

Free admission for 2 adults
magicwings.com

Massachusetts State Parks

Free day parking at 50 Massachusetts State parks
massparks.gov

Springfield Museums - The Quadrangle

Buy 1 full price admission and receive ½ price admission on the 2nd admission of equal or lesser value. The pass may be used up to 6 guests per visit.
springfieldmuseums.org

FAQs:

How do I get my username and password?

Your username is your CWMARS Library Card number, and your password is the same password you use with our catalog. If you don't know that password, your local library can help you reset it.

Do I need an internet connection?

Only to browse the catalog and to download.

What happens when a title expires?

The titles will automatically return themselves, no action is needed on your part.

What if I don't finish my book?

The app will remember your place, simply check out the title again to resume reading. Your *Settings* controls how many past titles are remembered.

Can I renew a book?

Yes! If there are no holds on the title, you can renew two days before it is due. Simply tap on the cover for your details, and tap Renew Loan, then Renew!

Can I borrow a Kindle ebook?

To read a Kindle book you will have to use the Kindle app and go through your Amazon account. For help borrowing Kindle books, please stop the Information Desk or give us a call.

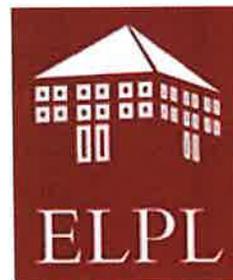
Can I borrow a magazine with the Libby app?

You can download and read digital magazines from the Libby app! There are no borrowing limits or expiration dates for magazine titles, and you even have access to back issues.

Use these instructions for tablets (including Samsung nook Tablets), smartphones, Chromebooks, and devices running:

- Android 5.0 or higher
- iOS 10 or higher
- Windows 10

For Chromebooks, Windows, Mac computers, Nook Color, or Kindle Fires you can use Libby in your web browser at libbyapp.com



Questions? We're here to help!
Contact us at 413-525-5400, x1508,
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Borrow eBooks
and Audio Books
with your

Smartphone/
Tablet



Libby, by
OverDrive

<https://cwmars.overdrive.com/>



1. Install App

- Search for *Libby* in your app store.



- Install the free app.
- Tap **Search For A Library** to look up your library OR try **Guess My Library** and the app will attempt to locate the closest library to you.

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MATCHING LIBRARIES

CW MARS

East Longmeadow Public Library
60 Center Square
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, USA

+ 169 MORE BRANCHES

- Choose **CW MARS** (it's our network!)



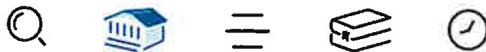
Add a library card for **CW MARS** so you can borrow titles and place holds.

[Sign In With My Card](#)

- Tap **Sign In With My Card**, tap **CW MARS PATRONS** to confirm you're using your CW MARS card, and then enter your Library Card number and password, and you are good to go!

2. Explore

- You can explore Libby through the menu at the bottom of the app.



-  lets you search for a title you wish to borrow—you can browse by subject or collection; or you can search by author, title, or keyword.
- Tap on a book cover to learn more, and tap **Borrow** to check out a title. If a title is unavailable you can always **Place a Hold**.
- When you Borrow, you can set the loan for 7, 14, or 21 days before confirming. From there you can **Open** your item, **Keep Browsing**, or **Go to Shelf** to access all your borrowed items.
- Tap **Open in Libby** or the title in Now Reading to enjoy your ebook or audiobook



-  opens the Library collection for browsing.



-  displays all of your loans & holds



-  displays your borrowing timeline, with a history of items you have borrowed and returned.

3. Tips & Tricks

- All ebooks and audio books in this collection can be found through our main catalog. Keep an eye out for **ebook** and **e-audio** while you browse!
- When you see  you can use **Filters** to modify your searches and display settings to help you find the item you want more quickly.
- To see when a book is due, return it, or see more details, tap on **Manage Loan** from your bookshelf.
- Use the **Download Settings** to control when your loans are downloaded, including automatically when you're on WiFi.
- The  option opens the settings menu, where you can **change your app settings** and **add libraries**. Your CWMARS Library card can be used at Library networks throughout MA! Tap "**Add A Library**," and search for the library network you want. To use your CWMARS card, tap "**Sign in with my card**," then choose "**CWMARS Patrons**" from the "**PARTNER LIBRARIES**" list, and add your CWMARS library card info. You may have to tap "**More**" to find the CWMARS Patrons option. All your loans will appear on the same bookshelf. You can add the following additional libraries:

Boston Public Library · CLAMS ·
Merrimack Valley · Minuteman · NOBLE ·
Old Colony · SAILS

BORROWING INFO

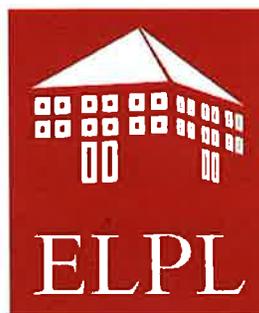
- Check out up to **8** titles per month. Checkout limits reset on the 1st of each month
- Returning items early does not increase the number of checkouts available
- eBooks, Audiobooks, and Comics have a **21 day checkout**
- Music and Binge Passes have a **7 day checkout**
- Movies and TV loans have a **3 day checkout**

Hoopla titles are always available, so there is never a wait list!

STREAMING

Hoopla is compatible with Apple TV, Chromecast, FireTV, and Roku. Download Hoopla on your device and follow the instructions!

Scan here to get the Hoopla app on your phone today!



Questions? We're here to help!
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or stop by the Information Desk.

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Get Started Guide

SIGN UP!

- East Longmeadow's Hoopla content is only available to East Longmeadow card holders.
 - You can use Hoopla on the **Hoopla app**, available in the iOS App store or on Google Play
- OR**
- You can use Hoopla on a computer at **hoopladigital.com**
 - Open the app or webpage
 - Select **Sign up** (on app) or **Get Started** (on a computer)
 - Enter your email, and create a password
 - Search for the **East Longmeadow Public Library** and select **Agree**
 - Enter your library card number and PIN. If you do not know your PIN, **call us or stop by for help.**
 - Check your email to verify your account and you're ready to go!

USING HOOPLA - APPLE

Use the images at the bottom of the screen on the **Hoopla app** to navigate and browse



My Hoopla

View history, borrowed, and recommended items



Books

Browse Audiobooks, Comics, and Ebooks (choose at the top of the screen)



Video

Browse Movies and TV (choose at the top of the screen)



More

Browse Binge Passes & Music. Binge Passes give multi-day access to Magazines and Courses with a single borrow



Search

Search for specific titles, authors, and more

USING HOOPLA - ANDROID



Home



My Hoopla



Search



Settings

Categories of items (TV, Ebooks, etc) appear **on the top of the screen** when you touch the **Home** menu option

USING HOOPLA - COMPUTER

- Navigate to My Hoopla, Currently Borrowed, Favorites, and History in the **My Hoopla** menu
- Choose between formats in the **Browse** menu
- Search in the white search box in the top center of the screen

BORROWING

- When you find something you'd like to borrow, select the item
- Select **Borrow**
- Select **Read** (for Ebooks & Comics) or **Play** (for streaming media)
- Select **Borrowed** near the top of the **My Hoopla** screen to see borrowed titles
- Click **Download to your device** to have borrowed items available offline



Adopt-a-Book Form

Celebrating a special occasion or milestone?

Have a special person in your life you would like to honor?

Adopting a book is a unique and thoughtful way to show you care!

HOW IT WORKS

1. Select the book you would like to adopt
2. Complete this form
3. Bring completed form & \$15 payment to the Circulation Desk
4. The adopted book will receive a special book plate honoring your adoption

Staff Use Only:

Date payment received: _____

Circle one: cash/check

Initial here:

**Forms of payment accepted: cash or check made payable to the East Longmeadow Public Library*

ADOPTION INFORMATION FOR BOOKPLATE

This book has been adopted:

- in honor of in memory of
- in celebration of _____
Name

Example:
This book has been adopted
in celebration of RECIPIENT
Happy Birthday!
From DONOR

Message:

Would you like a letter/email sent to you with the adoption details? Yes No

DONOR'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Address

City/State Zipcode

Phone Email

Would you like a letter sent informing the recipient of the adoption? Yes No

RECIPIENT'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name

Address

City/State Zipcode

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To Our Library Community and Partners,

Enclosed is a copy of the FY2026 Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Legislative Agenda, *Empowered by Libraries*. I ask that you take a few minutes to read this important document to familiarize yourself with the priorities for the next fiscal year. In addition to the budget requests for the Board line items, the Agenda includes important information about two key legislative priorities – protecting the freedom to read and ensuring library access to electronic books and digital audiobooks.

Please share this document with your trustees, Friends of the Library, city/town Officials, and state representatives. This is an ambitious Legislative Agenda that has serious implications for libraries, librarians, and the people we serve. I am asking all members of the library community to advocate for its adoption by urging legislators to make libraries a priority.

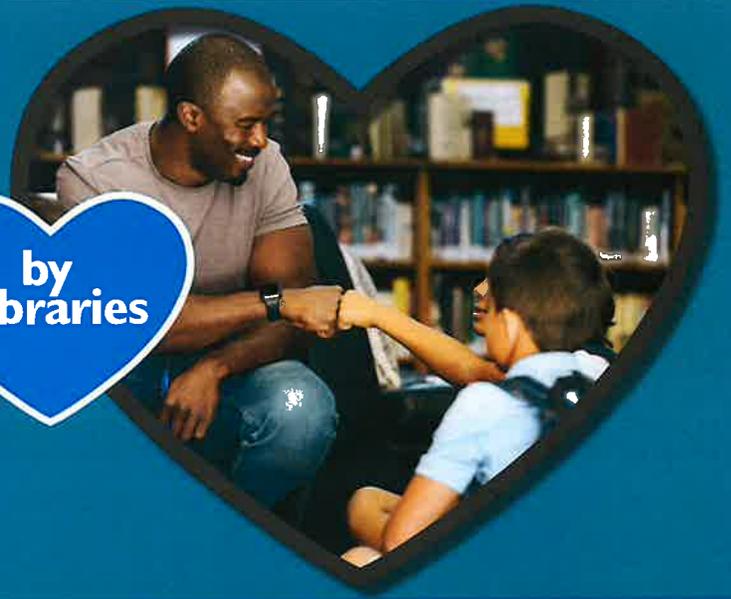
New for this year, we've created a website, lovemasslibraries.com, where library users can share stories of how libraries have helped them. We hope your library will participate by using the materials in the Empowered Toolkit available on the MBLC website mblc.state.ma.us. We'll share these stories with legislators to help demonstrate the importance of libraries.

Thank you and I hope to see you at one of the legislative advocacy events being held across the Commonwealth.



Vicky Biancolo, Chair

Empowered by Libraries



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Libraries are busy*:

- 58 million items borrowed
- 26 million visits
- 3 million reference questions answered
- 2 million people used library computers
- 1 million people attended library programs and classes

*Data from 2023 ARIS Report

FY2026 MBLC Budget Request

Line Item Number and Name	FY2024	FY2025	Proposed Increase	FY2026 Request
9101 Board of Library Commissioners	\$1,904,745	\$2,074,268	\$414,854	\$2,489,122
9401 Regional Libraries Local Aid	\$16,717,600	\$19,000,000	\$950,000	\$19,950,000
9402 Talking Book Program Worcester	\$678,040	\$711,942	\$35,597	\$747,539
9406 Talking Book Program (Perkins) Watertown	\$3,860,420	\$4,053,441	\$202,672	\$4,256,113
9501 Public Libraries Local Aid	\$17,600,000	\$20,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$22,000,000
9506 Technology & Resource Sharing	\$6,167,581	\$6,169,480	\$308,474	\$6,477,954
9508 Center for the Book	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$130,000	\$550,000
TOTALS	\$47,348,386	\$52,429,131	\$4,041,597	\$56,470,728

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BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

MBLC FY2026 Legislative Agenda

Empowered by Libraries

In uncertain times the Commonwealth's public libraries are more important than ever. They bring people together and provide free resources and services to all. Communities in Massachusetts rely on libraries as a connection to the digital world for those without access, to bridge languages for recent arrivals, to provide a safe space for underserved populations, and to connect people to municipal and community service organizations.

Funding Priority: 7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners

Librarians across the Commonwealth are reckoning with fallout from an unprecedented period marked by increased service demands along with a record number of book, program, and intellectual freedom challenges. Today, libraries are often understaffed and library workers are under stress from work environments that are increasingly confrontational and sometimes dangerous.

Increased funding to 7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners strengthens the MBLC's support and services to our libraries. The MBLC will expand advisory services, programming, and training to ensure a welcoming, safe environment for staff and users alike.

Funding Priority 7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries (Local Aid)

Public libraries use 7000-9501 Public Libraries Local Aid to keep the doors open, purchase materials, improve technology, and more.

Increased funding to 7000-9501 Public Libraries Local Aid saves local communities money and certified libraries give residents access to 53 million items from across the state.

Funding Priority 7000-9508 Massachusetts Center for the Book

The Massachusetts Center for the Book provides critical literacy programs in gateway communities and is a powerful ally for libraries extending literacy and learning beyond traditional library audiences. Through programming and events, the Massachusetts Center for the Book impacts readers of all ages by concentrating on family literacy as well as teen and adult reader engagement.

Increased funding to 7000-9508 Massachusetts Center for the Book bridges the literacy gap and deepens literacy efforts in communities of need.

Library Legislation

Freedom to Read

Librarians are defending our right to read as they face ongoing book challenges in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) is working with legislators to ensure access to library resources and services. The following bills have been filed:

SD.2328 An Act regarding free expression was filed by Senators Cyr, Oliveira, and Sylvia.

HD.3594 An Act regarding free expression was filed by Representative Moran.

HD.3591 An Act ensuring our freedom to read in the Commonwealth was introduced by Representative Hawkins.

HD.3598 An Act protecting against attempts to ban, remove, or restrict library access to materials was introduced by Representative Saunders.

EBook Pricing

Publishers often charge libraries five to six times the consumer cost for the same eBook with more restrictive licenses. These policies have severely limited libraries' ability to purchase electronic content to meet demand. For library users with dyslexia, disabilities, and mobility challenges, eBooks and audiobooks are a necessity. The Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) is working with state legislators to ensure access. The following bills have been filed:

HD.3595 An Act addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections by Representative Murray.

SD.2330 An Act addressing challenges facing public libraries and digital resource collections by Senator Feeney.

Support for School Libraries

SD.1769 An Act relative to school library standards was filed by Senator Jacob Oliveira. It states that academic standards for school library media programs developed by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and endorsed for the commonwealth by the Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA) shall be adopted to further reading proficiencies and competencies, teach information literacy, and integrate technologies across curriculum.

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**Saturday, April 19th, 2025
10:00 am Town Hall lawn**

East Longmeadow Celebrates the Revolution

250 years ago the “shot heard round the world” rang out on Lexington Common. On Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 am, East Longmeadow will celebrate the anniversary of this event with a ceremony on the lawn in front of Town Hall. The American Legion will parade from their Legion Hall and the Historical Commission will remember the minutemen who lived in what would become our town and others who served the American cause in the Revolution.

In all, 47 men who lived in what is now East Longmeadow, before, during or after the Revolution served. They served in either the militia or the regular army between 1775 and 1783. One of them died on active service. 18 of them are buried in town. Kenneth Hancock has researched the biographies and service records of all of them.

It is important to remember that the East Village of Longmeadow, as it was then known, had a population of almost three hundred people in around 50 households. They were all farming families. Yet these men left their farms and marched to the sound of the guns.

On April 19, East Longmeadow will remember them.



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