

# BEAMAN LIBRARY PATRONS DEPEND ON

C/W MARS and the Massachusetts Library System (MLS)

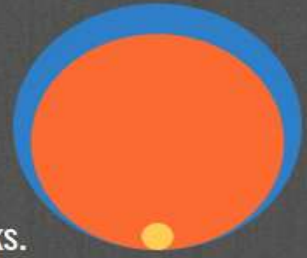
## According to The Pew Research Center

The most popular activity at libraries was borrowing books



97% of people who used a library in the past 12 months called themselves "lifelong learners."

73% of Americans have read a book in the past 12 months. 65% of those were print books. 8% were digital books.



Beaman Library circulated an average of 40 books every hour in the last year.

## Funding for Library Services is in Jeopardy!

If funding does not increase, services will be cut!



### Current Interlibrary Loan Services

During 2016 patrons borrowed 11,878,670 items from C/W MARS libraries.

The MLS delivered 1,559,839 items by van to libraries across the region.

In January 2017, the MLS delivered 137,219 items to C/W MARS libraries.

### Cuts if funding does not increase.



5,000 fewer delivery stops statewide/year.

800,000 delayed deliveries to patrons statewide.

Cuts to statewide databases.

Cuts will begin July 1, 2017!

## What can I do to protect library services?

Contact your Congressional Representatives and let them know of your concern.

Ask them to increase funding on the following line items:

We are asking for an increase to help minimize cuts to these line items. Cuts in these areas will directly impact your library services.



The following are the line items affected:  
7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners  
7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries  
7000-9402 Talking Book Library (Worcester)  
7000-9406 Talking Book & Machine Lending (Perkins)  
7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries  
7000-9506 Library Technology & Resource Sharing  
7000-9508 Center for the Book



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