



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

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Richard Whitney, Trustee Chair
5 Pine Ridge Rd.
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re: Jacob Edwards Library

On December 4, 2014, the Board of Library Commissioners certified the Town of Southbridge to participate in the FY2015 State Aid to Public Libraries Program. In doing so, the Board reviewed the library's FY2014 compliance with Minimum Standards for Free Public Library Service and the municipality's FY2015 compliance with the Municipal Appropriation Requirement.

For FY2015, there will be two State Aid to Public Libraries award payments. Each payment will represent approximately half of the total annual award, depending on budget conditions.

In the next few weeks, the State Treasurer's office will issue the first State Aid to Public Libraries award payment to the Town of Southbridge in the following amounts as an electronic transfer:

FY2015 Library Incentive Grant (LIG)	\$ 5,579.64
FY2015 Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG)	\$ 7,348.57
FY2015 Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC)	\$ 1,144.78
Total	\$ 14,072.99

The second payment will be sent to the Town of Southbridge by the last quarter of FY2015.

Multiple payments are necessary due to the state's incremental allotment of State Aid to Public Library funds for distribution to cities and towns throughout the year.

State Aid to Public library may not be used toward meeting the Municipal Appropriation Requirement, as stated in Chapter 165, Acts of 2014 of the Massachusetts Legislature.

Sincerely,

Dianne L. Carty
Director

Enclosures: Ch. 165, Acts of 2014, FY2015 State Aid to Public Libraries Fact Sheet
cc: Jacob Edwards Library, Southbridge
Treasurer, the Town of Southbridge