

2026 Legislative Priorities

In the 2026 MN state legislative session, MLA is actively pursuing:

- **Capital Investment**

- ☐ Policy modification for the Mary C. Murphy Library Construction Grants program to allow for flexibility in matching funds, increase the grant cap to \$2 million, and mitigate the high costs of B3 guidelines.

- **Education Finance**

- ☐ A new \$2.8M annual appropriation for State Library Services to protect against anticipated federal funding loss in the areas of Resource Sharing (Minitex), eLibrary MN, Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library, competitive grants, data collection, and more.

- **Higher Education**

- ☐ Raise awareness of Minitex and the work of academic libraries within their institutions through an information hearing.

- **Commerce**

- ☐ Efforts to ensure equitable terms and fair pricing for library eBooks.

- **Public Safety**

- ☐ Efforts to authorize local governmental units to prohibit or restrict possession of dangerous weapons, ammunition, or explosives in public facilities, including public libraries.