



NOTEWORTHY

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Fall 2007



Makeovers awarded to Kingfield and New Vineyard Public Libraries

Barbara Stewart of Webster Library may have gotten more than she bargained for when the makeover team descended upon Kingfield on May 25th. The spruce-up resulted in removal of a rippled carpet, later refinishing of the floor, and exposing a beautiful fireplace previously blocked by a card catalog. In addition, the children's reading nook was brightened up with posters and displays, supplies were moved out of view, and furniture re-arranged for better traffic flow.

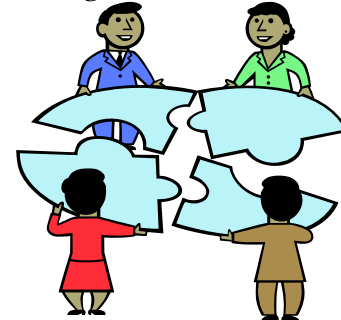
Sandra Bestwick of New Vineyard Public Library was also receptive to change when the makeover team arrived on July 17th. Space within the small, one-room library was maximized by replacing an oversize table with a smaller one; re-arranging the children's corner; creating a teen corner, and weeding out some underutilized books. Her original request was for help to reorganize the library work space, which also doubles as the circ desk. Re-arranging the small tables and desk already in place resulted in a tidier and, hopefully, more efficient work area. When asked whether or not the team had addressed everything she wanted, Sandra said, "You addressed more than I thought you would, and I am happy."

A Library Makeover includes one day of hands-on assistance by a makeover team of librarians and consultants, as well as a modest \$150 cash award. These two CMLD libraries and two SMLD libraries, North Berwick and Sebago, were selected through an application process. This is the second year of the program which began in SMLD in 2006. Funds are contributed by Friends of Maine Libraries and the Maine Regional Library System. The program will again be offered in 2008 and will expand to include NMLD. Details will be announced early in 2008.

FALL COUNCIL MEETING***

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Augusta Civic Center



"Staying Connected in a Library 2.0 World...the next generation of connectivity"

***** Never been to a council meeting?
First-time attendees are eligible for a grant
to attend this meeting.
Contact CMLD office for details.**

FREE for Public Libraries

MARVEL! and WebJunction Training

Funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation enables the Maine State Library to offer a series of retreat-style training sessions this fall. The Gates funding stipulates the free training is for public library staff; however, staff from other libraries may register for any of these sessions for a fee. Details are on the Maine State Library website at: www.maine.gov/msl/

- Sept 11/12 Sugarloaf USA, Carrabassett Valley
- Sept 26 (1 Day) Sable Oaks/Marriott, So Portland
- Oct. 3 (1 Day) Caribou Motor Inn, Caribou
- Oct. 9/10 Sunday River, Bethel
- Oct 15/16 Samoset, Rockport

FMI and to register online:

<http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Outstanding Library Service Recognized



CMLD Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Karl Beiser, Sandra Fowler, and Sarah Sugden at the Spring Council Meeting in Auburn May 17, 2007.

Karl Beiser has served as the automation guru for Maine libraries over the past several years, most recently as the head of Maine InfoNet.

Sandra Fowler, recently retired from the Bean School in Sidney, has volunteered extensively to help staff exhibits for the PR committee.

Sarah Sugden, Waterville Public Library Director, spearheaded the effort to develop Baxter, the Maine Libraries mascot.

New CMLD Board Members

Three new executive board members were elected at the Spring Council Meeting in Auburn on May 17, 2007. They are filling vacancies for Public Library representatives: Melanie Taylor Coombs, Farmington Public Library; David Olson, Wilton Free Public Library, and Susan Preece, Topsham Public Library. School, academic, public, and special libraries are represented on the board which meets quarterly to develop a plan of service for libraries in the seven counties of the district. A complete list with contact information is available on the website at www.maine.gov/msl/cmlld

New SCOOP Vendors

Three additional vendors were added to the statewide purchasing cooperative known as SCOOP, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009:

- Creative Library Concepts [library furniture]
- Garrett Book Company
- Scholastic Library Publishing

All SCOOP vendors and their discount information are listed on the Maine State Library website: www.maine.gov/msl/libraries/districts/scoop.htm

The site is password protected; for further information contact the District Office. All members of the Maine Regional Library System are eligible for SCOOP discounts. CMLD member libraries are listed on the website: www.maine.gov/msl/cmlld/members

The MSLN Circuit Rider Program

Maine School and Library Network has temporarily assigned Susie Strout to cover the entire state, traveling to different areas by-the-week. She can be reached by email at susie@msln.net. Phone numbers, FAX, and mailing address can be found at the following website, along with her schedule and other details of the program: <http://circrider.msln.net/mission.htm>



Calendar

Selected library events of interest to CMLD librarians are listed below. For updates, more detail, and a more comprehensive statewide list, visit the new Maine library community calendar at WebJunction:

<http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

- Sept 7 **Farmington Area Librarians**, Farmington PL 9:30
- Sept 10 **Maine Library Commission**, Maine State Library
- Sept 11/12 **MARVEL! & WebJunction training**, Sugarloaf
- Sept 13 **CMLD Executive Board**, Maine State Library
- Sept 18 **Weeding Workshop**, Cumston Library, Monmouth
- Sept 24 **SPARK**, Norway, 10-12
- Sept 28 **Friends of Maine Libraries Conference**
- Oct 5 **Weeding Workshop**, Paris Public Library
- Oct 9/10 **MARVEL! & WebJunction training**, Sunday
River
- Oct 14-16 **New England Library Assoc.**, Sturbridge, MA
- Oct 17 **Waterville Area School Librarians**, Waterville Jr.
High School
- Oct 24 **Fall Council Meeting**, Augusta Civic Center
- Nov 8 **CMLD Executive Board meeting**
- Nov 19 **SPARK**, location TBA
- Nov 20 **Weeding Workshop**, Auburn School, TBA

Fall Weeding Workshops

Three half-day weeding workshops are planned for this fall. Tuesday, Sept 18 from 1:30 to 4:00 at Cumston Library (**Monmouth**); Friday, October 5 from 9:30 to noon at **Paris** Public Library; and Tuesday, November 20 in **Auburn** at a time and school TBA. There is no fee for the workshops. FMI, contact the CMLD office 1-800-322-8899, or register online at the calendar at www.maine.gov/msl/

People

Appointments:

Erica Bracy, Strong Public Library Director
Stephanie Chu-O'Neil, Rangeley Public Library Director
Pamela Dunning, Wiscasset Public Library Director
Judy Rogers, Weld Public Library [corrected]
Jenifer Lewis, Hamlin Memorial Library Director, Paris Hill
Melanie Taylor-Coombs, Farmington Public Library

Retirements:

Janet Morgan, Wiscasset Public Library
Jean Oplinger, Farmington Public Library
Stephanie Ralph, Maine Law and Legislative Library
Lynn Randall, Maine Law and Legislative Library
Elaine Stanley, Maine State Library

Obituaries:

Jay Hoffman, Katz Library, UMA
Sally Sargent, retired, Hartland Public Library

Elaine Stanley Retires

After 25 years at the Maine State Library, Reference Services Coordinator Elaine Stanley retired August 31. In recent years Elaine has developed and presented many computer training sessions for library staff, state employees, and the general public. MARVEL! training became her specialty, as library staff strive to promote its use to the public. Elaine may be retiring, but she will continue to do some training on a consulting basis this fall. We can't quite let her go completely!

Interlibrary Loan Reminder



To all libraries not on the delivery system: The Maine State Library, as your Area Reference and Resource Center (ARRC), is your avenue for borrowing from other libraries. Although it may be tempting to request directly from a library which shows a title you need, remember that many libraries **ONLY** send out to those on the delivery system. The rationale is that they have budgeted for the delivery service and cannot afford to add postage costs on top of that. So, if you request from your ARRC (Maine State Library) the book will be borrowed on your behalf and mailed to you. Please respect this policy and use your ARRC.

Promoting Libraries

The CMLD office has banners available for loan. The 6-foot "**MaineLibraries: something for everyone**" banners are available in attention-getting colors: blue, orange, and green. A limited number of coordinating black and white bookmarks are also available in batches of 100. Contact Cheryl or David at the CMLD office to request banners and/or bookmarks.

Mascot travels Maine

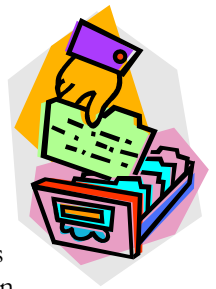


BAXTER

Baxter the Library Cat continues to prowl the state. He has been very busy since his April debut at Pittsfield Public Library. From story hours to parades to special celebrations, Baxter has made appearances from Kennebunkport to Caribou and many places in between. If you have an event that would be enhanced by Baxter's appearance, you may borrow the costume free. Policies, a schedule, and a sign-up form are online at the Maine State Library website.

Do You Still Need Catalog Cards?

The Maine State Library's **Card Service** is available to all **public** libraries in Maine, free of charge. This service can provide full sets of catalog cards, or just a shelf list card. Requests are submitted on paper order slips, which are now available online at www.maine.gov/msl/libs/cardservice.htm, and can be sent via the Delivery Service. Cards are produced per library profile from a database of over 15 million MARC records. Info: Jonica Garland, Maine State Library, 64 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333, tel 207-287-5620, email jonica.garland@msln.net



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CMLD Board Voting Members: Pam Bonney, Waterville Jr. High School; Kathy Brunjes, Central Maine Medical Center Library; Melanie Taylor Coombs, Farmington Public Library; Shelly Davis, Mantor Library, UMF; Jo Hipsher, Brunswick High School Library; Betty Hughes, At-Large; David Olson, Wilton Public Library; Matt Pollack, Trustee, Topsham Public Library; Susan Preece, Topsham Public Library;. **Non-voting (Ex-Officio):** Karl Aromaa, Rumford Public Library, Maine Library Commission; Bonnie Dwyer, CMLD Consultant; Linda Lord, Deputy State Librarian, Maine State Library.