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Newsletter of the Central Maine Library District

Winter 2009

Maine State Annual Report Due by April 1, 2009

More dreaded than filing your annual IRS statements, the annual report is coming your way soon. The form will be ready on the Bibliostat website in January. Jenny Melvin, NMLD assistant, will be coordinating the data gathering this year. CMLD plans a series of workshops to help librarians file the report this year with a goal of 100% CMLD compliance. More details will be forthcoming.

Statewide Liaison Committee Formed

A group consisting of the district chairs, vice chairs or other representative, the consultants and a Maine State Library representative met for the first time in November. The idea behind this group is to foster inter-district communication and coordination as well as aid in state-wide planning. As the first order of business, the committee decided to consolidate district bylaws so that the same ones are used by all three districts.

This committee hopes to have a part in statewide visioning for Maine libraries so if you have any ideas for the future of Maine Libraries, contact one of your three representatives: Stephanie Zurinski, Susan Preece, or Pam Bonney.

Life Long Learning Institute

Five representatives from Maine attended the Life Long Learning Institute in early December in Massachusetts. This day and a half intense workshop focused on the impact that the baby boomer generation will have on libraries. This generation has definite ideas about the kinds of programs and events they want from their libraries and we need to begin planning now. Expect to hear

more about this topic from the folks who attended this seminar.

SPRING COUNCIL MEETING***

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Auburn Public Library



***The program committee is hard at work
on the agenda for this spring meeting.
Stay tuned for more details!***

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

Downloadable Audiobooks Coming to Maine Libraries

Bangor Public Library Director Barbara McDade received a New Century grant to form a statewide consortium for downloadable audio books. These books can be downloaded to personal computers, CDs, iPods and other portable devices. Expect this service to be available by late January for those libraries who subscribed.

Maine Library Excellence Award Update

The Maine Library Excellence Award has fallen victim in 2009 to our current hard economic times. The consultants decided to skip this year since it's a SCOOP contract renewal year and Jenny Melvin, NMLD Administrative Assistant, has agreed to take on State Data Coordinator duties for the 2008 annual report. These extra duties will really stretch district staff very thin this year. We hope to have the MELA back in 2010.

Notes from Stephanie

The district meet and greets of October were fun and informative. People at every meeting I attended requested the revival of area directors meetings. I've found that there were at least 7 cluster groups in the past. I'd like to hold these meetings around topics like the annual report and statistics, library standards, disaster planning and policies to name a few.

Children's librarians want to meet also and some topics for discussion could include Book talks and reviews, Getting ready to read kits, Family place libraries, Teen programs, Graphic Novel CD, and the Summer Reading Program.

If you have meeting space and would like to host such a meeting, let me know. I plan to announce dates for the first round of meetings early in the year.



Calendar

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

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

January

5 Maine State Library Board Meeting

15 CMLD Board Meeting

March

19 CMLD Board Meeting

April

16 Reading Roundup

May

21 Spring Council Meeting

June

19 Public Library Director's Institute

Spring Workshops

June 4

9 AM - 12 PM MedlinePlus and PubMed

1 PM - 3 PM Savvy Library Services for Senior Health

June 5

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Grant and Proposal Writing

Websites of Interest

www.thinkfinity.org

FREE educational resources for everyone from the Verizon Foundation. The site has Interactive activities, book lists and resources as well as lesson plans. Check it out.

Also, check out our CMLD website, <http://www.maine.gov/msl/cmlld/index.htm>.

We've added new links on the right hand side to places like the CREW weeding manual online, online library education, and computer hardware and software review and discount sites.

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