

Regional Meetings – Improving Consultant Services and Realigning Districts for Maine libraries

As a follow up to the survey we did on Consulting Services last October we are holding regional meetings to have conversations about changes as well as to gather ideas, discuss concerns and take suggestions from libraries.

We will hold 14 regional meetings to get coverage in all 16 counties. Choose the meeting closest to you – or any one that is on a convenient date! It is very important to the Maine State Library that you participate in these discussions.

We have scheduled meetings in March, April and one in the beginning of May. We invite librarians from all types of libraries to attend. We understand it may be difficult for school librarians to attend so we will schedule additional Saturday meetings to reach out to school librarians.

Please sign up on the statewide CE Calendar --

<http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> to attend these meetings.

Lunch will be served for those staying for the afternoon program.

We plan to hold informational, question and answer sessions in the morning. As we make changes in how we function at the MSL and bring on new staff, we are re-imagining how we provide services. In the afternoon we will offer demonstrations and overviews of specialist consulting in a variety of “specialties” data and statistics, early literacy, digital literacy, e-rate, strategic planning, STEM and emerging technologies, etc. Think of it like “speed dating” with all the library development staff at MSL!

County	Library	Date
Kennebec County	Maine State Library	3/15/2016
Lincoln County/Sagadahoc County	Topsham Public Library	3/18/2016
Cumberland County	Falmouth Public Library	3/22/2016
Androscoggin County	Auburn Public Library	3/25/2016
Penobscot County	Bangor Public Library	3/28/2016
York County	Springvale Public Library	3/29/2016
Franklin County	Carrabassett Valley Public Library	3/31/2016
Knox County/Waldo County	Belfast Free Public Library	4/4/2016
Washington County	Porter Memorial Library (Machias)	4/11/2016
Aroostook County	Washburn Memorial Library	4/13/2016
Piscataquis County	Thompson Free/Dover-Foxcroft	4/26/2016
Somerset County	Pittsfield Public Library	4/27/2016
Oxford County	Norway Public Library	4/29/2016
Hancock County	Ellsworth Public Library	5/9/2016