

Central Maine Library District Annual Report 2011-2012

Mission Statement

“The purpose of the Central Maine Library District is to promote improved service for the constituents of its member libraries.”

The Central Maine Library District serves Androscoggin, Franklin, Lincoln, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc, and Somerset Counties.

The District Office is located at the Maine State Library.

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Annual Report

July 1, 2011 — June 30, 2012

CMLD District Goals

1. To increase public awareness, use, and support of Maine libraries
2. To facilitate professional development
3. To encourage resource sharing and regional cooperation
4. To foster literacy
5. To improve communication among libraries and library organizations
6. To foster improved library service

Regional Library System (Statewide) Committees

District Liaison Committee

Stephanie Zurinski, Susan Preece, Bryce Cundick and Pam Bonney, CMLD
Valerie Osborne, Anna Carr and Donna Rasch, NMLD
Jodi Breau, Mamie Anthoine Ney and Andi Jackson-Darling, SMLD
Linda Lord and Janet McKenney, Maine State Library

General Information and Statistics

District Council Meetings

Over two hundred forty librarians, library staff and trustees attended the Tri-District Fall council meeting September 22, 2011, at the Augusta Civic Center. The program, “eBooks and Libraries” featured Jason Griffey speaking on technology change, Jessamyn West speaking on the digital divide, presentations on eBooks in academic and K12 settings, a panel on eBooks in public libraries and a technology petting zoo.

The spring council meeting was held during the Libraries United Conference in Orono on May 20. Only five people attended for updates on consultant activities and work going on at the state library.

Federal Annual Report

97% of Maine’s public libraries submitted an annual report for 2011. All CMLD libraries submitted their reports

Communications: “Off the Shelf”, the newsletter of the Maine State Library, was published 5 times this year. Readership is at nearly 500 subscribers. The CMLD Consultant contributed articles on various continuing education topics including Marvel training.

Membership: Membership, as far as can be determined, stands at 173: 82 public, 60 school systems, 12 academic, and 19 special library members.

Inquiries to Consultant's Office: Since July 2011, the district consultant has responded to over 60 telephone inquiries, over 100 email inquiries and has met with over 130 people. Nineteen inquiries were received from SMLD libraries covering everything from automation to personnel issues and 4 questions came in from NMLD libraries for information on statistical comparisons and similar topics.

Areas of concern continue to be fiscal constraints, automation, policies and standards, and trustee-director relations. The need for very basic library training (weeding, cataloging, collection development) continued to be evident both on MeLibs (listserv) and from the inquiries received in the district office. Libraries continue to want information about joining the downloadable program but, the number of complaints about the system continues to rise also.

Book Review Program: The "Five for Five" children's book review program continues, offering new publishers' books to reviewers in exchange for a written review and one dollar (to defray related expenses, such as copying and shipping). CMLD children's and YA librarians meet quarterly to discuss books and reviews as well as fill requests for these books from CMLD libraries too far away to come in to select their own. Over 200 reviews are currently posted on the CMLD Kids/Teens Book Reviews Blog at <http://cmldreviews.com/> with one new review added daily.

District Level Continuing Education Events

Several area meetings occurred this fiscal year. CMLD school librarians met in January; Oxford area libraries met in April, and Augusta area children's libraries met in May.

The districts sponsored a meeting with Eli Neiburger, ALA Mover and Shaker, in March in Bangor that was attended by over 90 libraries from across the state. Eli discussed the future of libraries. The districts also sponsored several speakers and sessions at the Libraries United Conference in Orono in May. The districts brought children's author Bruce Hale who presented 3 different sessions and Jessamyn West who delivered a keynote on technology.

Maine Regional Library System Projects

The following projects were jointly planned and facilitated by the three Maine Regional Library Districts.

SCOOP Purchasing Cooperative

The new SCOOP contract period will begin July 1, 2012 and run through June 30, 2015. This new contract includes libraries in New Hampshire and Vermont and, for the first time, includes technology vendors as well as library materials, supplies and furniture vendors. The 3 district consultants worked with representatives from the other two states to identify vendors and review bids.

Continuing Education Certification and the Marvelous Maine Invitational

The district consultants continue to pursue voluntary librarian certification. We are mapping the ALA Core Competencies to the 21st Century Skills and then identifying available courses that fit into this framework. Where we can't find existing courses, we are developing our own. The Marvelous Maine Invitational is an example. It will roll out in September 2012 and is a 12 week learning experience focusing on the Marvel databases most used in public and school libraries. We have also created a series of very short Marvel tutorial webinars on these same databases suitable for librarians in one person libraries and for patrons to get an overview of the resources.

Libraries United Conference

The CMLD Consultant chaired the program committee for the joint MLA/MASL conference in May, 2012. The district consultants also put in \$4,000 toward programs for the conference sponsoring children's author Bruce Hale, Jessamyn West and the Sunday night keynote speaker Cheryl Miller.

LSTA 5 Year Plan

MSL is working on the required 5 year plan for IMLS. The CMLD Consultant worked on a national subcommittee that explored implementation of the new LSTA priority dealing with continuing education for librarians.

Interlibrary Loan and Books by Mail Study

The CMLD consultant has been working with the MSL ILL staff to try to improve service delivery for CMLD libraries. We have visited Portland Public Library to get an overview of their new streamlined process for van delivery libraries. We also visited Lewiston Public Library to talk about how MSL and LPL can better work together as the 2 ILL ARRCs for CMLD.

The consultant has also been working with Outreach Services on making changes to the Books by Mail program. Currently, Books by Mail is used overwhelmingly by patrons living in the central district. This impacts small libraries in CMLD since many of their patrons use Books by Mail. We are exploring ways to reduce the eligibility requirements for towns with library service, spread some of the services to the other two ARRCs and look for ways to extend the service to the truly unserved citizens of Maine.

Partnerships – WebJunction and Cornerstones of Science

The CMLD consultant is now responsible for identifying and posting free webinars from WebJunction and other providers. I also approve WebJunction user id requests.

MSL is partnering with Cornerstones of Science to bring science literacy opportunities to all public libraries in Maine. This is an exciting partnership with a lot of potential for libraries.

Public Awareness

Baxter, the Maine Libraries mascot, traveled throughout Maine making 12 appearances promoting libraries at a variety of events. We will conduct a survey on the use of Baxter this year due to a steady drop in use of the mascot.

New Public Library Directors Orientation

Twelve new library directors attended the day-long session on June 8 2012, at the Maine State Library. The district consultants and MSL staff reviewed services available to them during the morning and afternoon sessions.

Public Library Director's Institute

The 16th annual Public Library Directors' Institute was held on June 27, 2012. Keynote speaker Steve Podgajny presented the results of his research into the future of libraries. Networking and discussion time also centered on the issues facing libraries.

Summary of District Level Meetings, Workshops and Programs

(Attendance is in parentheses.)

Council Meetings

September 22, 2011 Fall Council: eBooks and Libraries (242)
May 20, 2012 Spring Council (5)

Executive Board Meetings

November 17, 2011 Maine State Library
January 19, 2012 Maine State Library
March 15, 2012 Maine State Library
June 21, 2012 Annual Executive Board Retreat

Workshops

What's in Your Future? Libraries in this Century with Eli Neiberger March 30, Bangor (96)

Area Meetings

CMLD School Librarians January 26, 2012 Waterville Middle School (8)
Oxford Area Librarians April 30, 2012 Hebron Academy (15)
Augusta Area Children's Librarians May 16, 2012 Gardiner Public Library (8)

Special Events

June 8, 2012 Public Library Directors' Institute- New Director's Orientation (12)
June 27, 2012 Public Library Directors' Institute

MEMBER LIBRARIES: 178 ~ 83 public, 63 schools, 13 academic, 19 special

Public Libraries Albion Public Library — Andover Public Library — Anson, Stewart Public Library — Auburn Public Library — Augusta, Lithgow Library — Bath, Patten Free Library — Belgrade Public Library — Bethel Library Association — Bingham Union Library — Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library — Bowdoinham Public Library — Bremen Public Library — Bristol Area Library — Buckfield, Zadoc Long Free Library — Canaan Public Library — Carrabassett Valley Library — China, Brown Memorial Library — China, South China Public Library — Clinton, Brown Memorial Library — Damariscotta, Skidompha Public Library — Detroit, Anna Field Fernald Library — Dixfield, Ludden Memorial Library — Dresden, Bridge Academy Public Library — Eustis, Stratton Public Library — Fairfield, Lawrence Public Library — Farmington Public Library — Fayette, Underwood Memorial Library — Gardiner Public Library — Georgetown, Laura E. Richards Library — Greene, Morse Memorial Library — Hallowell, Hubbard Free Library — Hartland Public Library — Jackman Public Library — Jay-Niles Memorial Library — Kingfield, Webster Free Library — Lewiston Public Library — Lisbon Library Department — Livermore Falls, Treat Memorial Library — Livermore Public Library — Lovell, Lewis Free Public Library — Madison Public Library — Mechanic Falls Public Library — Shaw Public Library, Mercer — Mexico Free Public Library — Monmouth, Cumston Public Library — Monhegan Memorial Library — Mount Vernon, Dr. Shaw Memorial Library — New Portland Community Library — New Sharon Town Library — New Vineyard Public Library — Norridgewock Free Public Library — Norway Memorial Library — Oakland Public Library — Oxford, Freeland Holmes Library — Paris, Hamlin Memorial Library — Paris Public Library — Phillips Public Library — Phippsburg, Albert F. Totman Library — Pittsfield Public Library — Poland, Ricker Memorial Library — Rangeley Public Library — Readfield Community Library — Richmond, Umberhine Public Library — Rumford Public Library — Skowhegan Public Library — Solon, Coolidge Library — South Bristol, Rutherford Library — Southport Memorial Library — Strong Public Library — Topsham Public Library — Turner Public Library — Vassalboro Public Library — Waldoboro Public Library — Waterford Library Association — Waterville Public Library — Wayne, Cary Memorial Library — Weld Public Library — West Paris Public Library — Wilton Free Public Library — Winslow Public Library — Winthrop, Bailey Public Library — Wiscasset Public Library — Woodstock, Whitman Memorial Library

School Libraries Athens – Athens Elementary School, Auburn – Auburn Middle School, Edward Little High School, Augusta – Cony High School, Farrington Elementary School, Gilbert Elementary School, Hussey Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Bethel – Telstar Middle High School, Boothbay Harbor – Boothbay Region Elementary School, Buckfield – Buckfield Jr. Sr. High School, China – Erskine Academy, Damariscotta – Great Salt Bay Community School, Dexter Regional High School, Fairfield – Lawrence Junior High School, Farmingdale – Hall-Dale Middle/High School, Farmington – Cascade Brook School, Mallett School Library, Mt. Blue High School, Mt. Blue Middle School, Hallowell – Hall-Dale Elementary School, Harrison Elementary School, Hebron – Hebron Academy, Hebron Station School, Kingfield Elementary School, Lisbon School Department, Madison Area Memorial High School, Madison Elementary School, Madison Jr. High School, Mexico – Meroby Elementary School, New Sharon – Cape Cod Hill School, Norway – Guy

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E. Rowe Elementary School, Oakland – Messalonskee High School, Messalonskee Junior High School, Otisfield Community School, Oxford Elementary School, Phillips Elementary School, Pittsfield – Maine Central Institute, Pittston Elementary School, Readfield – Maranacook Community High School, Maranacook Community Middle School, Rumford Elementary School, Salem Township - Mt. Abram High School, Skowhegan Area High School, South Paris – Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Paris Elementary School, Stratton Elementary School, Strong Elementary School, Sumner – Hartford-Sumner Elementary School, Turner- Leavitt Area High School, Waldoboro- Medomak Valley High School, Waterford Memorial School, Waterville Junior and Senior High Schools, West Paris – Agnes Gray Elementary School, Wilton – Acadmeny School, W. G. Cushing School, Winslow Elementary School, Winslow High School, Winslow Jr. High, Winthrop High School, Woolwich Central School

Academic Libraries Ladd Library, Bates College, Lewiston — Hawthorne Longfellow Library, Bowdoin College, Brunswick — Central Maine Community College Library, Auburn — Bixler Art and Music Library, Colby College, Waterville — Miller Library, Colby College, Waterville — Olin Science Center Library, Colby College, Waterville — Lunder Library, Kennebec Valley Community College, Fairfield — Mariner Library, Thomas College, Waterville — Katz Library, University of Maine at Augusta — Mantor Library, University of Maine at Farmington — Darling Marine Center, University of Maine, Walpole — USM Lewiston/Auburn Library

Special Libraries Augusta – Maine Department of Transportation Library, Maine Office of Substance Abuse Information and Resource Center, Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library, Maine State Library, MaineGeneral Medical Center Augusta Library, Bath - Maine Maritime Museum Library, Boothbay Harbor – Bigelow Laboratory and Maine Department of Marine Resources, Farmington – Franklin Memorial Hospital Ben Franklin Center Library, Georgetown Historical Society, Lewiston – Central Maine Medical Center Gerrish-True Health Science Library, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center Health Sciences Library, Norway – Stephens Memorial Hospital Learning Resource Center, Rumford Hospital Health Science Library, Skowhegan – Margaret Chase Smith Library, Redington Fairview General Hospital Health Science Library, South Paris – McLaughlin Garden-Horticulture Library, Topsham – McTeague Higbee Law Library, Waterville – Inland Hospital Medical Library, MaineGeneral Medical Center Waterville Health Sciences Library