

**Northeastern Maine Library District
Annual Report
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

NMLD 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, library organizations, and other groups
6. To foster improved library service

Northeastern Maine Library District Executive Board

Anna Carr/C – Northeast Harbor Library
Tracie Boucher/VC – Wisdom Middle/High School
Helen Fogler – Thompson Free Library
Jane MacDonald – Mount Desert Island High School
John McManus – Millinocket Memorial Library
Linda Packard – Guilford Memorial Library
Ann Rea - Beal College
Kathy Upton - Cherryfield Public Library
Lucinda White - Eastern Maine Medical Center

Ex-Officio:

Molly Larson – Maine Library Commission Representative
Janet McKenney – Acting Director of Library Development, Maine State Library
Barbara McDade – Director, Bangor Public Library
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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the Northeastern Maine Library district is **208 libraries**. There are 106 public libraries, 70 school systems representing 271 schools, 16 academic libraries, and 16 special libraries.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- July 22, 2010 Annual Retreat, Hilton Garden Inn
- October 19, 2010 Conference Call
- January 11, 2011 Conference Call
- January 29, 2011 Hilton Garden Inn (Tri-District)
- March 11, 2011 Conference Call
- May 11, 2011 Hilton Garden Inn

DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- February 18, 2011
- March 31, 2011
- May 24, 2011

INQUIRIES TO THE CONSULTANTS OFFICE

The District Consultant responded to **1166** inquiries this past year.

83 of the inquiries received by the NMLD office were from librarians who are members of the CMLD or SMLD.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *Off the Shelf* is the eNewsletter put out monthly by the Maine State Library.
- The Maine InfoNet manages various listservs. Subscriptions are free and some lists are confidential and can only be subscribed to by a particular audience.

DISTRICT LEVEL CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

CLUSTER GROUP MEETINGS (Total Attendance-116)

- October 27, 2010 Aroostook County Librarians, UMPI
- September 17, 2010 Tour of Mount Desert Island Libraries
- February 9, 2011 Upper Penobscot Librarians, Mattanawcook Academy
- March 17, 2011 Tri-County Librarians, Abbott Memorial Library, Dexter
- March 25, 2011 Mid-Coast Librarians, Stockton Springs Community Library

- March 30, 2011 Hancock County Librarians, Ellsworth Public Library
- April 4, 2011 Washington County Consortium, Porter Memorial Library, Machias
- May 19, 2011 Tri-County Librarians, Thompson Free Library, Dover-Foxcroft

WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMS OFFERED BY NMLD: (Total Attendance -331)

- July 20, 2010 – **EBSCO’S Environmental Databases**, Online (7)
- August 11, 2010 – **Books, Lives and Videotape: A Readers’ Advisory Presentation**, Bangor Public Library (24)
- August 17, 2010 – **NoveList Plus Training** Online (18)
- August 27, 2010 – **NoveList Plus Training** Online (22)
- September 9, 2010 – **Buisness Resources with EBSCO Host** Online (25)
- September 22, 2010 – **NoveList Plus Training** Online (22)
- September 30, 2010 – **Medline Plus Redesign Webinar** Online (28)
- October 5, 2010 – **Homework Help K-12 Student Interfaces** (26)
- October 18, 2010 – **Friends Over Books Focus Group** Bangor Public Library (9)
- October 28, 2010 - **NoveList Plus Training** Online (16)
- November 3, 2010 – **Health-Related Databases on EBSCO Host** Online (16)
- November 9, 2010 - **NoveList Plus Training** Online (16)
- December 8, 2010 – **Healthy Aging at Your Library** Online (29)
- December 16, 2010 – **Homework Help K-12 Student Interfaces** (20)
- January 19, 2011 – **Researching Literature: Literary Reference Ctr** Online (3)
- January 21, 2011 – **Hobbies & Crafts** Online (2)
- February 1, 2011 – **Readers’ Advisory: Novelist Plus and Novelist Plus K-8** Online (5)
- February 18, 2011 – **Health-Related Databases** Online (8)
- March 10, 2011 – **Hobbies & Crafts** Online (2)
- March 22, 2011 – **Researching Literature: Literary Reference Center** Online (8)
- April 4, 2011 – **Homework Help K-12 Student Interfaces** Online (9)
- April 14, 2011 – **Business-Related Databases on EBSCO Host** Online (16)
- May 23, 2011 – **Twayne’s and Scribners Migration to ebooks** Online (0)

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The **Tri-District Council Meeting** was held at the Augusta Civic Center on November 5, 2010. The three library districts came together for their fall meeting to hear presentations by Norma Blake, State Librarian and Peggy Cadigan, Associate State Librarian of Innovation from New Jersey and Mary Moyer who has won numerous honors for her work in libraries in grades K-12. The objectives of the program were to build a consensus on the need for advocacy, provide tools and ideas that work and develop ideas for advocacy into an action plan. The three sessions offered were **The Library of the Future: The Indispensable Library, How to Move School Libraries From Fringes to Forefront**, and **Action & Advocacy in Tough Economic Times**.

125 (39 from NMLD) people attended the meeting.

The **Spring Council Meeting** was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor on May 11, 2011. Nationally recognized speaker Warren Graham presented **“Black Belt librarians: every Librarian’s Real World Guide to a Safer Workplace”**. Some of the topics that

Warren discussed were essential elements of a truly effective security program, ten maxims of security no matter the size of your library, easy ways to document your security and safety matters and how to inform patrons of rules in a way that will most insure compliance.

87 people attended the meeting.

CONSULTANT VISITS TO INDIVIDUAL LIBRARIES

Total Visits 54

- July 19, 2010 Cherryfield Public Library
Pembroke Library Association
- July 23, 2010 Weld Public Library
- July 30, 2010 Monson Public Library
- August 5, 2010 Ellsworth Public Library
- August 16, 2010 Whitneyville Library Association
- August 19, 2010 Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library
- August 23, 2010 Kezar Falls Public Library
- August 24, 2010 Mattanawcook Academy
- August 25, 2010 Strong Public Library
- Sept. 15, 2010 Dr. Shaw Memorial Library
Readfield Community Library
- Sept. 17, 2010 Island Tour
- Sept. 20, 2010 Henry D. Moore Library
Brooksville Free Public Library
- Sept. 21, 2010 Simpson Memorial Library
- Sept. 30, 2010 Acton Public Library
- October 5, 2010 Millinocket Memorial Library
- October 19, 2010 Abbott Memorial Library
- October 21, 2010 Winterport Memorial Library
- October 26, 2010 Northeast Harbor Library
- October 29, 2010 Portland Public Library
- Nov. 17, 2010 Brooksville Free Public Library
- Nov. 18, 2010 Kingman Elementary School
- Dec. 7, 2010 Buck Memorial Library
- Dec. 20, 2010 Kingman Elementary School
- January 6, 2011 Dorcas Library
Columbia Falls (Library Committee)
- February 9, 2011 Mattanawcook Academy
- February 15, 2011 Newburgh Community Library
- February 16, 2011 Abbott Memorial Library
- February 17, 2011 Kingman Elementary School
- March 17, 2011 Abbott Memorial Library
- March 22, 2011 Dorcas Library
- March 24, 2011 Newburgh Community Library
- March 25, 2011 Stockton Springs Community Library
- March 30, 2011 Ellsworth Public Library
- April 4, 2011 Porter Memorial Library
Cherryfield Public Library

- April 6, 2011 Kingman Elementary School
Lincoln Memorial Library
- April 25, 2011 Princeton Public Library
Woodland Public Library
Calais Free Library
- April 26, 2011 Newburgh Community Library
- April 27, 2011 Newport Public Library
- April 28, 2011 Newburgh Community Library
- May 3, 2011 Cherryfield Public Library
Eagle Hill Library
- May 5, 2011 Newburgh Community Library
- June 9, 2011 Rockland Public Library
- June 15, 2011 Trenton Elementary School
- June 22, 2011 Old Town Public Library
- June 30, 2011 Trenton Elementary School

NMLD COMMITTEES

Nominating

John McManus - Millinocket Memorial Library, **Linda Packard** – Guilford Memorial Library, **Valerie Osborne** – Ex, Officio

SCOOP Committee

Debbie Lozito, Edythe Dyer Community Library, Hampden; **Ann Rea**, Beal College; **Valerie Osborne**, Ex-Officio

MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROJECTS

The three library Districts in the Maine Regional Library System –Central, Northeastern and Southern—worked together on the following projects and programs:

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS’ INSTITUTE AND ORIENTATION

The **Special Orientation for New Library Directors** was held **June 3, 2011** at the Maine State Library and consisted of a library tour, lunch and presentations by staff of the Maine State Library.

16 new library directors attended the Orientation.

The **15th Annual Public Library Directors’ Institute** was held June 17, 2011 at the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta. The topic was **Impact and Influence: Forging Community Relationships** featuring speaker Lauren Burnett. Some of the key points that were discussed include exploring the value of reaching out to build community relationships, crafting a marketable message of your library value using a 5 step process, developing a 60 second conversation that sells your worth and turning library services into assets your audience will appreciate.

51 librarians attended the Public Library Directors' Institute.

READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

The 22nd Annual Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature sponsored by the Maine Regional Library System and the Maine Library Association's Youth Services Section was held **April 14, 2011** at the Augusta Civic Center. This conference is geared towards staff who works with children in public or school libraries.

Some of the topics for the day included:

- Bullying with Carrie Jones and Maryam Mermey
- Maine Books with children's author Lynn Plourde
- Author Andrew Clements discusses "The Right Book at the Right Moment"
- Storytime for Toddlers and More with Amy Hand from Camden Public Library
- eBook Pannel Discussion with James Jackson Sanborn, Maine InfoNet
- Kinectic Literacy with Kirsten Cappy

The conference had **354** librarians and teachers in attendance.

SCOOP PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

The purpose of the Maine Regional Library System purchasing cooperative known as SCOOP, is to help member libraries purchase library books, supplies, furniture and equipment at the best possible price.

The **SCOOP contract for 2009-2012** with the vendor discount catalog and information can be accessed <http://www.maine.gov/msl/mrls/services/scoop.htm>.