

**Northeastern Maine Library District
Annual Report
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

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
Donna Rasche – Brewer Public 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 – Director of Library Development, Maine State Library
Barbara McDade – Director, Bangor Public Library
Valerie Osborne – Consultant, Northeastern Maine Library District

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the Northeastern Maine Library district is **209 libraries**. There are 107 public libraries, 70 school systems representing 271 schools, 16 academic libraries, and 16 special libraries.

MEETINGS

District Liaison

- July 13, 2011
- September 27, 2011
- December 16, 2011
- January 20, 2012
- February 17, 2012
- April 20, 2012
- June 15, 2012

Executive Board

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| • July 20, 2011 | Annual Retreat, Bangor Public Library |
| • September 13, 2011 | Conference Call |
| • November 16, 2011 | Conference Call |
| • January 18, 2012 | Conference Call |
| • March 31, 2012 | Hilton Garden Inn (Tri-District) |
| • June 29, 2012 | Annual Retreat, Bangor Public Library |

Friends of Maine Libraries (FoML)

- August 15, 2011
- September 19, 2011
- January 24, 2012

Maine Library Association

- August 12, 2011
- October 5, 2011
- October 26, 2011

Maine Library Commission

- September 27, 2011
- October 25, 2011
- February 6, 2012
- March 5, 2012.
- May 7, 2012

Miscellaneous Meetings/Conferences

- October 14, 2011 HSLIC – Husson University, Bangor
- October 17-19, 2011 COSLINE – Burlington, VT.
- October 28, 2011 Presenter at Maine Historical Society “Fundraising”
Workshop – Newport Public Library
- March 13-17, 2012 PLA Conference – Philadelphia, PA
- April 13, 2012 SCOOP – Moultonborough, NH.
- May 8, 2012 Larger Libraries – Bowdoin College, Brunswick

INQUIRIES TO THE CONSULTANTS OFFICE

The District Consultant responded to **854** inquiries this past year.

49 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-**179**)

- September 7, 2011 Tri-County Librarians, Abbott Memorial Library
- October 4, 2011 Mt Desert School/Public Librarians
- October 6, 2011 Tri-County Librarians, Bangor Public Library
- November 29, 2011 Mid-Coast Librarians, Mildred Stevens Williams Mem. Library
- November 30, 2011 Bangor Area Librarians, Sea Dog
- January 25, 2012 Bangor Area Librarians
- February 23, 2012 Tri-County Librarians, Abbott Memorial Library
- March 22, 2012 Tri-County Librarians, Stewart Free Library
- April 4, 2012 Hancock/Washington County Librarians, Ellsworth High School
- April 30, 2012 Hancock/Washington Consortium, Whitneyville Town Office
- May 9, 2012 Hancock County Directors, Ellsworth
- May 11, 2012 Mid-Coast Librarians, Belfast Free Library
- May 22, 2012 Hancock County Trustees, Universal Universalist Church, Ellsworth
- June 14, 2012 Tri-County Librarians, Thompson Free Library

WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMS OFFERED BY NMLD: (Total Attendance -**188**)

- August 24, 2011 – **Britannica Training**, Bangor Public Library (8)
- August 24, 2011 – **Britannica Training**, EMCC Teachers from UT (40)
- November 16, 2011 – **BTOP: Information Commons and Learning Express** (12)
- February 3, 2012 – **Blogging 101** (8)

- March 30, 2012 **What's In Your Future? Libraries In This Century** (96)
- April 6, 2012 – **E-Books and Libraries** (14)
- May 1, 2012 – **Internet Use Policies and Open DNS** (10)

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

The **Tri-District Council Meeting** was held at the Augusta Civic Center on September 22, 2011. The three library districts came together for their fall meeting to hear presentations by Jason Griffey and Jessamyn West. 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**.

258 (73 from NMLD) people attended the meeting.

CONSULTANT VISITS TO INDIVIDUAL LIBRARIES

Total Visits **59**

- July 1, 2011 Orrington Public Library
- July 07, 2011 Swan's Island Library
- July 12, 2011 Trenton Elementary School
Northeast Harbor Public Library
Southwest Harbor Public Library
- July 14, 2011 Winter Harbor Public Library
- August 4, 2011 Trenton Elementary School
- August 5, 2011 Trenton Elementary School
- August 22, 2011 Newburgh Community Library
- August 30, 2011 Rockland Public Library
- Sept. 23, 2011 Winter Harbor Public Library
SERC Facility
Cherryfield Public Library
- Sept. 28, 2011 Edythe Dyer Comm. Library
- Sept. 29-30, 2011 Ashland School
Madawaska Public Library
Fort Kent Public Library
Faye Hafford Community Library
Long Lake Public Library
Madawaska High School
M & E Turner Memorial Library
Presque Isle Middle School
Caribou Middle School
Fort Fairfield Public Library
Washburn Public Library
- October 8, 2011 Northeast Harbor Library
- October 21, 2011 Maine Island Writers, Ellsworth

- Nov. 7, 2011 Waterville Public Library
- Nov. 9, 2011 Witherle Memorial Library
- Nov. 22, 2011 Trenton Elementary School
Bass Harbor Library
- Dec. 2, 2011 Rockland Public Library
- January 04, 2012 Brooksville Public Library
Chase Emerson Memorial Library, DI
- January 18, 2012 Bass Harbor Memorial Library
Jesup Memorial Library
- January 19, 2012 Cherryfield Public Library
Dorcas Library
- February 24, 2012 Northeast Harbor Library
- February 27, 2012 Winter Harbor Public Library
- March 19, 2012 Orono Public Library
- March 22, 2012 Porter Memorial Library, Machias
Trenton Elementary School
Henry D. Moore Library, Steuben
Milbridge Public Library
Gallison Memorial Library, Harrington
Peabody Memorial Library, Eastport
Louise Clements Library, Cutler
- April 12, 2012 Brewer Public Library
- April 26, 2012 Cole Memorial Library, Enfield
Katahdin Public Library
Veterans Memorial Library, Patten
Sherman Public Library
- May 9, 2012 Southwest Harbor Public Library
Somesville Library
- May 16, 2012 Trenton Elementary School
East Blue Hill Public Library
- June 20, 2012 Clifton Library
- June 25, 2012 Chase Emerson Memorial Library

NMLD COMMITTEES

Nominating

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

SCOOP Committee (Expires June 30, 2012)

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 8, 2012** at the Maine State Library and consisted of a library tour, lunch and presentations by staff of the Maine State Library.

12 new library directors attended the Orientation.

The **16th Annual Public Library Directors' Institute** was held **June 27, 2012** at the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta.

At last year's PLDI, 42.9% of attendees told us that they wanted more networking at this event. The program this year featured Stephen Podgajny, Executive Director of Portland Public Library, a guided discussion, and networking time.

This winter Steve was on a 4-month sabbatical to think about and plan for the future of his library as a community entity and an Area Resource and Research Center (ARRC). His time away took him to prominent libraries in Utah, Wyoming and North Carolina where he had a chance to talk with other librarians about the future of libraries and gain reaction to some of PPL's strategic directions. While PPL is our largest library, Steve learned many valuable strategies that can be translated into action items for even our smallest Maine libraries. He will share these insights with us.

53 librarians attended the Public Library Directors' Institute.

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

The 23rd 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 12, 2012** at the Augusta Civic Center. This conference is geared towards individuals who work with children and children's literature in public, private and educational settings.

Keynote speaker was **Deborah Heiligman** who presented **Come For the Science, Stay for the Love Story--Or Vice Versa: How a girl who didn't like/understand science grew up to write about it**. Heiligman explored the importance of thinking about the child's approach and world views when we help kids with books. We must guide them to play to their strengths while growing their weaknesses.

Some of the topics for the day included:

- You Can't Make This Stuff Up: Using Primary Sources to Create Narrative Nonfiction -- Deborah Heiligman
- iPads & eBooks: Another Approach to Literacy with Young Children -- Linda Leiva
- The Hybrid Medium: Graphic Novels as the Bridge Between the 20th Century Classroom and the 21st Century World -- Ian Carlson

- Bringing the Best Together -- Lynn Mayer
- Video Games and Literacy-- Justin Hoenke
- Checking Out Nonfiction: How to Evaluate and Select the Best and Why That's Important -- Dr. Jan Kristo
- New Voices from Maine: Many writers for children and young adults call Maine home -
-Rachel Davis and Sarah Schultz Nielsen

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

“What’s in Your Future: Libraries in This Century” was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor on March 30, 2012.

Guest speaker was Library Journal Mover & Shaker (2011), Eli Neiburger from the Ann Arbor District Library.

At venues including LJ/School Library Journal's inaugural 2010 virtual ebook summit, Neiburger has spoken passionately about the future of libraries and their importance to society once "hard copies [inevitably] lose most of their utility." He is further concerned that commercial publishers and copyright holders are on a path to barring libraries from circulating ebooks and other digital content. He believes that libraries need to reinvent themselves, perhaps by providing unique user experiences or publishing local content, and predicts that the next ten years will make or break public libraries.

96 people attended the meeting.

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.

This year, the Cooperative includes libraries in Maine, New Hampshire and the Green Mountain Library Consortium in Vermont. The **Maine Regional Library System** includes over 1,000 public, school, special, and academic libraries. Over 700 New Hampshire libraries and 140 Vermont libraries are participating this year.

The new **SCOOP contract for 2012-2015** with the vendor discount catalog and information can be accessed <http://www.maine.gov/msl/mrls/services/scoop.htm>. The password for accessing the SCOOP catalog online has changed for the 2012-2015 contract.