Parent & Community Literacy Resource Guide

Resources *for* All

State Websites

- **Literacy for ME**
  http://www.maine.gov/doe/literacy-for-me/index.html
  The Literacy for ME webpage includes Maine's comprehensive literacy plan, a toolkit with literacy research, resources and tools, and links to other important state websites.

- **Maine Community Partners Index**
  http://www.maine.gov/cfc/partners/
  This link identifies community partners in the State of Maine. The resource list includes full contact information for each partner.

- **Maine State Library**
  http://www.maine.gov/msl/
  The Maine State Library website contains a wide variety of resources related to books and reading throughout Maine. It includes online databases, a link to MARVEL, Maine's Virtual Library, a list of libraries in the state, and information on a wide variety of services for readers.

- **Maine Family Literacy**
  http://www.mainefamilyliteracy.com/
  This website contains a direct link to the Maine Family Literacy Plan, as well as grant opportunities for communities interested in starting a literacy focused project.

- **Technology for Maine**
  http://maine121.org/
  This website focuses on implementing and using technology for educational purposes.

National Organizations

- **Reading Rockets**
  www.readingrockets.org
  This website includes book suggestions, resources, and tools for helping children to engage in learning and literacy.

- **Public Broadcasting System (PBS)**
  www.pbs.org/parents/education/
  PBS provides a variety of literacy resources for parents, including how to choose a book, reading tips, and more.

- **Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS)**
  http://lincs.ed.gov/
  LINCS is a professional learning community for adult educators that provides access to resources, professional development, and a connected network of practitioners.

- **U.S. Department of Education**
  www.ed.gov
  The U.S. Department of Education website offers resources for parents and community members interested in learning more about a wide variety of education programs and initiatives, including tips on how to improve school performance.

Birth - Age 5 Resources

State Websites

- **State of Maine Learning Guidelines for Four Year Olds**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/fouryearold/guidelines.html
  This webpage lists the official State of Maine Early Childhood Learning Guidelines for children ages four and five.

- **State of Maine Learning Guidelines for Infant and Toddlers**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/fouryearold/documents/infantsandtoddlersguidelines.pdf
  This website includes the State of Maine Infant and Toddlers Learning Guidelines.

- **State of Maine Child Development Services**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/speced/cds/
  Child Development Services provides parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with case management and other support around early intervention and special education services.

- **Raising Readers**
  www.raisingreaders.org
  Raising Readers is a Maine organization that encourages reading aloud to young children by providing family practice and pediatric providers in Maine new books to give at well child visits. For families and community members, the site contains information about literacy development, book recommendations, and tips.

National Organizations

- **Early Literacy Learning**
  http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/
  Early Literacy Learning gives parents and community members a range of resources, including video, print, and online tools to support literacy instruction.

- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**
  http://www.naeyc.org/
  The NAEYC website provides research, resources, and tools for parents and interested community members. The organization also offers in-person and online training.

- **Get Ready to Read**
  http://getreadytoread.org/
  Get Ready to Read contains information on skill-building activities, communication skills, and ways to address literacy concerns with young children.

- **Head Start**
  http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc
  The Head Start website provides resources related to ensuring that all children are ready to start school. The site contains research and training materials.

- **Zero to Three**
  http://www.zerotothree.org/
  The Zero to Three website includes tips for parents, activities for children, and research on literacy topics.

- **Born Learning**
  http://www.bornlearning.org/default.aspx?id=33
  This website includes interactive learning opportunities for young children, as well as tips for parents and practitioners looking to support literacy development at home, in public, while traveling, and in other related settings.

Grades K - 5 Resources

State Websites

- **State of Maine Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/ela/standards.html
  In March 2011, the Maine legislature adopted the Common Core State Standards. This link provides several different ways to learn about and access the new standards as well as information about Maine's upcoming standards-based assessment.

- **State of Maine Special Education**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/speced/mater02.htm
  The Maine special education website contains a general list of resources and a toolkit addressing common concerns of identified students.

- **State of Maine English Learners**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/esl/guide/index.html
  The Maine Department of Education provides resources—including resource guides, bulletins, and monthly digests pertaining to the instruction of English Learners.

- **State of Maine Assessment**
  http://www.maine.gov/doe/teaching/assessment.html
  The State of Maine will participate in the Smarter Balanced assessment system. This page provides information on assessment in Maine and describes when and how Maine will implement the new common assessment.

- **State of Maine Response to Intervention**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/rti/index.shtml
  The Maine Response to Intervention website hosts resources, events, and links of interest, focused on addressing the educational needs of all students.

National Organizations

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium**
  www.SmarterBalanced.org
  This national website offers information about the Smarter Balanced assessments.
  These assessments will be aligned to the Common Core State Standards.

- **Doing What Works Clearinghouse**
  http://dww.ed.gov
  Doing What Works is a research clearinghouse for literacy resources. It contains
  information on a number of research-based literacy programs and strategies for
  struggling readers.

- **Read, Write, Think**
  www.readwritethink.org
  This online resource contains lesson plans, activities, print-outs, strategy guides, games,
  and podcasts related to literacy in several different content areas.

Grades 6 - 12 Resources

State Websites

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- **State of Maine Career and Technical Education**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/it/directory/index.htm
  The Career and Technical Education website provides a variety of resources for families. It contains a list of CTE schools, CTE contacts, and links to partner organizations that support career and technical education in Maine.

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- **National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)**
  http://www.ncte.org/adlit
  The NCTE website offers webinars, onsite training meetings, research publications and other tools for parents and community members.

- **ASCD: Learn, Teach, Lead**
  http://www.ascd.org/about-ascd.aspx
  The ASCD website provides research materials, learning opportunities, and tools to improve literacy instruction and curriculum.

Adult Resources

State Websites

- **State of Maine Adult Education**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/aded/dev/index.htm
  The State of Maine Adult Ed homepage provides information about adult learning opportunities and sponsored programs.

- **State of Maine Standards-Based Adult Learning Curriculum**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/aded/dev/curriculum/curriculum.htm
  This site provides links to adult learning curricula for Maine learners. This site includes information on English language arts, mathematics, and college and career preparation.

- **State of Maine Career Pathways in Adult Education**
  http://www.maine.gov/education/aded/dev/pathways.htm
  Career Pathways offers career and college transition information for adult learners.

- **State of Maine Adult Education Professional Development Portal**
  http://pdportal.maineadulted.org/
  This link connects to the Maine Department of Education portal for resources and professional development opportunities specific to adult learning.

National Organizations

- **Equipped for the Future Fundamentals**
  http://eff.cls.utk.edu/fundamentals/eff_standards.htm
  This website describes guidelines for adult learning. Equipped for the Future outlines the essential skills needed to succeed in the 21st century.

- **Teaching Excellence in Adult Literacy**
  https://teal.ed.gov
  This website provides professional development and resources related to developing adult literacy skills. The information provided includes learning theory, instruction, writing, and more.