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## Region 3 Quarterly Newsletter, January 2019

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My first newsletter to all of you! Stephanie Zurinski and I have switched up some of our duties and I am taking on the liaison role for Region 3. So please call or email about anything.  
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### MSL Updates

BJ Jamieson, **MSL's Genealogy Specialist and Reference Librarian** is available to consult with your library about all things genealogy. She is working on a webinar to help Maine Library staff know more about how to use and help patrons with the library editions of Ancestry and MyHeritage. Both these resources are part of the new Maine Digital Library. Ancestry can only be accessed from a public, academic or school library building. MyHeritage is available for patron use at home. Watch for an announcement about upcoming webinars and information about programs she can offer for your regional meetings. She is also starting a Genealogy for Librarians newsletter so have interested staff sign up for that at [b.j.jamieson@maine.gov](mailto:b.j.jamieson@maine.gov)

**MSL Collections, Digitization Initiatives and Promotion Division**, led by Adam Fisher has received additional federal funds to continue digitizing local historical newspapers. You or a volunteer can come to the Maine State Library and learn to use our state-of-the-art equipment to digitize your local materials. Contact Adam or Kimberly Clark to learn more.

**MSL Public Services and Outreach, Research and Innovation Division** Director, Alison Maxell is working with the Maine Humanities Council on some new poetry projects for this Spring. Watch MELIBS for announcements. Outreach Services Talking Books Program will soon be implementing a new "duplication on demand" service to replace how Talking Books are delivered to patrons.

From my division, **Library Development**, the 2017 LSTA report was successfully submitted and accepted by our federal funders, the Institute of Museum and Library Services. We have also just received our 2019 LSTA grant commitment for \$1,195,092.

### Specialist Updates

**Reading Round Up** - Stephanie Schott just opened Reading Round-up registration. Sharon Creech is the keynote and be sure to register early for the April 25<sup>th</sup> event.

**Maine Public Library Fund grant program** - Deb Clark will be announcing the Spring soon. Program and WIFI grants will continue into 2019. In addition, \$5000 will be dedicated for continuing education scholarships on a rolling basis for local library staff to attend workshops and conferences during 2019.

**Tackling the Annual Report Regional Workshops** - Stephanie Zurinski and Jenny Melvin continue to offer workshops on submitting the Annual Report for new directors and library staff.

Jared Leadbetter presented webinar, **The Basics of the Digital Maine Library**, an overview of the new Digital Maine Library. Jared is the specialist for questions or training needs around these online resources.

Deborah Clark will host a March 5th webinar, **Tips for Writing a Strong Maine Public Library Fund Grant Application**

Chris Dorman and Stephanie Schott are offering another **Hands-On STEM program** coming up on Feb 8 at MSL from 9:30 – 3:00 pm

Lisa Shaw, Rural and Small Library Specialist will be presenting at ALA Annual in Washington DC with other state libraries on **Saying the Magic Words: Communicating and Proving the Value of Workforce Development Partnerships in Libraries**

## Region 3 News and Highlights

**Waterville:** A sad farewell to Sarah Sugden who left the Waterville Public Library to move to Green Bay, Wisconsin as Director of the Brown County Library System. Read more in the Kennebec Journal -

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2018/09/26/watervilles-award-winning-library-director-to-leave-nov-2-for-new-job/>

But now a very warm welcome to Tammy Rabideau, the new Waterville Public Library Director! Tammy moved from her role as the Assistant Director and we are thrilled she was appointed! Read more in the Kennebec Journal -

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2018/11/25/waterville-public-library-turns-page-with-rabideau-as-new-director/>

**Augusta:** Congratulations to Sarah Schultz-Nielsen on her appointment as the new Library Director at Lithgow following Betsy Pohl's retirement. Sarah also had been with Lithgow in the role as Youth services and Assistant Director. Sarah kicked off with a "Food for Fines" donation drive through January, collecting nonperishable food items for the Augusta Food Bank and toiletry items for the Everyday Essentials Basics Pantry. Read more in the Kennebec Journal -

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2019/01/16/library-waiving-fines-in-exchange-for-helping-augusta-organizations/>

**Topsham:** Wonderful news about an outstanding \$700,000 donation to the Topsham Public Library. What great recognition of the fine work by Director Susan Preece and her staff by a former patron!

Read more in the Times Record - <https://www.timesrecord.com/articles/front-page/topsham-library-amazed-by-770k-donation/>

**Lewiston:** Lewiston Public Library joined with the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children to present a documentary film screening on January 22 of "No Small Matter". The film explores early childhood education and lays out the evidence of how important the first five years is in learning. Libraries work with young children and Storytime is so important. Remember that Stephanie Schott, MSL's Early Literacy Specialist can help you improve and refine your Storytime and early literacy efforts to make a difference in the lives of your young patrons!

**Bowdoinham:** The Bowdoinham Public Library is hosting a follow up to a program on Anti-Semitism next week. Continue the Conversation – How the Community can move forward with diversity. Can we address the "isms" that divide us? January 31 from 7 -9 pm. Great to see the library and director Kate Cutko take the next step in meeting the community's desires.

I check in with libraries on Facebook to see what's going on – but feel free to call or email me with updates, questions and concerns.

Thanks for all the great work you do in your communities!

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