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Southern Maine Library District

Annual Report
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Cover photo (from left to right): Raechel Moore, Emily Stowers, Julie Williams, Kate Radke, and Kara Reiman share STEM activities at SMLD Spring Council Meeting.
The Maine Regional Library System was created in 1973 under Public Law 626. The purpose of the Regional System is to:

- Organize library resources and services for research, information and recreation
- Improve statewide library service
- Serve collectively the entire population of the state

The Southern Maine Library District, one of three Districts in the Maine Regional Library System, consists of member libraries in Cumberland and York Counties and the following towns in Oxford County: Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, and Lovell. It contains 66 public, 11 academic, and 28 special libraries with 44 school districts with libraries.

The population increased from 460,089 in 2000 to 487,759, in 2010 – the largest of the three districts in the Maine Regional Library System. The Southern District is the smallest in geographic size with 2,735 square miles compared to over 10,000 sq. mi. in the Central District and over 22,000 sq. mi. in the Northeastern District.

The Portland Public Library serves as the Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern District and provides:

- Interlibrary loan of books, audio/visual materials and magazine articles not available at local libraries
- Information services for district libraries
- Free PPL borrower’s card for eligible Cumberland, York and Oxford residents
- Bookmobile outreach services for the greater Portland area

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District Goals & Objectives

Goal I. Increase Public Awareness, Use and Support of Maine Libraries
✓ Invite FOML to present at Fall Council to familiarize attendees with their mission and goals. An FOML rep. presented on the org.
✓ At least 75% of SMLD libraries will promote the use of MSL online resources by highlighting one resource or MARVEL database per month beginning in September. Consultant promotes this to directors. MSL in process of re-designing website. Postponed.
✓ The SMLD Board will develop a social media strategy to facilitate cross-promotion of SMLD library events and programs. Chip set up FB page for cross-friend ing and promotion.

Goal II. Facilitate Professional Development
✓ At least 40% of SMLD public libraries will have staff participation in the voluntary public librarian certification program. 40.9%
✓ The SMLD will provide at least one opportunity for conference attendees to share what they’ve learned with district colleagues via in-person meetings or webinars. Ex: At next Lib IT meeting, a PPL staff person will share what he learned at the LibrePlanet conference on privacy in libraries.
✓ The SMLD Consultant will promote awareness of the MSL mentors list. Signed up 5 new mentors.
✓ The SMLD will extend up to 10 $50 stipends to SMLD library staff to observe best practices at other libraries for the purposes of improving their library services. SMLD Consultant will promote awareness of the stipends and help identify libraries exhibiting best practices. Two stipends approved.
✓ The SMLD consultant will hold a spring joint school and public library directors meeting to facilitate partnerships and collaborations. Two meetings held (Springvale and Naples). Participants currently working on partnership projects. Have progress reports from two school districts.

Goal III. Encourage Resource Sharing and Regional Cooperation
✓ The SMLD will collaborate with other Maine library districts to offer at least one bi- or tri-district continuing education program. ILEAD, MLLI, New Directors Orientation.
✓ The SMLD Board will send representatives to the District Liaison Committee when active. Not called.
✓ The SMLD will participate in the MLA Conference by sponsoring a breakout session. Offered but declined.
✓ The SMLD will assist the ARRC library in promotion of PALS program to school and academic libraries, allowing them to issue Portland Public Library cards (if PPL agrees) Consultant has spoken to PPL Head of Lending about possible process for high school student digital cards. They are working on a procedure. Let PPL know if a particular school is interested.
Goal IV. Foster Literacy
- The SMLD Children’s Book Review Group will prepare and distribute a list of outstanding children’s and YA books (Cream of the Crop List).
  http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/services/cream/index.shtml
- The SMLD will participate in planning a Children’s and YA literature conference (Reading Round-up) for April 2016. 360 attended, 23 on waiting list, will move to ACC auditorium next year to allow for increased attendance.
- The SMLD Board will encourage public libraries to partner with local Adult Education programs on adult literacy support by promoting local library card applications to its new adult readers. The SMLD will develop a training handout for public library staff to connect non-reading adults with literacy programs. Consultant sent link to Adult Ed. directory on SMLD List with ideas for collaboration. A couple directors shared what they have done as well: So. Berwick put programs in catalog, Windham/Raymond collaborated to host historical movie nights- splitting costs.

Goal V. Improve Communication among Libraries, Library Organizations, and Other Groups
- The SMLD Board and Consultant will disseminate news and board meeting summaries & support trustee continuing education via the SMLD List Stephanie Z. sends out monthly list of online free CE classes of interest to trustees. Deb C. sends out a monthly summary of an article of interest with link to full-text.
- The SMLD Consultant will contact at least 50% of SMLD public library trustee chairs to ascertain the usefulness of the revised Trustee Handbook and the new trustee e-mail list. MSL wants to survey trustees later in the year. Delayed.
- The SMLD Consultant will coordinate meetings with library directors, adult services librarians, youth services, and technology staff discussion groups. Held 2-3 meetings for each of these groups in the past year.
- The SMLD will sponsor at least one webinar for sharing of ideas and/or best practices. A webinar series around digital literacy topics is currently in development.
- At least 20% of SMLD libraries will establish Jabber videoconferencing accounts. Currently 38%.

Goal VI. Foster Improved Library Service
- The SMLD will offer 2 mini-grants of up to $500 (if budget allows) Awards granted to York PL and York HS to develop a community maker fair and to Springvale PL and Willard School in Sanford to expand a collaborative coding club for kids. Projects accomplished.
- The SMLD Consultant will initiate discussions with library directors on collection and use of meaningful data and stories that show community impact. Accomplished at regional directors groups.
- The SMLD Board will promote online tutorials which train librarians how to support patrons in learning digital literacy, citizenship, and online privacy. Kristi working with Sam from PPL and Jared from MSL to produce series of 6 webinars. Kristi gave brief update at Spring Council. First webinar scheduled for July 15.
- The SMLD Board and Consultant will encourage all district libraries to offer at least one maker or STEAM activity. Assessment of what libs were doing around Maker & STEM:

Survey Findings: (50% response rate)
- 15% offer no Maker programs
- 53% offer Maker activities for children but only 28% offer Maker activities for teens
- Maker programs mostly crafting-related and DIY, some cooking and gardening (25%)
- 61% offer programs related to the arts
- 69% offer STEM programs
- 42% offer computer technology programs
- Same ratio gap between programs for children and teens
- 20% offered no STEM or Maker programs in past year
- 70% of SMLD libs offered between 2-20 STEM or Maker programs in past year
- 70% of libs don’t promote their programs as “STEM” or “Maker”
- Not much change in percentage of libs planning to offer more of these programs in future
- Obstacles: --Limited resources -- Board doesn’t understand value -- No planning undertaken
- 57% of their programs led by library staff
- 54% led by volunteer or no one
- 48% want more training in these areas, 52% no more training needed
- Types of STEM and Maker training requested:
  - Activities for teens and tweens
  - General programming
  - Webinars
  - Links to resources
  - List of inexpensive/free presenters & programs
  - Using in-house flat screen
  - Where to find presenters
  - Addressing space and time obstacles

**Status of District Libraries**

Sixty-five of the 66 public libraries in the SMLD filed their required annual reports with the Maine State Library. One library is on probation but intends to file on time next year.

**Closed**
Southern Maine Health Care Library (Biddeford)

**New Directors**
Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham - James Rathbun
Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin – Janet Fricker
Bridgton Public Library – Alison Griffin
Cundy’s Harbor Library - Karen Schneider
Freeport Community Library – Arlene Arris
Naples Public Library - Dani Longley
Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth - Kyle Neugebauer
West Buxton Public Library – Kathy Sargent

**Retired**
Beth Edmonds - Director, Freeport Community Library
Holly Hancock - Director, Bridgton Public Library
Several SMLD libraries have started or finished building expansion projects:

**Construction Projects**

- **Falmouth Memorial Library** passed a municipal bond referendum and expects to begin new construction in 2017.
- **Thomas Memorial Library** in Cape Elizabeth recently finished their construction project and re-opened to the public.
- **Graves Memorial Library** in Kennebunkport is ready to kick-off its $1 million capital campaign to expand the library this August. So far, they have received pledges and donations amounting to more than half their goal. Cornish residents are currently participating in a capital campaign to fund expansion of **Bonney Memorial Library**.
- Renovations are set to begin very soon in the current building, including installation of an elevator, ADA-compliant bathroom, and meeting room. As more funds are collected, excavation will begin to expand the size of the library. Wells residents continue to promote their capital campaign to fund an expansion of **Wells Public Library**. The Burbank branch of **Portland Public Library** is finishing up a renovation project while the Peaks Island branch will begin renovations within a few months. The board at **Raymond Village Library** just completed a space feasibility study with the goal of expanding the library. The board for **Rice Public Library** in Kittery is planning and beginning a capital campaign to build a new library that will better meet the needs of its community than its current two-building facility.

New libraries using van delivery: Health Sciences Library, **Maine Medical Center**.

The new Maine Infonet Library System (MILS) consortium welcomed its first three libraries including the Health Sciences Library at **Maine Medical Center** in Portland. The following SMLD libraries have been accepted and are in the queue to be integrated into MILS within the next year:

- **Berwick Public Library**
- **D.A. Hurd Library, North Berwick**
- **South Berwick Public Library**
- **Dorothy Fish Coastal Resource Library at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve**

The Maine State Library and Maine Library Commission have been investigating the restructuring of the Maine Regional Library System. With approval from the Commission, the MRLS will transform from a three-district system into a one-district system with one statewide board. The last SMLD Board meeting will be held July 15 to brainstorm the most effective representation structure and functioning of the new board.

Municipal appropriations for SMLD public libraries increased almost 4.2% in the past year. However, many rural libraries report flat funding. This has prevented some libraries from being able to improve or add new services and update resources. MSL staff continues to provide training on the importance of collecting and using data as part of effective strategic planning and budget proposals for these community libraries.

As MSL is striving to reach out directly to library trustees, I have been posting a monthly article of interest summary to the newly created Maine Library Trustee E-list. The first few articles have addressed topics such as patron and staff safety, board member recruitment, and liability insurance.

SMLD libraries continue to take advantage of **grants and assistance programs**. One group of rural libraries received a grant from PC’s for ME to offer a Computer Fundamentals class in western Cumberland County. Some other grant and gift projects reported by SMLD libraries:
Charlotte Hobbs Library, Lovell - $11,000 from Grants to Green for historic windows and other building renovations, $55,000 gift to install solar panels and battery back-up power system, combination of grants and donations to create a private study/tutoring/conference room.

Brownfield Library - $500 gift for new furniture and $250 gift for e-books.

Hollis Center Library - $7,500 from Narragansett Number One Foundation to collaborate with Salmon Falls Library, Berry ML, and Waterboro PL on a summer reading program for their area.

New Gloucester PL - $40,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for roof replacement, radon mitigation, and basement renovations and $1,500 from Sisters in Crime to fund a We Love Libraries event.

Harrison Village Library - $15,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for a new cooling system.

Steep Falls Library - $20,000 from Narragansett Number One Foundation for building renovations and $500 from the Lions Club for summer reading programming.

Bonney ML in Cornish - Used a “Grants to Green” gift to install insulated shades and heat pumps and in the next few months solar panels will be installed.

Spaulding ML, Sebago - Received a Libri Grant to purchase 80 children’s books including math and science topics.

Windham Public Library - Received a $25,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation in support of their Circulation Reconfiguration Project. The project will likely begin in the Spring 2017.

The SMLD Board, with the support of the Maine State Library, offered two $500 mini-grants for library/school partnership projects. We received a total of 7 applications and awarded grants to:

- Springvale Public Library & Willard School, Sanford - Coding Club for area students
- York Public Library & York High School - Community Maker Fair

Final Report from Springvale/Sanford Team:

We are happy to report that all phases of the proposed mini-grant project have been met.

Begin a Coding Club in Collaboration with Willard School

The library instituted a coding club which has met regularly during the school year on the third Tuesday of every month from 4-5 pm in the children’s room of the library. Sheila Dube, from Springvale Library, and Julie Williams, Library Media Specialist at Willard School, lead each coding club with a different activity and focus for each meeting. From November 2015 to May 2016, we had an average of 12 patrons at each month. The total number of patrons for the seven sessions was 84 and those participating included children in grades 1-5, siblings and interested parents. Each child had the opportunity to practice coding and problem solving at their individual level using the various Beebot®, Bluebot®, Probot®, and Ozobot®s owned by the public library and the school. Julie Williams even brought her dot and dash over for the club to try during the February meeting.
**Purchase Bluebot®s with the SMLD Mini-Grant**

As stated in the grant request, the Springvale Public Library purchased 3 Blue bot®/Logo Bundles which included the Terrapin Log License for extending the programming possibilities. The total cost with shipping and handling was $464.85. The library received the Bluebots® on February 22, 2016 and the coding club has been working with them at each meeting in different ways.

**Extend the Coding Club possibilities to the middle grade patron**

Our first meeting with the Blue bots found Chip Schrader, our director, taking direction from two young club members as they encouraged the Blue bot® to interface with the library’s laptop. Julie Williams experimented and utilized one of the Bluebot®s during the spring at school to identify the various equipment that student could use with the Bluebot ®. The Homeschool group that meets monthly at the library tried out the Bluebot® and the Ozobot® at their March 8, 2016 gathering. Twenty- one homeschooling children and parents tried the new Bluebot®s that day.

On May 13, 2016, Julie and Sheila presented the timeline of the collaborative effort between the public and school librarians at the SMLD Spring Council Meeting at Thornton Academy in Saco. Librarians were treated to a visual presentation created by Julie that presented how the coding technology enhances the teaching she provides in the school. The presentation showed the coding club in action, activities that can further extend learning and allowed the attendants to view and use the Beebot®s, Bluebot®s, and Ozobot®s during the maker fair portion of the meeting. This summer, the public library is borrowing a few of the school’s Beebot®s. They are available, as well as Bluebot®s and Ozobot®s, for families to try in the coding corner located in the children’s room. The public library has planned three summer programs involving the Bots. One for children ages 5-11 and two for ages 12-18. Because of the support from the SMLD Mini-grant, we are starting up the coding club in September for another school year. We can’t wait to see what our budding coders will do with the new technology next.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Dube
Youth Services Librarian
Springvale Public Library

**Final report from York Team:**

In April of 2015, I was hired at the York Public Library as their new Youth and Public Services Librarian, a position that I was delighted to take as I had just moved to York, ME in the fall of the previous year. Community is, and always has been, very important to me and this new career opportunity was most exciting. I mention this sequence to set the stage for my Maker Fair journey. I was new to the town, new to the job and new to public librarianship! In my short time at the library that spring, I was fortunate enough to meet with Sarah Post, from the Cornerstones of Science. We met to discuss what the Cornerstones had to offer, more specifically, what librarians can do to bring more STEAM programing into the library. Sarah was so encouraging and inspiring and she is responsible for planting the seed in my head that bringing science, technology and math into the library is so important to reinforce and support the STEAM initiative. Sarah insisted that I not be afraid or intimidated to try. So when the Southern Maine Library District’s email came across the list serve, I knew that this was an opportunity to try something new. When I discussed it with my colleague Kathleen Whalin, the Children’s Librarian here at YPL, she said, “Well, here is your opportunity - do your Maker Fair!” The very thought of putting on an event of this size utterly terrified me, but knew it was worth a try! Back in library school I did a lot of reading about the maker movement and I would enviously read about the different libraries who put them on. I went into public library work because I have always been committed to bridging the technological divide felt most severely by the underserved and in my mind, a Maker Fair is a wonderful beginning. Again, on their own these facts may seem irrelevant, but I mention them to illustrate that I cannot take sole credit for the Maker Fair idea. It was a conclusion that was reached with the help of the greater library community and one that was made possible by the SMLD mini grant! Every public librarian knows that in order to truly monitor the pulse of youth population in any community, you must be tuned in to the schools. This grant gave me the opportunity expand upon the work that I had already begun here at the YPL - to build a solid relationship with the school librarians, and to bring many different technologies to a wider audience. I knew that a Maker Fair was the way to accomplish all of this and to inspire community members to try new ways of becoming “makers” themselves!
The Planning:
The initial planning for the Maker Fair at York Public Library began in the fall of 2015. I invited the High School and Middle School’s Media Specialists – Amy Roberson and Kerrie Lattari, to join me in this venture. Both of them were very excited, but were concerned about the amount of work that would be involved. I assured them that I would make sure their role was manageable as I understood their regular workload is immense. We applied for the grant and on Thursday, January 21st we received word that we got it! I immediately developed a strategic plan. The very first task was to set the date for June 11, 2016. The awesome technology equipment – 3D Printers and Green Screen, along with some technology toys were the school’s responsibility and I would take care of the community presenters. We also decided that it would be nice to have a community art table, which Kerrie took responsibility for. I set to work making contact with folks from every different artistic/robotic/technological background that I could think of in the greater York community and with the help of my colleagues, identified a large group of talented people to invite. The phone calls and emailing began – a number I cannot even begin to record! What I can record is the final number of presenter stations we hosted at the Maker Fair – 21 in all!

Our Presenters:

Lobby
Parent – Teacher Association of York, Maine
The history of York Maine—James Kences

Technology/Science/Creative Thinking
Community Room
The Green Screen - Harry Potter Theme!
Technology Petting Zoo—Maine State Library
3D Printers—York High School
Creation Station—York Elementary School
Seacoast Biomedical Science Institute—York, Maine
Destination Imagination, Maine Chapter— Tim Terranova

Paper Art
Kennebunk Room
Adult Coloring and Beyond—Barbara Herman
Art Hope Origami Paper Cranes —Laura Jaquays
Collage Postcards—Corrine Gilman from the York Art Association

Robotics/Technology Toys/Needle Felting
Children’s Room
Needle Felting—4H Club
Robotics Team—York Public High School
Gizmos and Gadgets—MakeyMakey, Bee Bot, Ozobot

Local Artists
Craft Area, Children’s Room
Ocean Fire Pottery—Amy Clark
Basket Weaving—David Brinkman
Quilting—Cheryl Laplante

Outside and Under the Tent
Goodies Table—Girl Scout Troop #397
SeaPerch, the Remotely Operated Vehicle—Adam Henckler from the Portsmouth Naval Yard
Fiber Art—Spinners, Knitters, Felters - Carrie McKie and the “Chix with Stix”, and Mae Robinson—with her Pygora goats and Angora rabbit

Once the contacts were made and I had a nice group of presenters lined up, I ordered a tent and a few technology toys, I wrote a press release, and I worked with my colleague Jeanine Means (our wonderful technician who is really a graphic designer but doesn’t admit to it) to design the posters and flyers. Lastly in the preparation process, I pulled together a group of about 10-15 volunteers from the Board members and the Teen Advisory Group and staff, who all agreed to help out at the Fair. It was at this point that I realized that there was no turning back now – we were having a Maker Fair! The school librarians and I continued to meet throughout the springtime each month as we prepared for the big day.
The Budget:
The tent rental from Exeter Events and Tents - $188.00
Banner Printing - $ 25.00
Amazon Technology Toys – Ozobot Kit - $ 49.99
Bee Bot - $ 96.95
Supplies for community art - $ 35.00

The remaining funds will be put toward a few more technology toys for our collection. I anticipate that this Maker Fair will not be our last one and I hope to start a programming club!

Making life easier:
I developed a standard form letter for my introductions, commitment agreement, a month out until fair reminder, a week out until fair reminder, thank you for participating via email. I also developed a floor plan for where every presenter will be set up according to how much space they needed, access to electricity and water. This information was all garnished from their commitment agreement letter. It is good to realize up front that not everyone is as invested as you are in your event. Other staff may not be as excited as you, or they may be excited but not able to help. You need to be prepared to do it all – I was!

Set up:
Using the list of volunteers, I scheduled a set up time for moving tables and chairs and the tent set up. When it came to setting up the tent, it was great to have a camper among the volunteers! Jeanine knew how to tie a mean knot!

The Day of the Maker Fair:

One of the most important things for any big event at a coastal town library is the weather. The weather on the day of the Maker Fair was perfect! It was cool, cloudy (not a beach day) and didn’t start to drizzle until the very last half hour of the day! After a month of very poor sleep, I knew that it was all out of my hands now - the big day had finally arrived. I wasn’t worried that no one would show up for myself, I was worried for all of the wonderful presenters! The hours of our fair were 10am – 3pm and I am happy to report that we had a fantastic turn out! I had volunteers do a head count every hour. Here is a glimpse of those numbers: 10:20am – 62, 11:10am – 151, 12:00am – 126, 12:45am – 68, 1:45pm – 65, 2:45pm – 58

We had a total of 530 people come through the Maker Fair with an average of 90 people per hour!
The fair couldn’t have run smoother. I heard nothing but positive comments from happy visitors, presenters and staff. All of the hard work paid off. To this day I am still receiving great feedback from different community members that I meet out in the town. The Maker Fair at York Library was a tremendous success! Our staff, our presenters, our Board of Trustees and indeed the greater community all shared in the pride of such a wonderfully inspiring event!

**Lesson’s learned:**

- Get full contact information on the commitment agreement. Email addresses and phone numbers don’t help with post fair thank you notes – I still send real notes via postal service.
- Communication is vital – one can never send too many emails or make too many phone calls. No matter how many times you write it or say it – someone hears it or reads it wrong. Even when it comes to the original collaborators. They may not see their role as vital as it is. The biggest lesson I learned is that it is imperative to make your expectations known from the start of what you want to happen – even something as simple as showing up on the day of the fair! Your collaborators may not share these expectations, so establishing them from the get-go is important.
- Having a couple of helpers on the day of the fair to take over some tasks is necessary. Making labels for all the presenters, passing out goodies bags, bringing water – all very important tasks, but not ones the event coordinator can really do alone. Even if you think you have thought of everything, you haven’t! Runners make it all work smoothly. You may not think you need them but you do!

*Sharon Kelly, York Public Library*

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**Meetings and Workshops**

**District Meetings**

**Council**

**Fall Meeting, October 2, 2015**

Keeley’s Banquet Center, Portland *(attendance: 49)*

Educational programs on…

- maintaining staff engagement during times of change
- using data to tell the library’s story
- maximizing user experience and community engagement

**Spring Meeting, May 13, 2016**

Thornton Academy, Saco *(attendance: 61)*

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**SMLD Maker Fair Fun**

*left:* Board Chair, Chip Schrader makes a virtual appearance with SMLD Consultant Deb Clark.

*below:* Sanford Schools Librarian, Julie Williams demonstrates a coding skills game with Blue-Bots.
Bringing Maker & STEM Programming to Your Library ~
Presentations from Samantha Duckworth and Julie Williams. Samantha explained how Portland Public Library developed and implemented their first successful maker fair in 2015. Julie Williams spoke about the types of Maker and STEM activities she uses with her students at Willard School in Sanford, and how she partnered with a local public library to work on a STEM grant project. The afternoon featured a maker fair to provide hands-on demonstrations of additional Maker/STEM activities for libraries. These included: Double Telepresence Robot, Adult Coloring, Maker Activities for Teens, 3D Printer, Dash and Dot Robots, Stop Motion Projects, Destination Imagination, Mini Bots, Wearable Tech, STEM on a Shoestring, Maker Cart, Lo-Tech Crafts and STEM Projects, Deconstruction and Paper Crafting for Teens, Bee-Bots and Makey Makey, Minecraft, LeadLocal Tackle Box, 3D Printing Pen

Children’s and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (226 total attendance)
2015/2016 year were held at the Portland Public Library on the following dates: July 8 (17), August 12 (14), Sept. 16 (22), October 14 (16), Nov. 18 (25), Dec. 9 (24), Jan. 13 (24), Feb. 10 (27), Mar. 9 (18), May 11 (24), and June 8 (15). No meeting in April due to the Reading Round-Up Conference. Monthly meetings attended by school and public librarians who review new books received for the Maine Examination Collection. Participants keep the books they review for their library collections, which can amount to as many as 240 books per participant annually. Volunteers processed a total of 1463 (thru June 3) review books from approximately 70 publishers and reviewed 913. Reviews are posted online at http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/services/book_reviews/index.shtml.

Impact statements from Book Review Attendees -
“Attending Book Review on a monthly basis has allowed me to be on the cutting edge of what is new in children’s literature. Besides the support of meeting with other children’s librarians on a regular basis, the opportunity to see many of the nonfiction books that rarely are reviewed through other means helps me make frugal purchasing decisions.”
Sheila Dube
Youth Services Librarian
Springvale Public Library

“I appreciate Book Review because I can actually LOOK at the books. I can get a better sense of the artwork, and whether a book is an easy reader, early chapter book or regular chapter book. This helps me because I am trying to beef up my collection of easy readers and early chapter books. Being able to peruse the artwork is so much better than just reading about it.” Thanks for continuing to host it.
Bernie Alie
Youth Services Librarian
Kennebunk Free Library

“I thought I’d share a few thoughts about book review with you. When I started back in 1994 as the Children’s Librarian at Windham Public Library, I began going to book review as a regular attendee. It’s been one of the best things I do to strengthen my body of knowledge about books and to field other’s opinions about things we deal with in our libraries. It has given me the opportunity to connect with other professionals in the field on a regular basis.”
Laurel Parker
Youth Services Librarian
Windham Public Library
**SMLD Regional Director Groups**

*These meetings provide the opportunity for public library directors to network, discuss issues, and share ideas. There is sometimes a brief continuing education presentation or guest speaker on a requested topic.*

“Loose Librarians”

- Sept. 18, Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram (*attendance: 8*) **Discussion: Collecting Data to Show Library Impact**
- May 6, Joint Loose/School Librarians, Naples Public Library (*attendance: 15*) **Discussion: School/Public Library Partnerships to Support Student Success**

“Talking Heads”

- Oct. 20, York Public Library (*attendance: 5*) **Discussion: Peer-to-Peer Solutions for Library Management Issues**
- Feb. 26, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth (*attendance: 10*) **Discussion: Using Logic Models for Effective Program Planning**

“Rogue Librarians”

- Sept. 25, William Fogg Library, Elliot (*attendance: 8*) **Discussion: Collecting Data to Show Library Impact**
- Jan. 26, Limerick Public Library (*attendance: 5*) **Discussion: Using Logic Models for Effective Program Planning**
- Apr. 28, Joint Rogue/School Librarians, Springvale Public Library (*attendance: 10*) **Discussion: School/Public Library Partnerships to Support Student Success**

**Impact statement from Directors Group Attendee:**

“I am attaching the two forms we use, day sheet at desk and monthly reference stat gathering. This was the result of a Rogue Librarians meeting. I like seeing what we are actually doing as far as answering questions. I have found that volunteers are worse at recording interactions than with the simpler format. I am burdened every month with the compiling which takes 4 times longer. I put a smattering of factoids from the stats in my monthly report to Town Manager, Town Council, Library Advisory Board and Friends of the Library and it is clearly more meaningful. Have received positive feedback from the reports.”

*Karen Eger*

*Director*

*South Berwick PL*

**SMLD Adult Services/Reference Librarians Group**

*These meetings provide the opportunity for public library reference librarians to network, discuss issues, and share ideas. There is sometimes a brief continuing education presentation or guest speaker on a requested topic.*

- Sept. 11, Maine Historical Society, Portland (*attendance: 9*) **Discussion: Assisting with Family History Research & Genealogical Resources**
- Jan. 6, Garbrecht Law Library, USM, Portland (*attendance: 10*) **Discussion: Understanding Pine Tree Legal Services, The Shifting Philosophy of Collection Development**
- Mar. 17, Maine Women Writers Collection, UNE, Portland (*attendance: 12*) **Discussion: Self-e Publishing Service**
- Jun. 22, Peloton Labs, Portland (*attendance: 4*) **Discussion: Co-working spaces**

**Impact Statements from Adult Services Meetings Attendee:**

“I was so grateful when the Adult Services Librarian group was formed. Things have changed so much in libraries in the last 20 years and they continue to evolve constantly. The ability to sit with others who perform the same or similar duties to discuss issues, ask questions and visit other libraries to gain ideas is invaluable to me!”
Our visit to the Maine Historical Society was especially excellent. I had been trying to make a visit there for years, and yet couldn’t find time to do it. Our meeting with Emily Schroeder about the genealogy services offered by MSL was great and then the tour by Nick Noyes was excellent too! I envision the collection, to see the back room collections, to ask questions about services and to get a feel for the breadth and depth of the collection was so helpful!

Another high point of the year for me was our discussion about the change in collection development related to non-fiction ordering. It confirmed for me that we are not in a unique situation. Many libraries are seeing a change in circulation related to non-fiction. As people have the ability to go online to find information about how-to do things or to look up facts, our circulation of non-fiction has decreased. To discuss this trend and brainstorm what to do in response was helpful and reassuring to me.

Kristi Bryant
Adult Services Librarian
Wells Public Library

I found that the gathering of SMLD librarians at the Maine Women Writers Collection to UNE was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this important resource. Even though it’s in the same town as Portland Public Library we just never got around to making the connection. Yet our two organizations work with the same goal of promoting these important writers! It also gave PPL a great chance to update our new resources with fellow librarians in a more involved way than e-mail allows.

James Charette
Portland Public Library
Department Head for Information Services/Leader for City of Readers Team

SMLD Library IT/eCommunications Group
[These meetings provide the opportunity for public library technology and public relations personnel to network, discuss issues, and share ideas. There is sometimes a brief continuing education presentation or guest speaker on a requested topic.]

- Sept. 25, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook (attendance: 15) Discussion: Maker Play Day demos
- Jan. 29, Portland Public Library (attendance: 7) Discussion: 3-D Printer Comparisons, Software, and Planning for Purchase
- Apr. 22, Scarborough Public Library (attendance: 11) Discussion: Digital Badging for Coding Skills Classes, Minecraft Programming

Youth Services Group
[Open forum for colleagues to discuss YS best practices, programming, resources, community outreach, partnering with other libraries, and professional development.]

- Oct. 8, Falmouth Memorial Library (attendance: 8) Discussion: STEM Programs for Kids
- Jan. 7, Portland Public Library (attendance: 10) Discussion: Serving Homeschooling Families

Impact Statement from Youth Services Group Attendee:
“I believe these gatherings are crucial for the continued support and collaboration among Maine Librarians. After attending Will Smith’s program on STEM programming, I have incorporated a few of his ideas for a walk-in program called Wacky Wednesdays in July for the summer reading program. After an informative Q&A with Jerri at the Homeschooling discussion, I created a Homeschool Resource notebook identical to Portland Public’s that is now available in the children’s room. Jerri has been a useful resource outside of the meeting when I have questions about the Homeschool group I started at Springvale Public Library. It continues to be a vibrant program due to the mindset and structure that Jerri suggested in the Jan. 7th discussion.”

Sheila Dube, Youth Services Librarian
Springvale Public Library
**Impact Statements from Joint School/ Public Librarian Meetings:**

In April and May 2016, two meetings were held in rural Cumberland and York Counties to facilitate school/public library partnerships. Attendees brainstormed activities and worked on plans for collaboration in their own school districts. The groups look forward to meeting again in November 2016 to share progress updates and partnership project outcomes.

“I just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed our joint meeting of school and public librarians you facilitated at Naples Public Library a few weeks ago. I have been in contact with Kate Johnson and Dani Longley, and we recently all attended our middle school's fifth grade step-up and parent information night. We talked about having an "Assignment Alert" in place for the new school year so that resources can be shared. I'm thinking specifically of a few teachers and their units or activities that require a large amount of different resources for students.

I have shared our school's summer reading list with the four town librarians--Sebago, Naples, Bridgton, and Casco. The middle school students may visit town libraries seeking books on the list to read over the summer. Also, I will be staffing the middle school library four mornings this summer during the Special Ed. summer school in July-August. I may be able to provide some literacy/library support to those students attending summer school, and they will be able to check out books during that time. My principal will send a message to all parents of middle schoolers via Infinite Campus so that they are aware of my availability and the library hours. I've also recently learned that our middle school is participating in the summer lunch program which will coincide with the library hours on those four mornings. I haven't filled out the template you included as an attachment on an earlier email, but would like to meet with town librarians to do so this summer. Thanks, Deb, for your time and leadership!”

*Paula Boyce, MLS*
*Library/Media Specialist*
*K-12 Library Coordinator*
*Lake Region Middle School*

“I have been working with Karen Eger of South Berwick Public Library and Lydia Goodwin of William Fogg Library for several years. We have worked closely on developing and streamlining the loan of school library books to the public libraries that support district teachers' summer reading lists and assignments and we continue those efforts.

We have also collaborated as members of the Community Literacy Team to promote literacy in our community. Last year, we gave books to every elementary student to read, share, keep, or trade in a program that we called "Read It Forward." This year, we are pursuing setting up Story Walks in different areas of the community. We have permission for two locations so far and will be meeting in September to discuss grant opportunities for funding the purchase or construction of the story walk posts and books.

Currently, Karen, Lydia, and I have plans to meet in the fall to continue discussions about the Common Core and research units being designed at the high school. We also want to brainstorm some ideas about makerspaces and the possibilities of working together to make that happen. The SMLD Spring meeting was very helpful in that regard. Thank you! And we think it would be great to work together to promote Overdrive and Hoopla better.

That's what's on the table for the moment. We'll do our best to keep you posted and attend the next meeting in November. Thanks for all that you do.”

*Carolyn (CJ) Mauger*
*Librarian*
*Mashwood High School*

“And just to let you know where we are in SAD 15 (Gray New Gloucester):
I met with the district library staff and we decided to meet with folks from the two public libraries in the fall
to determine how we might coordinate efforts. I am not sure what projects may develop but even having the conversation feels like a step forward.

I also contacted Portland Public Library to see about getting a card for each school. I use PPL resources occasionally at the HS and wanted other schools to have access. There was some confusion about whether they already had accounts. I haven't heard back from PPL about that. So thanks for holding the meeting and getting me moving on this!”

Alison Skoczinski
GNG High School Librarian
MSAD #15, Gray, New Gloucester

Statewide Meetings

Reading Round-up of Children’s & Young Adult Literature (attendance: 360)
Augusta Civic Center (April 7, 2016)

The topic for the 27th Annual Reading Round-Up of Children’s and Young Adult Literature was “Celebrating Our Differences: Diversity in Children’s Literature and Services.” The conference is sponsored by the Maine Regional Library System and the Maine Library Association's Youth Services Section. Award-winning author Gary Schmidt was the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions addressed topics such as building diverse collections, sensory storytimes, linking making and literacy, the iGeneration, role playing games, traveling the world through story, serving homeschooling families, STEM on a shoestring, Serving LGBTQ patrons, NoveList K-8, and presentation of the Cream of the Crop reading list.

Some comments included in the event evaluations included:

“Gary Schmidt was one of the best speakers I have heard. The workshop he gave was also very good. I could have listened to him all day.”

“I was totally blown away by Gary Schmidt. Spectacular choice!!!”

“Gary Schmidt's workshop was fascinating. Never had children's lit discussed like that.”

“The keynote speaker was very moving, and I left feeling refreshed and inspired to rock my library.”

“Gary Schmidt was the best speaker I have heard in 14 years of attending.”

“I loved Gary Schmidt's workshop and his speech. Thank you so much for bringing him.”

“Gary Schmidt was the best keynote I have heard, and I have been coming for years.”

“Great conference as always!! Gary Schmidt was a fantastic speaker and there were so many interesting workshop sessions offered, it was difficult to choose. Thank you to the committee for organizing another fantastic RRU. I look forward to this every year!”

“I love this conference. I am always energized and inspired when I leave in the afternoon and cannot wait to return to school to put some of the ideas into action. Thank you!”
The Reading Round-up Planning Committee, led by the SMLD consultant, meets regularly throughout the year to develop the educational workshops and coordinate all conference events.

**Orientation for New Library Directors** *(attendance: 32)*
Senator Inn, Augusta (June 17, 2016)
Designed to give new and inexperienced library directors an introduction and familiarity with the resources offered to libraries through the Maine State Library.

**Maine Library Leadership Institute**
The Maine Library Leadership Institute is a year-long program that prepares library leaders to bring effective and innovative services to Maine citizens so they can meet the challenges of today and the future. The current group of MLLI participants works in libraries in Hampden, Lewiston, Ellsworth, Belfast, Caribou, and Kennebunk.

Each month, starting in September 2015, the cohort met to learn about and discuss solutions to challenges facing the library profession and librarian leadership. They also completed projects to address identified needs in their communities. The program will end in July 2016.

**Consultant's Report**
For my own continuing education and professional development, I attended the following webinars, workshops, and conferences:

**Conferences and trainings attended in person:**
- Service Enterprise Training
- October 6, Friends of Maine Libraries Conference
- October 13, Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism
- October 25-26, New England Library Association Conference
- October 27-29, ILEAD Maine, Final Session
- November 16-17, Maine Libraries Conference
- Managing Mentally Ill Patrons
- December 11, Cornerstones of Science Partners Summit
- June 17, New Directors Orientation
- April 7, Reading Round-up
- April 30, Maine Association of School Librarians Spring Symposium
- Cumberland County Trustee Forum
- June 1, Academic Libraries Day
- Disaster Health Information Training
- June 10, Larger Libraries Conference
- Maine State Library Staff Development Retreat
- May 12, Maine Association of Nonprofits Board Boot Camp
- May 18, MANP - Understanding Financial Statements
- Presentation of the LibrePlanet Conference
- June 6, Maine Health Science Libraries and Information Consortium Spring Conference

**Webinars Viewed:**
- Coaching Skills for Managers
- Effective Social Media Use
- Project Outcome
- Building Respectful Dialogue at Meetings
Healthy Workplace Communication
Identifying Needed Community Assets
Assessing Digitization Readiness
E-rate
Lynda.com
The Virtual Classroom
Developing a Culture of Yes
Nonprofit Board Development
Digital Diligence
Food Pantries and Library Outreach
Using Data to Better Serve Your Community
Handling a Crisis
Data Visualization
Copyright and Digitization Projects
Health Literacy
How to Improve the Workplace When You Are Not the Boss
WordPress Websites
Engaging Your Community in Sustainable Funding
Pubmed
Creating Nature Spaces at the Library
Idea Management
Library Space Design
Turning Library Agnostics into True Believers
Volunteer Usage Buy-in
Library Journal- Digital Shift Conference

Meetings attended:
November 14, MASL Board, Falmouth Middle School
Reading Round-up Planning Committee
ILEAD Planning
SMLD Digital Literacy Webinar Planning
MILS Webinar Planning
Maine Cooperative Extension Learning Circles on Private and Public Value of Libraries
Maine State Library Regional Meetings
MILS Applications Review
ARRC Staff Meetings (PPL)

Library Visits and Consultations:
September 22, Bridgton Public Library, New director mtg.
December 7, Liberty Library, Space utilization assessment
December 10, West Buxton Public Library, New director mtg.
January 5, Naples Public Library, New director mtg.
March 23, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth, New director mtg.
April 20, Freeport Community Library, New director mtg.
May 25, Denmark Public Library Board, Strategic planning
December 17, Wells PL, Customer Service Training
Walker ML, Westbrook, Staff restructuring
August 4, Hollis Ctr. Lib. Board, Strategic planning
August 25, Steep Falls Library Board, Strategic planning
September 18, Casco PL Director, Strategic planning
Limerick PL, Volunteer Management
Collaborations
I maintain a working relationship with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to connect local Maine libraries with health education and promotion grants. I have also been participating in the district ARRC’s SOAR assessment for strategic planning.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Clark, MSL SMLD Consultant

SMLD Board Retreat, Southern Maine Community College, June 15, 2016

*left to right: Kristi Bryant, Jeff Cabral, Amanda Kozaka, Bill Wood, Janet McKenney, Beth Sweet, Deb Clark, Beth Dyer, Karen Silverman, Jamie Ritter, Chip Shrader*
Southern Maine Library District
OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

BUDGET $12,800.00

EXPENSES
- Books/AV/Subscriptions $ 93.49
- Cont. Ed/Staff Development $ 3,582.95
- Equipment/Software/OIT $ 0
- Parking $ 2,420.00
- Phone $ 383.61
- Postage $ 15.03
- Printing/Photocopier $ 321.62
- Promotion & Publicity $ 0
- Supplies $ 859.65
- Travel $ 2,557.88

Sub-total (estimated) $10,234.23

BALANCE as of 6/27/16 $ 2,565.77

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
- September 11, 2015 – Portland Public Library
- November 13, 2015 – Portland Public Library
- January 15, 2016 – Portland Public Library
- March 11, 2016 – Portland Public Library
- (Scheduled) July 15, 2016- Southern Maine Community College
SMLD Representatives to District and Statewide Committees:

Children’s Book Review Hostesses

Cream of the Crop
**Brooke Faulkner**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Cidney Mayes Potvin**, Memorial Middle School, South Portland; **Jill O’Connor**, North Yarmouth Academy; **Cathy Potter**, Falmouth Elementary School; **Deidre Walsh**, Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford

STATEWIDE

Reading Round-Up
**Kelley Blue**, Portland Public Library; **Deborah Clark**, Southern Maine Library District; **Deborah Cleveland**, Auburn Public Library; **Deanna Contrino**, St. Brigid School, Portland; **Danielle Fortin**, Lewiston Public Library; **Patti Francis**, Pownal Elementary School; **Dorothy Hall-Riddle**, Greely Middle School, Cumberland; Gloucester; **Cathi Howell**, Lincoln Academy, Newcastle; **Shannon Schinagl**, Maine State Library

Regional District Liaison Committee
**Chip Schrader**, SMLD Board Chair; **Bill Wood** SMLD Board Vice-Chair; **Deborah Clark**, Consultant
ILL statistics on behalf of SMLD libraries
PPL serves 17 libraries with the Bridge program, in which libraries can make direct MaineCat requests with their PPL cards. Four of these libraries are new this fiscal year. In FY16, PPL loaned 9,425 of its own items to SMLD libraries (including Bridge libraries). In addition, Bridge libraries received 4,034 items through MaineCat for their patrons from other Maine libraries (up by over 750 items from the previous year). And our ILL staff searched for 3,943 items through OCLC on behalf of SMLD libraries from libraries worldwide, an average of 329 per month.

Raminta Moore, who served as our ILL Coordinator at PPL for several years, has moved into the Arts & Culture Librarian position. She is continuing oversight of the ILL operation temporarily while we work to replace her.

PALs program
We currently have 58 PALs libraries in SMLD. Those libraries have issued PPL cards to 4,349 patrons (444 new patrons in FY16) and those patrons have checked out 30,286 items (almost 4,800 in last fiscal year) not including their use of online resources.

Erate and CIPA
As was true for many libraries in Maine and nationally, this year PPL faced the dilemma around the expansion of e-rate and the clarification of MSLN policies regarding e-rate funded services. In a public meeting on June 15, 2016, the PPL Board approved a new Internet Safety policy which aligns with PPL’s existing Rules of Conduct restricting any behavior that is deemed illegal, threatening, disruptive, or includes graphic sexual images. This policy and use of the OpenDNS filter are expressions of compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The Library has empowered all relevant service staff to disable the filter upon request according to the CIPA guidelines. The Board will review the decision to pursue E-rate funding and maintain CIPA compliance in one year to evaluate its effectiveness.

Gun Free School Zone
Following the changes in October 2015 to Maine law about the open carry of guns and a deep investigation into the laws, we have adopted new wording for our Rules of Conduct aligning with Federal law as Gun Free School Zones (three of PPL locations are within 300 feet of a school). As a Gun Free School Zone, we have rules against carrying guns in our buildings, with a few minor exceptions which are closely monitored. Laws exist that already restrict visitors from carrying other weapons.

PPL reviewing statistics and other data
Because some of our circulation numbers in many areas have been declining over the last few years, we have been considering ways to include other measures and develop other tools to evaluate our
impact in the community. In FY16, our usage numbers seem to have steadied, although they are very much in flux due to branch renovation.

We are also beginning to use Project Outcome tools, from the PLA initiative, for some of our Summer Reading programming. And we are also beginning to use the Logic Model approach from the RIPL training that a PPL designated staffmember attended with others from Maine libraries. We are also in the early stages with local partners to share data that can measure impact on school success.

**PPL primary areas of engagement for the fiscal year**

We have started a collaborative program for our Children’s *Summer Reading* this year, working with the City elementary schools, LearningWorks, YMCA summer camp, the Boys and Girls Club of Portland, and Portland Summer Rec Camps, as well as offering Teens and Adults a similar fun and incentivized program that is tailored to them.

We are in the final stages of the renovation of our *Burbank Branch* (Stevens Ave) and are in the beginning stages of the *Peaks Island Branch* renovation, both of which are in older buildings with heavy usage. We are still finishing fundraising for the Burbank project and hope to open the newly renovated branch in August. The Peaks project funding is completely pledged and we are collecting those funds now; the final planning stages for the renovation are underway.

PPL hosted three **larger-scale special events** this past year. The first was the exhibit with Shakespeare’s First Folio in March, on tour across the country thanks to the Folger Shakespeare Library, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Cincinnati Museum Center and in partnership with USM, and Maine Humanities Council. Over 4,500 people viewed the exhibit during the month, and many attended other Shakespeare celebrations, performances, and events that took place in the library and throughout Portland and across Maine. Our thanks to our partners University of Southern Maine Libraries and the Maine Humanities Council, and to MHS and Maine State Library for creating the “Zany, Majestic Bard” series which many libraries in the district are sharing.

In April, we held our 2nd Annual Makers@PPL event in April 2016 – a day long Maker Fair with presentations, information, and opportunities to make and explore. We organized the fair with several tracks: Creative Arts, Science & Technology, Entrepreneurship, Food & Drink, and Local History, with special youth programs too. Over 2,000 people attended and over 70 different presenters and exhibitors participated.

In June, the Library played host to the 8th Annual Maine Comic Arts Festival, in close partnership with Festival-creators Casablanca Comics. This was a first year experiment and we are still debriefing, but it can be said that it was a very good day. There was a strong and steady flow of attendees and we know anecdotally that many of them (creators and participants) had not been in the library ever or recently; everyone seemed to recognize the alignment of being in a library setting; and it added an energetic, creative, and very professional feel for the day.

Last fall, we also hosted our first Civic Hackathon, an all-day event for small groups to devise and begin to program new tools to build civic engagement. This was the culminating event of the PPL et al team in the ILEAD program. Other programs included Choose Civility community conversations on very topical issues including the heroin and housing crises.
PPL has just started to offer a seed lending library (collection) from which cardholders can take a certain number of seed packets per month. Patrons will be encouraged to return their seeds at the end of the growing season (harvested from their mature plants), but this will not be a requirement. We are working with a number of community organizations, including the Permaculture Meetup group, the Maine Tool Lending Library, and the Wild Seed Project, and other sustainability minded individuals.

Lending Services has updated the PPL patron registration form and the pulldown menu in a new patron record in Sierra to include the gender option “not specified.” This is intended to be an acknowledgement of those who prefer not to designate a gender when filling out forms.

Our Riverton Branch library has implemented a self-service holdshelf. We have been eager to try this for a few years, based on other libraries’ experience. Burbank Branch will also have a self-service holdshelf after the renovation. And the Main Library is underway figuring out space and fixtures.

PPL staff have also been on the speaking and publishing circuit:

- Samantha Duckworth, Science and Technology Librarian/Team Leader – “Making a Maker Fair” at Southern Maine Library District Meeting (May 13th), and at Massachusetts Library Association Conference (May 16th)
- Jenna Mayotte, Associate Director – “You’ve Been Offered the Job, Now What? The Art of Negotiating” and “I Do What I Want! You CAN Change Careers, Type of Library or Where You Live (As Long as You Have a Plan!)” at Special Libraries Association Upstate New York Conference (April 22nd)
- Harper Chance, Public Computing staff, and Emily Rasely, Teen Library staff – “LGBT literature and programming” at Maine Reading Roundup (April 7th)
- Brandie Burrows, Health Librarian/Team Leader – “Outreach to Queer Communities: Easier than You Think” at New England Libraries Association Conference (October 27th, 2015)
SMLD Membership

[Total: 149 ~ public: 66, school systems: 44 (190 individual schools), academic: 11, special: 28 libraries]

Public Libraries

School Libraries
Acton Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Cheverus High School, Portland ~ Falmouth Schools ~ Freeport Schools ~ Fryeburg Academy ~ Gorham Schools ~ Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth Foreside ~ Greater Portland Christian School, Portland ~ Kittery Schools ~ Levey Hebrew Day School, Portland ~ Merriconeag Waldorf School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Portland Schools ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ The Maine Girls’ Academy, Portland (formerly Catherine McAuley High School) ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ York Schools ~ RSU #5 (Durham, Pownal, Freeport) ~ RSU #14 (Windham, Raymond) ~ RSU #21 (Arundel, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ RSU #23 (Dayton, Saco, Old Orchard Beach) ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish, Frye Is.) ~ SAD #15 (Gray, New Gloucester) ~ SAD #35 (Eliot, South Berwick) ~ SAD #51 (Cumberland, North Yarmouth) ~ SAD #55 (Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter) ~ SAD #57 (Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro) ~ SAD #60 (Berwick, Lebanon, North Berwick) ~ SAD #61 (Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

Academic Libraries
Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ Kaplan University, South Portland ~ Maine College of Art, Portland ~ New England Bible College, South Portland ~ St. Joseph’s College, Windham ~ Southern Maine Community College, South Portland ~ University of New England, Biddeford/Westbrook ~ University of Southern Maine, Portland/Gorham ~ York County Community College, Wells

Special Libraries