



*Sharing a World
of Knowledge*

*Southern Maine
Library District*

*Annual Report
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012*

Southern Maine Library District

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.

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 only 2,735 square miles compared to over 10,000 in the Central District and over 22,000 square miles 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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Jodi Breau [Chair], Janet Cowen, Amy Wells Denecker, Elizabeth Dyer (1),
Casandra Fitzherbert (3), Inese Gruber (2), Andi Jackson-Darling [Vice Chair],
Janet McKenney (2), Mamie Anthoine Ney (2), Marian Peterson (4), Steve Podgajny (2),
Cathy Potter, Susan Trent (3)

(1) appointed 5/20/12 (2) ex officio (3) term expired 5/20/12 (4) resigned June 2012

STAFF

Elaine Bissonnette, Administrative Assistant
Mamie Anthoine Ney, Consultant (as of January 9, 2012)



District Goals

- I. **Increase Public Awareness, Use and Support of Maine Libraries**
- II. **Facilitate Professional Development**
- III. **Encourage Resource Sharing and Regional Cooperation**
- IV. **Foster Literacy**
- V. **Improve Communication Among Libraries, Library Organizations, and Other Groups**
- VI. **Foster Improved Library Service**

Meetings

Britannica Training (*attendance: 7*)

Held August 26, 2011 at the Portland Public Library.

Participants learned ways to help both children and adults find answers to their questions and get started on projects using Britannica Online Public Library Edition, one of the databases included in MARVEL. Expert Britannica Trainer, Jennifer Keating, covered the following special features during this live 2 hour training session:

- "Kids" section with reference and educational materials for elementary and middle school students.
- The World Data Analyst for patrons to study and compare different statistics from countries all over the world.
- The Workspace storage tool for patrons to collect their own research materials for future use.
- Resources for every subject including History, Geography, Art, Humanities, Business, Science, and Technology.

BTOP: Information Commons and Learning Express Training (*attendance: 10*)

Held November 9, 2011 at the Portland Public Library

BTOP Trainer, Patrick Therrien, presented a three hour workshop for library staff on the Information Commons Learning Portal, Learning Express Library, and BTOP Reporting.

Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (*attendance: 295*)

Monthly meetings attended by school and public librarians who review new books received for the **Maine Examination Collection**. Participants get to keep the books they review for their library collections, which can amount to as many as 240 books annually. Volunteers processed a total of 1,818 review books from approximately 96 publishers.

Meetings were held at the Portland Public Library on the following dates: July 12, 2011; August 11, 2011; September 21, 2011; October 12, 2011; November 9, 2011; December 14, 2011; January 11, 2012; February 8, 2012; March 14, 2012; May 9, 2012; June 13, 2012

Council Meetings

Fall (*attendance: 258*)

Held September 22, 2011 at the Augusta Civic Center

The theme of the **Tri-District Council Meeting** was **eBooks and Libraries**. The three library districts came together to hear presentations from Jason Griffey, Associate Professor/Head of Library Information Technology Lupton Library, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga: **Not Evenly Distributed: What Technology Means to the Future of Libraries**; Jessamyn West, Author and Librarian: **Myths About**

the Digital Divide; Joe Murphy, Science Library and Coordinator of Instruction and Technology, Kline Science Library, Yale University: **Copyright, Licensing, and Digital Rights Management (DRM)**; Tom Allen, President, Association of American Publishers: **The Future of Publishing.**

Spring (*attendance: 10*)

Held May 21, 2012 at the University of Maine

The Spring meeting was held in conjunction with the Maine Libraries United conference in Orono. Elizabeth Dyer of the University of New England was elected to the SMLD board.

Internet Policy Training (*attendance: 8*)

Held May 10, 2012 at the Portland Public Library

Presentation by Jared Leadbetter, Technology Consultant at the Maine State Library, aimed at helping libraries renovate their policies governing computer use and Internet access, He addressed the topic of filtering, and creating educational opportunities for your community. **Public Library Director Meetings**

Public Library Directors Meetings (*attendance: 7*)

Library directors share information and confer with colleagues.

- Loose Librarians Naples Public Library May 11, 2012

School Librarian Meetings (*attendance: 66*)

Public library staff also welcomed at these meetings:

- *iPads in the School Library* Falmouth Elementary School January 26, 2012
- *Common Core and School Libraries* Freeport Middle School March 8, 2012
- *Copyright and School Libraries* Windham High School May 17, 2012



Southern Maine Library District

OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

TOTAL \$12,800.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Books/AV/Subscriptions	\$ 400.00	\$ 421.29
Cont. Ed/Staff Development	5,200.00	\$5,430.75
Equipment/Software/OIT	800.00	\$ 849.04
Parking	2,000.00	1,475.00
Phone	300.00	200.00
Postage (1 st class & library rate)	700.00	609.64
Printing/Photocopier	1,000.00	\$1,019.30
Promotion & Publicity (exhibits)	100.00	0
Supplies	800.00	345.75
Travel	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,163.56</u>
Sub-total	\$12,800.00	\$11,514.33

BALANCE \$ 1,285.67*

* Due to not having a District Consultant until January 2012, annual expenditures were impacted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- September 16, 2011 – Portland Public Library
- November 4, 2011 – Falmouth Elementary School
- January 20, 2012 – McArthur Public Library, Biddeford
- March 23, 2012 – Maine Medical Center, Portland
- March 31, 2012 – Bangor Public Library (Tri-District Boards)
- June 1, 2012 – McKernan Center, South Portland (Annual Meeting)

Committees

SMLD

Certificate of Appreciation: **Jodi Breau**, Bonny Eagle High School; **Andi Jackson-Darling**, Falmouth Memorial Library

Children's Book Review Hostesses: **Bernie Alie**, Kennebunk Free Library; **Annika Black**, Bridgton Public Library; **Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Ann Daigle**, Sacopee Valley High School; **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Kelley Goodfield**, Sacopee Valley Middle School; **Dorothy Hall-Riddle**, Freeport; **Shirley LaBranche**, Maple Stone School; **Melissa Madigan**, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth; **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department; **Susan Onion**, Acton Elementary School; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library; **Cathy Potter**, Falmouth Elementary School; **Nina Sachs**, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Karen Spiliopoulos**, Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred; **Sybil Shiland**, Standish; **Patty Temple**, Long Island Community Library; **Martha Van Wyck**, Burbank Branch/Portland Public Library; **Regan Vitti**, Hollis Elementary School; **Kris Zuidema**, Edna Libby School

Cream of the Crop: **Bernie Alie**, Kennebunk Free Library; **Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Brooke Faulkner**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Susan Onion**, Acton Elementary School; **Sybil Shiland**, Hollis Elementary School

Nominating: **Cathy Potter**, Falmouth Elementary School; **Steve Podgajny**, Portland Public Library

STATEWIDE

Reading Round-Up

Jody Bachelder, Hall-Dale Middle/High School; **Megan Blakemore**, Berwick Academy Middle School; **Debora Cleveland**, Auburn Public Library; **Samantha Cote**, McArthur Public Library; **Patti Francis**, Freeport Middle School; **Dorothy Hall-Riddle**; **Lynn Howker**, Monmouth Middle School; **Liz McMahan**, Messalonskee Middle School; **Mamie Ney**, Southern Maine Library District; **Dawn Thistle**, Vassalboro Public Library

Regional District Liaison Committee

CMLD Executive Board

Pam Bonney; **Bryce Cundick**; **Susan M. Preece**; **Stephanie Zurinski**, Consultant

NMLD Executive Board

Anna Carr; **Helen Fogler**; **Valerie Osborne**, Consultant; **Donna Rasche**

SMLD Executive Board

Jodi Breau; **Janet Cowen**; **Andi Jackson-Darling**; **Mamie Ney**, Consultant; **Susan Trent**

MSL

Linda Lord
Janet McKenney

DOE

Pam Goucher



Maine Regional Library System

The three Districts -- Central, Northeastern and Southern -- worked together on the following projects and programs.

Orientation for New Library Directors (attendance: 12)

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.

16th Annual Public Library Directors' Institute (attendance: 53)

Held **June 27, 2012** at the Senator Inn & Spa in Augusta.

The program this year featured Stephen Podgajny, Executive Director of Portland Public Library (PPL). 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 Resource 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.

READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE (attendance: 354)

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

“What’s in Your Future: Libraries in This Century” (*attendance: 96*)

Held March 30, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor

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.

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.



SMLD Membership

[154: 68 public, 49 school systems (190 individual schools), 8 academic, 29 special libraries]

Public Libraries

Acton Public Library ~ Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham ~ Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills ~ Berwick Public Library ~ Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison ~ Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish ~ Bridgton Public Library ~ Brownfield Public Library ~ Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin ~ Cape Porpoise Library ~ Casco Public Library ~ Caswell Public Library, Harrison ~ Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell ~ Chebeague Island Library ~ Cliff Island Stone Library ~ Community Library, Lyman ~ Cundy's Harbor Library, Harpswell ~ Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick ~ D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick ~ Davis Memorial Library, Limington ~ Denmark Public Library ~ Dyer Library, Saco ~ Falmouth Memorial Library ~ Freeport Community Library ~ Fryeburg Public Library ~ Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Limerick Public Library ~ Long Island Community Library ~ Martha Sawyer Community Library, Lebanon ~ McArthur Public Library, Biddeford ~ Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth ~ Naples Public Library ~ New Gloucester Public Library ~ North Bridgton Public Library ~ North Gorham Public Library ~ Ocean Park Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Ogunquit Memorial Library ~ Orr's Island Library, Harpswell ~ Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred ~ Portland Public Library (Area Reference and Resource Center for SMLD) ~ Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center ~ Raymond Village Library ~ Rice Public Library, Kittery ~ Richville Library, Sebago Lake ~ Salmon Falls Village Library, Hollis Center ~ Scarborough Public Library ~ Shapleigh Community Library ~ Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram ~ South Berwick Public Library ~ South Portland Public Library ~ Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago ~ Springvale Public Library ~ Steep Falls Library ~ Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth ~ Village Library and Reading Room, Newfield ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Waterboro Public Library, East Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

School Libraries

Acton Schools ~ Arundel Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Catherine McAuley High 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 School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Old Orchard Beach Schools ~ Portland Schools ~ Raymond Schools ~ St. Patrick's School, Portland ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ Yarmouth Schools ~ York Schools ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish) ~ 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 #62 (Pownal) ~ SAD #71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ Union #7 (Dayton, Saco) ~ CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

Academic Libraries

Andover College, 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

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ General Theological Center of Maine, Portland ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland (formerly ABB Environmental Services, Inc.) ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Lakes Center Library, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland (formerly Maine Youth Center) ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Old York Historical Society, York ~ Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley, Keddy, Portland ~ Portland Museum of Art ~ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery ~ Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios, Portland ~ Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook ~ Shaker Library, Poland Spring ~ Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford ~ Wells Reserve Coastal Resource Library ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland ~ York Hospital