



MAINE LIBRARIES SNAPSHOT

A Day in the Life...

On a typical day in October 2012, a representative selection of Maine libraries reported that they:

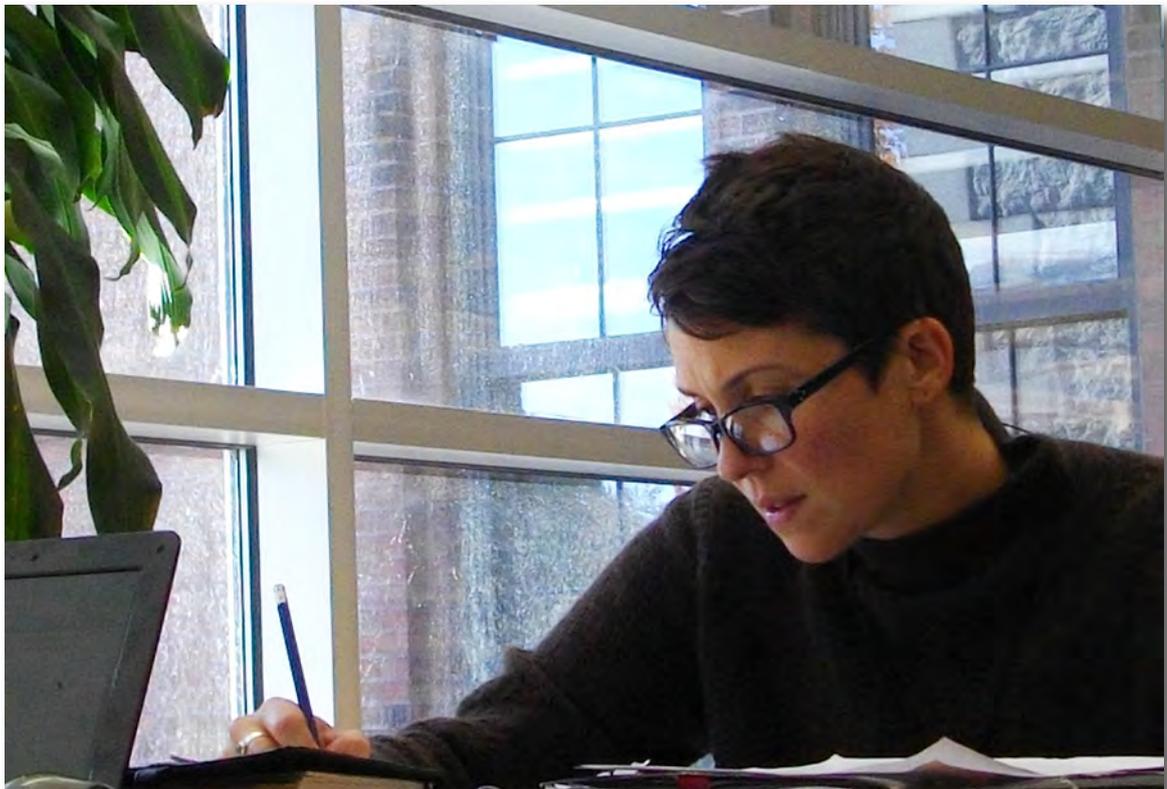
- » Welcomed 33,407 people
- » Loaned 40,041 books, movies & more
- » Helped 9,108 people use computers to access the internet
- » Answered 2, 946 questions
- » Assisted 43 job seekers
- » Offered 240 programs for all ages
- » Taught 693 people computer skills



First Library Card!

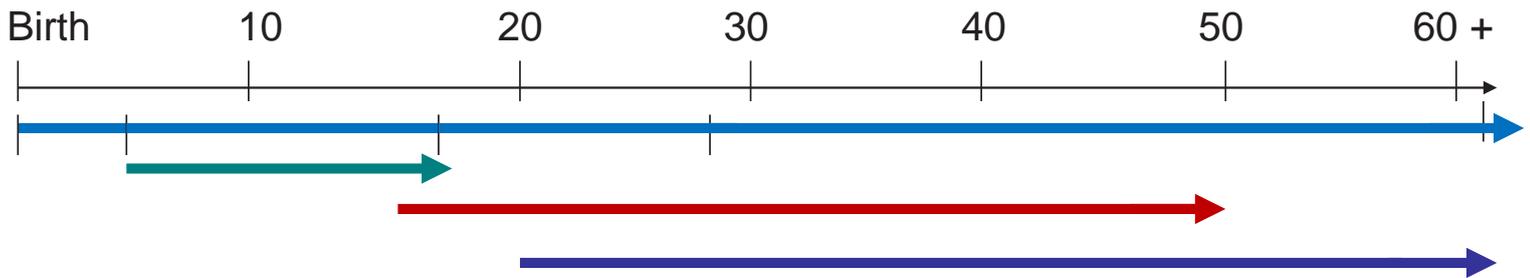
The total value of the day's activities was \$861,051.

Source: Library Value Use Calculator: www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm



snapshots day

Libraries: Lifelong Learning Institutions



Public Libraries:

- Literacy
- Infant lap sit and preschool story-times
- Summer reading programs
- Digital literacy
- Leisure pursuits
- Lifelong learning
- Social connections
- Information needs

K-12 Libraries:

- Curriculum support / Resources for teaching
- Literacy
- Information literacy/ Research skills
- Reading for pleasure
- Technology literacy
- Digital citizenship

Academic Libraries:

- Literacy
- Information literacy
- Advanced research skills

Special Libraries:

- Information related to professional work
- Information related to a special interest (health, etc.)



Early Literacy



School readiness

"...toddler and children times have included fantastic developmentally appropriate crafts and/or activities. Both are superb in building a child's confidence, independence, and developmental language, hand skills and physical well-being." - Parent



"The library gives us an opportunity to read early reader books, use computers, and go to storytime." - Parent

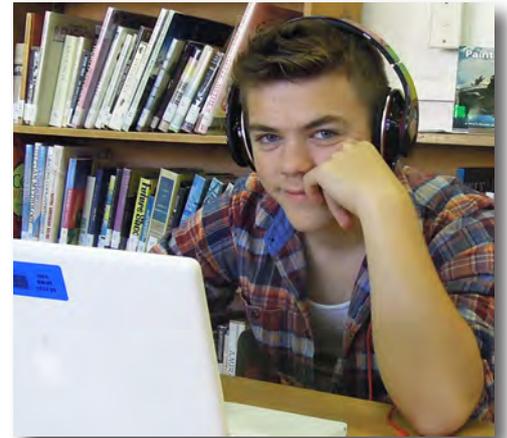
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Integrating Independent Learning Skills

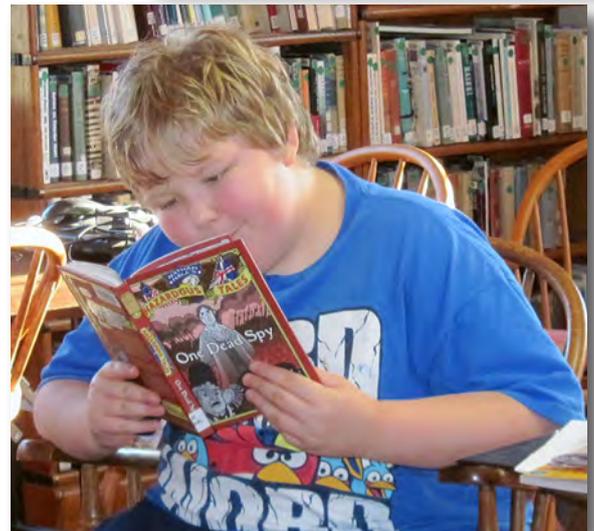


Digital literacy

"I don't have the internet at home, and the librarian shows me how to use the computer." - Student



"If we did not have a school library, what book would we spend the week with?"



Research skills

"It's the Knowledge Integration Center of our school. The students love to congregate and work collaboratively. The setting is conducive to a positive learning center." - Teacher

Advanced Research Skills



"I love studying and working in the library! It's such a great place for different people to come together.

Even though you may come into the library alone, you are always sure to find a classmate, friend, professor or staff member there to help you, uplift you, and teach you something."

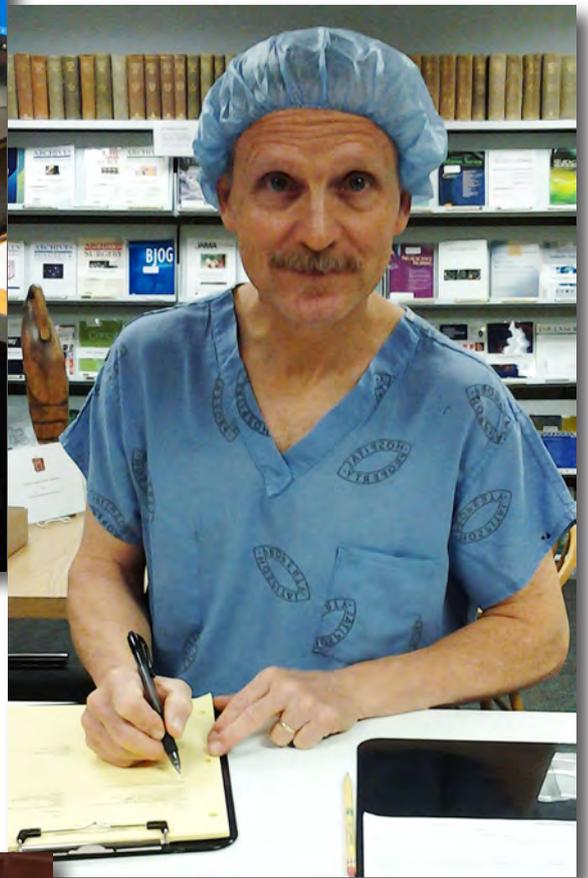


post k-12

Digital Information at Work



"...research patient records, print needed materials, use computer to research online."



"I have access to many medical journals both in print and through online subscriptions which is a crucial component to my education."

"The library is a sanctuary where I do my most productive research."



Work Place Digital Skills



“The library is the only place I can submit a job application online for free.”



“I was happy to find out about workforce resources. A staff person met with me to help me fine tune my resume and interview skills. I did not realize some of the key pieces of information that I was missing.

He really made sure I felt confident answering some more difficult interview questions and let me practice my responses with him. After his workshop I was able to go home and do some more preparation beforehand which led to my landing the job!”

On the Web:

Information Commons for job resources and LearningExpress
www.maine.gov/msl/commons/

workforce

Discovery & Learning



LearningExpress Library is an online learning platform featuring resources related to basic skills improvement in reading, writing, and math, for all ages, including job search and workplace skills.

“My sons and I read a ton of books but we could never afford to purchase them. We love the variety and being able to pick a pile of books without worrying about money.”



“The library is the best learning tool our family has.”



“The library is the major hub of community activity - learning in all formats for citizens of all ages and interests.”



Free Computers & Wi-Fi Access

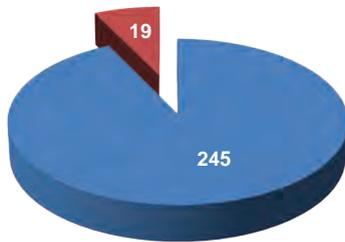


“A library is very important for me in doing a job search on the computer. ...offers easy, free internet services.”



“I do not have internet availability at home, plus I am not really computer literate. I get help when needed.”

Public Libraries



■ With WiFi ■ Without WiFi

Source: 2011 Public Library Annual Report

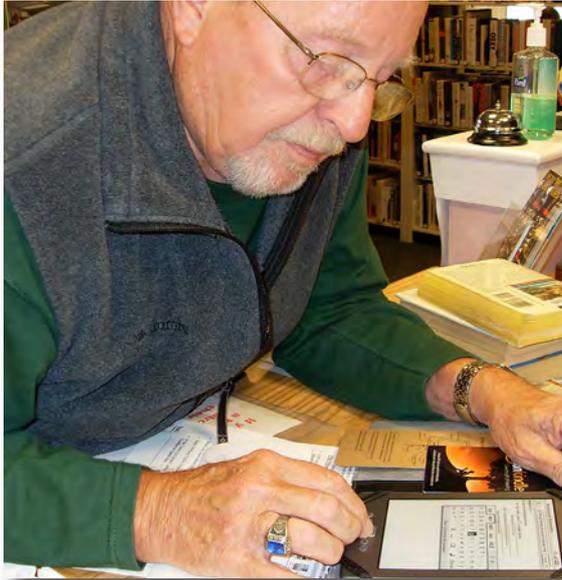
access



On the Web:

**Libraries with wifi:
[www.maine.gov/msl/
services/wifilibs.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/wifilibs.shtml)**

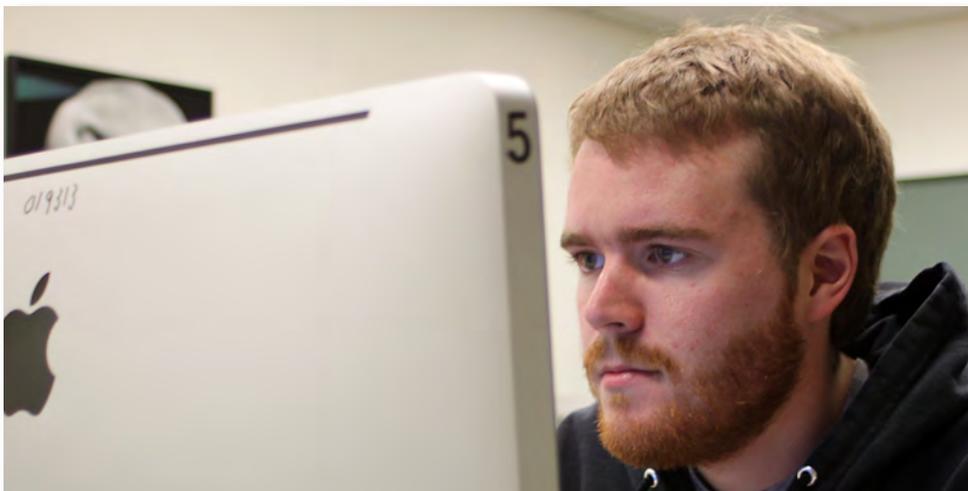
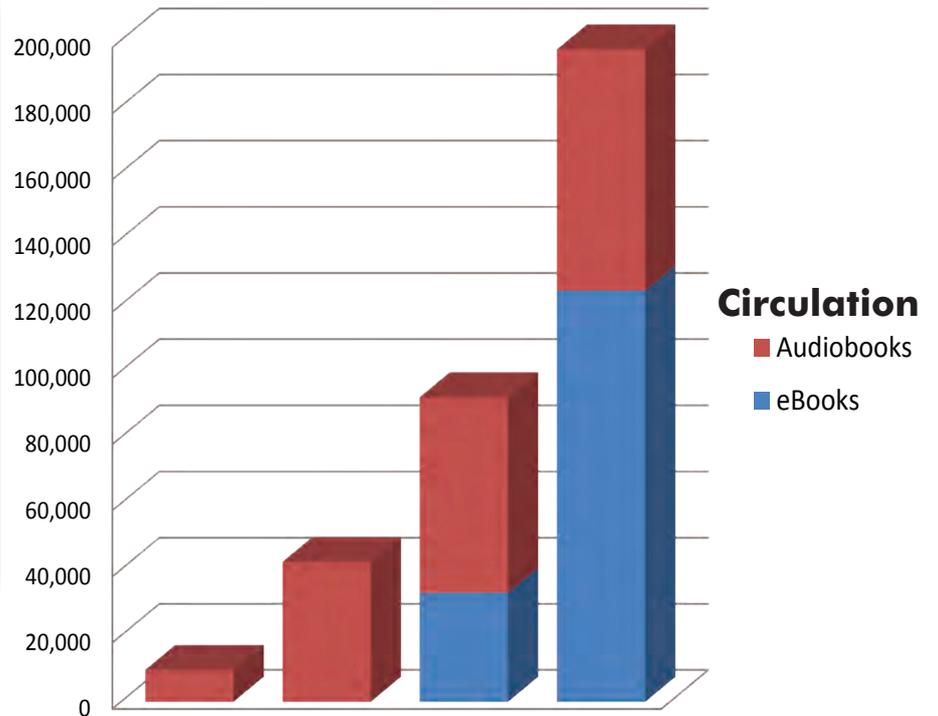
Embracing Digital Skills



Test drive mobile devices; learn how to download ebooks through Maine's Download Library

Early literacy - iPads help build vocabulary and reading fluency - "apps" for teaching letters, phonics, and numbers.

Free downloadable ebooks for children.



On the Web:

Maine's Download Library
download.maineinfonet.org

Early Literacy
www.maine.gov/msl/mrls/resources/childliteracy.htm

Community Hub

connections



"The library is like my second living room - a place I can relax, a place I'm sure to meet old and new friends and at the same time share a book, a cup of coffee and often a laugh."



"It is a local community building that is full of kindness, community spirit, friends, knowledge, learning, and is a safe haven to grow in."

Creating

“The library is a major and wonderful resource for me as a budding writer, for my young children and my family as a whole. There is so much in the children’s area for growth and development.”

“The library is a treasure trove of stories, people, and possibilities. It’s a fabulous resource for families, job hunters, seniors, young adults—for anyone who wants to learn and grow.”



- idea stimulation
- success by doing/tinkering
- content creation
- preservation of personal and community history

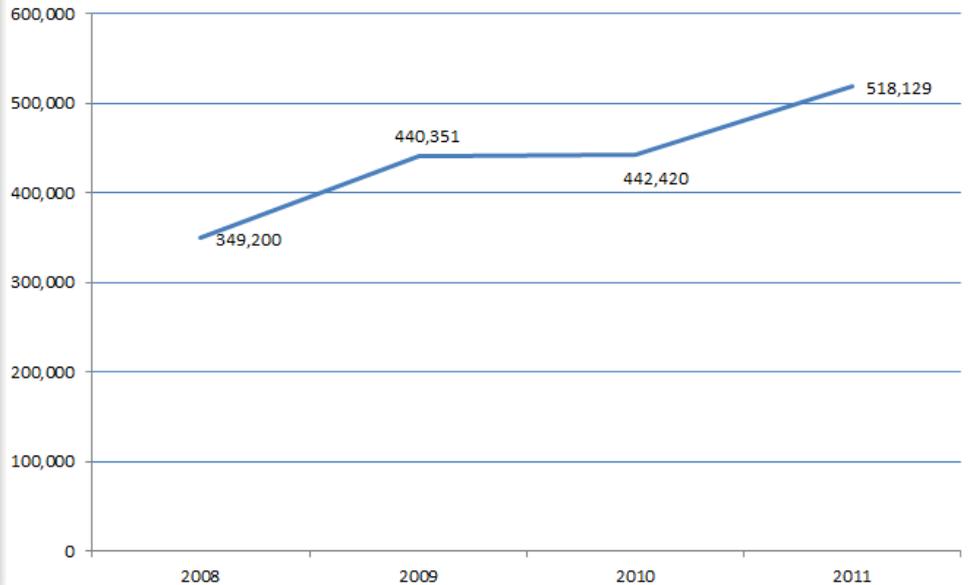
Capturing local history and providing new ways for people to use, access, and share digital collections.



Delivery



Number of Public Library Interlibrary Loans per Year



“The library staff is willing to go the extra step in finding books of interest to you; obtaining them from another library and notifying you that they are in.”

Through interlibrary loan, users from one library can borrow books or other materials that are owned by another library.

Improving Children’s Literacy Skills

The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading.

As they improve their literacy skills, they’re not just learning how to read, they’re learning to love to read!



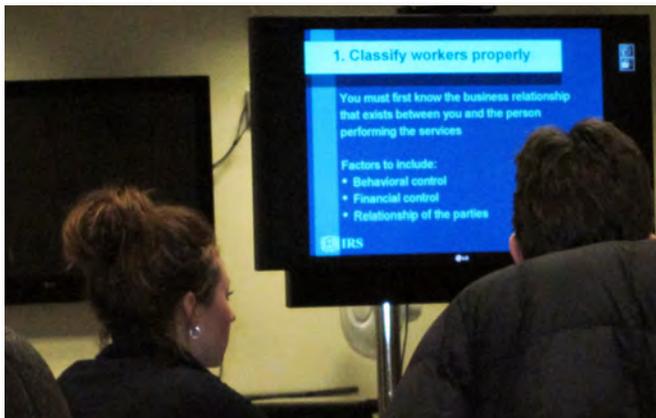
Reading program using therapy dogs

Service

Technology

Video Conferencing

Cherryfield Public Library hosted a program “To the Moon and Possibly Mars” presented by the Smithsonian’s Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, using new BTOP funded video conferencing hardware.



The Lawyers in Libraries project uses video conferencing technology allowing volunteer lawyers to provide legal information via clinics held in libraries.

A goal is to provide one-to-one meetings between lawyers and patrons who are eligible for free legal services.

The Maine State Library via the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) established regional video conferencing hubs in 11 counties. These hubs serve over 1,030,714 Maine citizens. This project provided training in technology skills and information skills to local librarians so they can assist others. This video conferencing technology is critical in Maine where geography and distance are constant challenges.

The information contained in this booklet reflects the activity of 20% of all types of Maine libraries: Public, Academic, School, and Health Science libraries that provide library services across Maine.

Data was captured on Maine Libraries Snapshot Day, October 2012, or collected via the 2011 Public Library Annual Report for fiscal years completed December 31, 2011.

All quotes used throughout this booklet were gathered from Maine citizens at libraries on Snapshot Day in October 2012. Most photos were taken at Maine libraries on Snapshot Day.



LIBRARIES MATTER BECAUSE

There is just no other public institution like a library.

1. Starting place for whatever you want to be next
2. Economic incubator for job search and small business acceleration
3. Place for people to go for help during life transitions and personal reinvention
4. Valued source of free computers and internet access
5. Trusted institution for the preservation of local and cultural history
6. Professional help finding information in an increasingly complex world
7. Gathering place and hub for the community (when few if any alternatives exist)



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