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of Knowledge*



*Southern Maine
Library District*

*Annual Report
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015*

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
- Mobile computer lab for district libraries
- Bookmobile outreach services

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Representing Academic Libraries: **Elizabeth Dyer**, University of New England, Portland

Representing Public Libraries: **Beth Sweet**, D.A. Hurd Library, North Berwick;
Kristi Bryant, Wells Public Library; **Chip Schrader**, Springvale Public Library

Representing School Libraries: **Jodi Breau** [Chair] (2), Mahoney Middle School, South Portland; **Jill Kehoe** (1), Thornton Academy, Saco; **Amanda Kozaka**, Cape Elizabeth Middle School; **Karen Silverman**, Scarborough High School

Representing Special Libraries: **Susan Flaherty** (1), Maine Irish Heritage Center, Portland;
Nicholas Noyes, Special Libraries, Maine Historical Society, Portland (2)

Trustee Representative: **Bill Wood** [Vice-chair], Harrison Village Library Trustee

Ex-Officio: **Jeff Cabral**, Maine Library Commission Delegate, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Deborah A. Clark**, Consultant, SMLD, Portland; **Linda Lord** (3) Maine State Librarian; **Janet McKenney**, Director of Development, Maine State Library, Augusta;
Steve Podgajny, Area Reference and Resource Center, Portland Public Library;
Jamie Ritter, Maine State Librarian

(1) filling unexpired term, (2) resigned, (3) retired December 2014

STAFF

Deborah A. Clark, Consultant; **Elaine Bissonnette**, Administrative Assistant

District Goals & Objectives

Goal I. Increase Public Awareness, Use and Support of Maine Libraries

- At least 80 % of SMLD public libraries will promote the Maine Income tax check-off campaign on their websites from Jan.- Apr. 2015. Libraries will be encouraged to provide Schedule CP's. *Reached 52%. Some libraries publicized in their social media outlets rather than their websites. Some libraries preferred to direct fundraising efforts to their libraries alone.*
- At least 30% of SMLD public libraries pledge to obtain one additional community member to join FOML by June 1, 2015. *Consultant distributed promotional brochures, sent e-mails, and mailed sample United for Libraries newsletters to raise awareness of FOML and other Friends groups. Can confirm only 12% of libraries participated and FOML reports only one new member from SMLD region.*
- At least 75% of SMLD libraries will promote the use of MARVEL databases by highlighting one database per month or promoting the new website and search engine by March 2015. *Delayed. Waiting for statewide MARVEL Re-design workgroup to finish website revision. (82% currently link to MARVEL from home page)*
- At least 75% of SMLD libraries will provide an easy-to-understand explanation of Learning Express along with a link to the resource on their websites by April 2015. *Delayed. Waiting for MSL to unveil new authentication procedure and upgraded website.*
- At least 10 SMLD public libraries will cross promote events/programs for other SMLD libraries on their websites by June 2015. *Confirmed 11.*

Goal II. Facilitate Professional Development

- At least 20% of SMLD public libraries will have staff participation in the voluntary public librarian certification program by June 2015. *Reached 35%.*
- 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. *Sharing encouraged at directors, adult services, library IT and youth services librarians meetings. Two webinars set up as sharing forums.*
- The SMLD will sponsor/co-sponsor at least 4 continuing education programs for public library staff based on district needs assessment and collaboration with other Maine library districts and the Maine State Library. *Fall Council, ILEAD, PLDI, NDO, RA webinar series, SMLD webinars.*
- The SMLD will sponsor/co-sponsor at least 2 continuing education programs for school library staff based on district needs assessment and collaboration with other Maine library districts and the Maine State Library. *Collaborated and/or supported Apple Educational Program, RRU, MASL Spring Fling.*
- The SMLD Consultant will send out 2 messages to the SMLD list to promote the MSL mentoring list for its members and extend stipends to SMLD library staff who want to observe best practices at district libraries for the purposes of improving their library services. The messages will go out in September 2014 and February 2015. *Accomplished.*

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. *Tri-district Spring Council*
- The SMLD Board will send representatives to the District Liaison Committee. *Karen Silverman and Beth Sweet would represent the SMLD Board if DLC is activated.*
- The SMLD will participate in the MLA Conference by sponsoring a breakout session. *Sponsored Andy Wallace and Jen Stanbro's session on integrating library skills into Essential Learning targets at South Portland schools.*
- At least 15 SMLD libraries will host a Portland Public Library bookmobile outreach visit to promote extended patron access to ARRC services by June 2015. *Visited 19 libraries.*
- The SMLD will assist the ARRC library in promotion of PALS to school and academic libraries by June 2015. *Withdrawn for now; consultant currently in discussion with PP's new executive director.*

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) by mid-April 2015. *Accomplished.*
- The SMLD will participate in planning a children's and YA literature conference (Reading Round-up) for April 2015. *Conference took place on April 9, 2015 with over 350 attendees.*
- The SMLD Board will explore ways to address adult literacy needs by June 2015. *Board discussion on this issue was held at the June meeting.*

Goal V. Improve Communication among Libraries, Library Organizations, and Other Groups

- The SMLD Board and Consultant will disseminate news and board meeting summaries via the SMLD List. *Consultant is posting summaries of board meeting to the SMLD List.*
- The SMLD Consultant will visit or call 90% of SMLD public libraries annually. [Currently 83%. Expect to reach 90% by June 30.]
- The SMLD Consultant will coordinate quarterly library directors, reference librarians, youth services, and technology staff discussion groups. *That has been accomplished and is ongoing.*
- The SMLD Board and Consultant will encourage all SMLD library staff to join appropriate e-mail lists such SMLD, MELIBS, MEINFO, YSS, Public Library Directors list. Subscription rate on the SMLD list will reach 85%. *We have reached 85%.*
- The SMLD will sponsor at least one professional development webinar by June 2015. *Held a webinar in February on the value of community outreach and in April on creative fundraising ideas]*

Goal VI. Foster Improved Library Service

- The SMLD Consultant will establish a discussion group for library youth services personnel by October 2014. *Accomplished. Group met three times this year.*
- The SMLD will offer 2 mini-grants of up to \$500 (if budget allows) for one school and one public library piloting a new service for 10- 17 yr. olds. *Accomplished. Projects on oral history and STEM were funded in Kennebunkport and North Berwick.*
- The SMLD Board will explore methods of reaching library non-users. *Discussed at March 2015 meeting.*

Status of District Libraries

All 66 public libraries in the SMLD filed their required annual reports with the Maine State Library.

One small rural library, **North Bridgton Public Library**, closed. The association could no longer raise enough funds to operate the facility. Those library users were welcomed to use Bridgton Public Library. NBPL donated some furniture, equipment, and materials to BPL.

Several libraries welcomed new directors:

Brown Memorial Library in East Baldwin, **Tracy Batchelder**

Casco Public Library, **Michelle Brenner**

Cundy's Harbor Library, **Tricia Gordon**

Lewis Dana Hill Library in North Lovell, **Nancy Wilson**

North Gorham Public Library, **Jennifer Plummer**

Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook, **Rebecca Albert**

Several SMLD libraries have started or finished building expansion projects:

Merrill Memorial Library in Yarmouth and **Libby Memorial Library** in Old Orchard Beach

completed building expansion projects and interior renovations. **Falmouth Memorial Library**

and **Thomas Memorial Library** in Cape Elizabeth saw municipal bonds passed in their towns to

begin building expansion efforts there. Cornish residents are currently participating in a capital

campaign to fund expansion of **Bonney Memorial Library** as are Wells residents to expand

Wells Public Library.

In preparation to join the Maine Infonet Library System consortium (MILS), these libraries have started automating or migrated to the LibraryWorld system and are re-barcoding their collections:

North Gorham Public Library

Cundy's Harbor Library

Richville Library, Standish

Steep Falls Library, Standish

Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin

In the past year, I have been reaching out to various libraries to encourage and assist their boards with strategic planning. I have met with people from the Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport, Raymond Village Library, Steep Falls Library in Standish, Goodall Memorial Library, and North Gorham Public Library to work on technology planning, capital campaign planning, or general 3-year planning. As a result of our efforts in Raymond, the board was able to obtain an additional \$15,000 in budget funds to address the objectives of RVL's strategic plan which was presented at their local budget committee meeting.

Municipal funding for SMLD public libraries increased about 4% on average in each of the past three years. However, many rural libraries report a lack of funds to adequately meet their needs for staff coverage, collection purchases, and building maintenance. This has prevented some libraries from being able to improve or add new services and update resources.

SMLD libraries continue to take advantage of grants and assistance programs such as PC's for ME and the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to upgrade technology and complete building repairs. The Bonney Memorial Library in Cornish recently received a \$23,992.00 grant from

Grants to Green Maine, a partnership between the Maine Development Foundation's Maine Downtown Center, Efficiency Maine and the Maine Community Foundation to provide energy improvements that will help reduce energy costs and increase energy efficiency.



High School students and senior citizens present an oral histories project at Graves ML in Kennebunkport.

The SMLD Board, with the support of the Maine State Library, offered two \$500 mini-grants for member libraries developing an innovative program for pre-teens or teens. From 14 applications received, the board awarded grants to D.A. Hurd Library in North Berwick for a teen STEM program and to Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport for a senior citizen oral histories project conducted by area high school seniors. These projects exemplify the how public libraries are evolving to support science literacy and local history and culture preservation in their towns while establishing important community partnerships.

Meetings and Workshops

District Meetings

Council Meetings

Fall Meeting, October 3

Keeley's Banquet Center, Portland (*attendance: 35*)

Using Google tools to enhance library operations and community outreach

- Google Drive/Docs: Amanda Leen (UNE) and Amanda Kozaka (Cape Elizabeth Middle School)
- Google Calendar: Meghan Hardison (SMCC)
- Google Communities and Hangouts: BJ Kitchin (UMA, Bangor)
- Google Analytics: Chip Schrader (Springvale PL) and Jess Isler (UMA, Augusta)

Tri-District Spring Meeting, April 30

Augusta Civic Center (*total attendance: 181, attendance from SMLD: 46*)

Staff from all library types met for district business meetings followed by talks from Nancy Pearl, Library Journal **Librarian of the Year 2011**, and Maxine Bleiweis, Director of the Westport Library, Connecticut and recipient of the 2015 Charles Robinson Award for Innovative Leadership from ALA's Public Library Association.



Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (*240 total attendance*)

2014/2015 year were held at the Portland Public Library on the following dates: July 8 (*10*), August 14 (*6*), Sept. 17 (*36*), October 8 (*27*), Nov. 12 (*32*), Dec. 10 (*25*), Jan. 14 (*33*), Feb. 11 (*27*), Mar. 11 (*20*), May 13 (*32*), and June 10 (*18*). There is no April meeting 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 1,595 (thru May 13) review books from approximately 70 publishers.

In October 2014, the Book Review group, with support from the Maine State Library, established an online database for their reviews. In the first 8 months, over 800 reviews were added to the database. The reviews may be freely accessed at http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/services/book_reviews/index.shtml.

School Librarians Workshops

David Loertscher – Learning Commons guru, Scarborough High School (MASL Spring Fling)
Apple Educational Program at South Portland High School (educational uses for iPads)

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. 26, Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell (*attendance: 4*) *Discussion- community garden for kids, food pantry partnership, Maine Humanities Council programs for libraries*
- Jan. 9, Richville Library, Standish (*attendance: 6*) *Discussion- United for Libraries trustee newsletter, upcoming trustee handbook, income tax check-off effort, handling self-published donations and collecting unique local content*
- March 27, Steep Falls Library (*attendance: 5*) *Discussion: e-rate changes, ILEAD*

“Talking Heads”

- Sept. 25, Gray Public Library (*attendance: 5*) *Discussion: construction projects and effects on staff allocation*
- Jan. 29, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth (*attendance: 8*) *Discussion: managing change with staff*
- May 28, Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach (*attendance: 5*) *Discussion: collecting data and stories with impact*

“Rogue Librarians”

- Sept. 19, Springvale Public Library (*attendance: 9*) *Discussion: Internet Acceptable Use policies, joining MSLN, sharing museum passes via Google calendar tool*
- Jan. 16, Shapleigh Community Library (*attendance: 6*) *Discussion: e-rate changes, Annual Report changes, board and director roles & responsibilities*
- May 7, North Berwick Public Library (*attendance: 6*) *Discussion: managing student volunteers, dealing with negativity at budget meetings*



Jennifer Alvino, director,
Windham Public Library,
2014 Outstanding Maine Librarian
of the Year

SMLD Reference Librarian 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. 5, Osher Map Library, USM, Portland (*attendance: 6*) *Discussion: marketing reference services and adult programs*
- Jan. 13, Falmouth Memorial Library (*attendance: 6*) *Discussion: reference wiki, change in job responsibilities for reference librarians transforming to adult services programming*
- May 15 Portland Public Library (*attendance: 12*) *Discussion: serving the unemployed, partnering with local career centers*

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.]

- Oct. 17, Scarborough Public Library (*attendance: 6*) *Discussion: Untangle, Webconverger, web portals for specific patron populations*
- March 20, Falmouth Memorial Library (*attendance: 12*) *Discussion: using Chromebox*
- June 12, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick (*attendance 11:*) *Discussion: developing responsive library websites, virtualization*

Youth Services Group

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

- Oct. 9, Scarborough Public Library (*attendance: 20*) *Discussion: Cornerstones of Science, education topics for RRU, teen programming*
- Jan. 8, Springvale Public Library (*attendance: 13*) *Discussion: early literacy programming*
- April 23, Gray Public Library (*attendance: 19*) *Discussion: teen services programming and managing teen behavior*



Keynote speaker Tanya Lee Stone addresses Reading Round-up 2015 attendees.



Statewide Meetings

Reading Round-up of Children's & Young Adult Literature (*attendance: 360*)

Augusta Civic Center (April 9, 2015)

The topic for the 26th Annual Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature was "Reading between the Blurred Lines: Children's Literature Today." The conference is sponsored by the Maine Regional Library System and the Maine Library Association's Youth Services Section. Award-winning nonfiction author Tanya Lee Stone was the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions addressed topics such as evaluating historical sources for students, health effects of screen time on young children, library skill centers, StoryWalks, poetry, maker activities, using wordless books in story times, graphic novels, e-books and apps that promote childhood literacy, and presentation of the Cream of the Crop reading list.

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: 9*)

Maine State Library (May 8, 2015)

This program was designed to give new and relatively new public library directors an introduction and familiarity with the resources offered to libraries through the Maine State Library.

18th Annual Public Library Directors' Institute (*total attendance: 44, SMLD attendance: 8*)

The Senator Inn, Augusta (June 5, 2015)

Innovation, Outreach, and Partnerships: Ways to Make Your Library Discoverable! Peggy Cadigan and Tiffany McClary from the New Jersey State Library spoke about their "*It's time... to rediscover your library!*" campaign, and ways to make libraries discoverable. It provided an overview of various innovative program ideas, tips and tricks, and offered real world case study examples. Attendees learned new ways to expand their reach into local communities through strategic outreach and partnerships.

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 kickoff event for the institute is the week-long New England Library Association's "New England Library Leadership Symposium" to be held in August. It will be led by Maureen Sullivan, a past president of the American Library Association and a nationally recognized speaker on leadership.

The 2015 class was announced in May and includes Mary Beckett of the Edythe Dyer Community Library in Hampden, Marcela Peres of the Lewiston Public Library, Abby Morrow of the Ellsworth Public Library, Erica Irish of the Belfast Free Library, **Michelle Connors of Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook**, and Lisa Neal Shaw of the Caribou Public Library.

Each month, starting after August 2015, the cohort will meet to learn about and discuss solutions to challenges facing the library profession. The participants will also be responsible for designing and completing a project that will address Maine library needs. The year will culminate with a presentation of the projects at a state-wide meeting of librarians.



Deb describing how the bookmobile wheelchair lift works to some young patrons at South Berwick Public Library

Portland Public Library Bookmobile Visits

October 1 - Ogunquit Memorial Library, Wells Public Library

October 16 - Kennebunk Free Library; McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; Libby Mem. Library, OOB

October 24 - Dyer Library, Saco; Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport

November 1 - Community Library, Lyman; Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred; Waterboro Public Library

November 14 - Rice Public Library, Kittery; York Public Library

May 13 - Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish; South Berwick Public Library

May 23 - D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick; Berwick Public Library

June 6 - Kezar Falls Library; Hollis Center Public Library

June 12- Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth



Consultant's Report

Meetings attended:

July 30, Friends of Maine Libraries, Topsham Public Library
September 16, Healthcare Conference, Augusta Civic Center
August 4, Strategic Planning, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport
August 27, Friends of Maine Libraries, Topsham Public Library
September 18, Maine Association of Nonprofits, Portland
September 30, Family Place Libraries Workshop, Scarborough Public Library
October 14, Smart Board Training, Maine State Library
October 19-21, New England Library Association Conference, Boxborough, MA
October 26-30, ILEAD, IL
November 21, RAC NNLM, Worcester, MA
December 12, Cornerstones of Science, Auburn Public Library
January 29, Strategic Planning, Raymond Village Library
February 3, Senator King's exhibit: "Your Government, Your Neighborhood," Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook
February 4, Maine Historical Society, Senator Inn, Augusta
February 11, Raymond Village Library Board of Trustees
February 23, Raymond budget meeting
March 23-26, ILEAD, Hilton Garden, Bangor
April 10, David Loertscher reception, Scarborough High School
April 17, SCOOP Meeting, Moultonborough, NH
April 29, Michelle Eberle, NNLM, Maine State Library
May 4, Strategic Planning, Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford
May 12, Falmouth Memorial Library Annual Meeting
May 13, Senator King, Portland Public Library
May 20, MSL Staff Development, Point Lookout, Lincolnville
May 29, Larger Libraries, Portland Public Library
June 16, Maine Academic Libraries, Colby College
June 22, Strategic Planning, Steep Falls Library, Standish
June 23-26, ILEAD, Hilton Garden, Bangor

Library Visits

July 31, McArthur Public Library & Fab Lab, Biddeford
August 1, Peaks Island Branch Library
August 12, Cape Porpoise Library and Ocean Park Memorial Library
September 4, North Gorham Public Library
October 23, Steep Falls Library, Standish
November 12, Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills
November 20, Cundy's Harbor Library
February 23, Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin
March 10, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook
April 1, North Gorham Public Library
June 1, Lewis Dana Hill Memorial Library, North Lovell

Collaborations

This past year I worked on several projects with other Maine State Library staff. The MSL consultants partnered with New Hampshire and Vermont state library representatives to create a new three-year tri-state **SCOOP** discount contract for local library purchasing.

MSL consultants also developed a new more in-depth **Library Trustee Handbook**. Each public library received a print copy of the manual with a link to an online version which could be printed out as needed. The consultants expect the handbook to be used to answer common board questions as well as for trustee orientation and continuing education resource.

I continue to serve on the statewide committee to re-design the **MARVEL Maine Databases** website. The committee has reviewed other state library online resources pages and has discussed ways to make our site more user-friendly for the public. We are also testing geo-authentication access to the databases.

As the Maine State Library continues to collaborate with **Cornerstones of Science**, the **Maine Historical Society**, and **IMLS/ILEAD** partners on grant projects, I work to promote the initiatives in my district. I have helped the local Maine Historical Society staff schedule programs at southern Maine libraries. I also maintain a working relationship with the **National Network of Libraries of Medicine** to connect local Maine libraries with health education and promotion grants.

Consultant Professional Development

For my own continuing education and professional development, I attended webinars and in-person classes on the following topics:

- Motivating Messages (communicating with library staff)
- Apple Educational seminar on using iPads with students
- COSLA webinar: State Libraries Get Outside the Lines
- Cultivating a Positive Approach
- Library Journal Digital Shift virtual conference
- Key Elements of a Project Plan
- Evaluating Your Project
- From Coverage to Care- assisting newly enrolled in Healthcare Marketplace
- Pathways to Guide Health Education at Your Library
- Maine Larger Libraries workshop
- Maine Libraries Conference
- ILEAD Maine
- Pursuit of Happiness through Libraries
- Protecting Library Patrons Privacy Online
- Using Google Tools to Improve Library Efficiency and Operations
- Cornerstones of Science workshop
- Using EDGE Data
- Homelessness in Libraries
- Changes in E-rate
- Library Makerspaces
- Facilitating Meetings
- Advocacy Unshushed MOOC
- Fighting Back against a Bad Image
- Lobbying: Legal Advocacy Basics- MAM workshop
- Measurements that Matter
- Private and Public Value Statements workshop

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Clark, MSL SMLD Consultant

Southern Maine Library District

OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

BUDGET **\$12,800.00**

EXPENSES

Books/AV/Subscriptions
Cont. Ed/Staff Development
Equipment/Software/OIT
Parking
Phone
Postage (1st class & library rate)
Printing/Photocopier
Promotion & Publicity (exhibits)
Supplies
Travel

Sub-total (estimated) **\$10,966.32**

BALANCE as of 6/2/15 **\$1834.68**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

September 12, 2014 – Portland Public Library
November 7, 2014 – Portland Public Library
January 9, 2015 – Portland Public Library
March 13, 2015 – Portland Public Library
June 19, 2015 – SMCC, South Portland (Annual Meeting)

Committees

SMLD Representatives to District and Statewide Committees:

Certificate of Appreciation

Jodi Breau, Mahoney Middle School; **Beth Dyer**, University of New England, Portland; **Steve Podgajny**, Portland Public Library

Children's Book Review Hostesses

July: **Bernie Alie**, Kennebunk Free Library; September: **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Jill O'Connor**, North Yarmouth Academy; **Patty Temple**, Long Island Community Library; October: **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library; **Lauren Isele**, Scarborough Public Library; **Shirley LaBranche**, Maple Stone School, Acton, **Nina Sachs**, retired librarian; November: **Sybil Shiland**, retired librarian; **Kris Zuidema**, retired librarian; December: **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Dept.; **Karen Silverman**, Scarborough High School; **Jan Hamilton**, Little Dolphin School, Scarborough; January: **Karen Spiliopoulos**, Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred; **Ann Marie Townsend**, South Berwick Public Library; February: **Dorothy Hall-Riddle**, New Gloucester; **Patti Francis**, Pownal Elementary School; March: **Mary Lehmer**, Freeport Community Library; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library; May: **Cathy Potter**, Falmouth Elementary School; **Peg Becksvort**, Falmouth Middle School; June: **Teri Bauld**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Kristin Taylor**, Biddeford High School

Cream of the Crop

Sheila Dube, Springvale Public Library; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Lauren Isele**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center; **Shirley LaBranche**, Maple Stone School, Acton; **Jill O'Connor**, North Yarmouth Academy; **Patty Temple**, Long Island Community Library; **Nina Sachs**, retired librarian;

Nominating

Jodi Breau, Mahoney Middle School; **Beth Dyer**, University of New England, Portland; **Steve Podgajny**, Portland Public Library

STATEWIDE

ILEAD Maine Steering Committee

Deborah Clark, Southern Maine Library District; **Heidi Grimm**, Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth; **Shelly Davis**, St. Joseph's College, Standish; **Chris Dorman**, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Pam Goucher**, retired, Freeport; **Christina Foster**, Maine Philanthropy Center, Portland.

ILEAD Maine Team members:

Anita Ruff, MaineHealth Learning Resource Centers, Portland; **Janell Lewis**, MaineHealth Learning Resource Centers, Portland; **Sonya Durney**, Portland Public Library; **Samantha Duckworth**, Portland Public Library; **Denise Menard**, Scarborough Public Library.

Maine Library Commission, Public Library Standards Committee:

Deborah Clark, Southern Maine Library District; **Andi Jackson-Darling**, Falmouth Memorial Library;

MARVEL Website Re-design Committee:

Deborah Clark, Southern Maine Library District; **Amy Wells Denecker**, Windham High School Library; **Kristi Bryant**, Wells Public Library.

Reading Round-Up

Deborah Clark, Southern Maine Library District; **Deanna Contrino**, St. Brigid School, Portland; **Amy Wells Denecker**, Windham High School; **Patti Francis**, Pownal Elementary School; **Dorothy Hall-Riddle**, New Gloucester; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library.

Regional District Liaison Committee

Jodi Breau, SMLD Board Chair; **Bill Wood** SMLD Board Vice-chair; **Deborah Clark**, Consultant.

Maine Reader's Choice Awards Committee (SMLD members):

Andi Jackson-Darling, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Bill Wood**, Harrison Village Library; **Kathleen Kramer**, Harrison Village Library; **Sally Leahey**, retired from McArthur Public Library; **Nina Sachs**, retired from Walker Memorial Library.



Area Reference and Resource Center

Not yet received.



SMLD Membership

[Total: 148 ~ public: 66, school systems: 44 (190 individual schools), academic: 8, special: 30 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 ~ Charlotte 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 ~ Louis B. Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Harrison Village Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Lewis Dana Hill Memorial Library, Lovell ~ 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 Gorham Public Library ~ 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 ~ 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 ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Waterboro Public Library, Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

School Libraries

Acton 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 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 ~ 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

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

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Dorothy Fish Coastal Resource Library, Wells Reserve at Laudholm ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Lakes Center Library, Lake Environmental Association, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland ~ Maine Charitable Mechanic Association, Portland ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Irish Heritage Center, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Ocean Park Library ~ 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, New Gloucester ~ Southern Maine Health Care, Biddeford ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland