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Dear Colleagues:

On Behalf of the Board for the Maine Library Association, it is extremely important for you to know that your membership in the Maine Library Association matters. It matters to your professional development; it matters to the people with whom you work, and the patrons to whom you provide library services.

Perhaps our greatest strength as librarians is our ability to support one another and advocate for the value of libraries for the betterment of our communities. When one belongs to the Maine Library Association, one is part of a collective body of knowledge, a plethora of resources, and people with the dedication, tenacity, and love for the profession and librarianship.

The return on your investment for membership fees is enormous and cannot possibly be completely quantified. Nevertheless, here are a few examples that your membership in MLA provide you:

- Advocacy for library traditional and contemporary library needs and issues. MLA gives you a voice, regardless of geography or the size of your library.
- Networking with an annual library conference, crafted with your needs, interests, and talents at the forefront of planning.
- Assistance with intellectual freedom issues or guidance with communicating your library story.
- Access to a Website, full of relevant, up-to-date information that points access to other information resources that assist you during your daily missions.
- Connections locally, statewide, nationally, and globally with Web 2.0 social networking sites such as our Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=39104320008> and other online initiatives under development.
- News with MLA-to-Z Quarterly Newsletter <http://mainelibraries.org/publications.php?mi=6>
- Recognition for honors such as Outstanding Librarian, Lupine Award, Journalism Awards, and others.
- Opportunity to get involved, contribute your talents, share your ideas, or influence the profession positively.
- Scholarships to continue your education or attend conferences, CEU credits, and workshops.

It is our sincere hope that you continue your membership with the Maine Library Association or consider becoming part of this thriving, exciting organization. We look forward to hearing from you, getting to know you, or providing relevant, timely support when you need it most.

Again, thank you for all that you do for libraries, for one another, and your communities. We look forward to the coming year and being a part of your initiatives, successes, and your needs as your library association. Please do not hesitate to contact us, your voice is important.

Sincerely,

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The object of the Maine Library Association is to promote and enhance the value of libraries and librarianship, to foster cooperation among those who work in and for libraries, and to provide leadership in ensuring that information is accessible to all citizens via their libraries.