



Dear MLA Member,

Thank you so much for your membership in the Maine Library Association. We hope that you will continue to support the many efforts of the MLA by renewing your membership for 2011. We also wish to make your continued support easier, by not only sending you a personalized membership form and offering you a brand new Interest Group, Reference and Adult Services, but also by providing easy online renewal via our new PayPal account.

As a large number of our members know, this past fall's Maine Library Association Conference at the Samoset Resort in Rockland was a huge success! We plan on continuing with more opportunities for networking and learning experiences in the coming year. The MLA will be bringing Marilyn Johnson, library supporter and author of the book *"This Book is Overdue: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All"* to the Greater Portland area this spring. Look for a special membership discount to attend this exciting presentation. We are also working on our next MLA Conference and are looking for members who are just as excited as the past Conference Committee was in offering their time and expertise in pulling off a great event. I don't deny such projects take a lot of time and effort. But the benefits to the attendees as well as the volunteers are limited only by imagination!

The Maine Library Association has provided great opportunities and support for Maine librarians since 1891. How can your association continue to provide networking and educational opportunities? MLA needs your support in the form of continued membership. Your membership in the association is what keeps MLA going so that we can improve both the professional lives of our members, as well as to the larger community of library users. Your continued membership also provides MLA with the resources to advocate strongly for legislation on issues that affect your local library services and patrons in our members' and constituents' communities.

Your membership in the Maine Library Association helps support the library community in general and also provides the opportunity for unlimited personal professional growth. And there are still more benefits to continuing your membership in the Maine Library Association. There are discounts to conferences and workshops; interest-free loans to Maine students pursuing both formal library education as well as assistance with issues such as intellectual freedom.

Please continue your support by renewing your MLA membership for 2011. Our continued growth and strength comes from the members in our association. So, we hope you will also consider joining a committee, running for office or stepping up to help one of the MLA interest groups. Please complete the membership form we have provided and return it with your check payable to MLA. You may instead pay for your membership with our new PayPay option. Check out: <http://mainelibraries.org/content/978/membership.php> on our website in the membership section.

Sincerely,

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