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Highlights:
Maine State Library Fall Council Meeting
Jamie Ritter (Maine State Librarian) and Janet McKenney (Director of Library Development) will be presenting the Maine State Library's new specialist/consulting service model and regional approach at the council meeting.

Agenda:
Call to Order
Maine State Library Reports
- The Power of Trust - Jamie Ritter
- New Service Model and Regional Configurations – Janet McKenney
Maine Library Commission Report
ARRC Reports
New Business
- Statewide Advisory Council – Janet McKenney
Next Statewide Council Meeting
Adjourn

David Lankes
David Lankes is the Professor and Director of the School of Library & Information Science at the University of South Carolina, the Follett Chair at Dominican's Graduate School of Library & Information Science, and recipient of the American Library Association's 2016 Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. His book, The Atlas of New Librarianship won the 2012 ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Award for the Best Book in Library Literature. The second edition of his very popular, Expect More: Demanding Better Libraries For Today's Complex World is our current statewide read. Lankes is a passionate advocate for librarians and their essential role in today's society, and is an inspirational speaker.

Dan Wells
Dan Wells writes in a variety of genres, from dark humor to science fiction to supernatural thriller. Born in Utah, he spent his early years reading and writing. He is the author of the Partials series and the John Cleaver series. He has been nominated for both the Hugo and the Campbell Award, and has won two Parsec Awards for his podcast Writing Excuses. He plays a mean game of Candyland to boot.

Awards
Outstanding Librarian Award - Ruth A. Eveland, Jessup Memorial Library Director Ruth's nomination was supported by letters from patrons and members of the Jesup Memorial Library staff and Board of Directors, as well as by library colleagues throughout the state. She has served as director of Jesup since 2009, the chair of the Board of Directors of the Northern Maine Library District, and was recently named this year's recipient of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce's Cadillac Award.

Friends of Maine Libraries (FoML) Grant Recipients will be announced during lunch on Monday. FoML’s mission is to support and advocate for all Maine libraries, and to serve as a resource for existing and evolving Friends groups. These grants are for special projects that enhance library service and promote stronger library-community relationships.
Program Descriptions

Monday, November 14: 10-10:50 am

Copyright In and For Libraries
Jim Campbell
Location: Whittier
Copyright law is not easy for anyone to understand in the digital age. That goes double for librarians as our world evolves from one of print, in which libraries owned what they bought and paid for, to one of electronic licenses in which contract law and copyright law interact in not always predictable ways. In addition to all of the normal unraveling of what is and is not covered by copyright, what Fair Use means and how it is applied, and other copyright mysteries, libraries are also concerned with the question of if and when they can make copies to preserve materials that are wearing out, whether print or electronic. Let’s see what sense we can make of it all.

Stump the Cataloger
Cason Snow, University of Maine Metadata Librarian/Cataloger; Ellen Conway, Maine InfoNet Cataloging Specialist; Holly Williams, Pittsfield Public Library Circulation & Catalog Librarian
Location: Grafton
An informal discussion of cataloging issues.

Q&A with Dan Wells
Dan Wells, Author
Location: Riley/Ketchum
Come spend some more time with our keynote speaker. Ask questions, get answers, and maybe even have a book or two signed.

Maine JobLink - Maine’s New Public JobBank - A Fresh Look...A New Beginning
Nichole Jamison, Maine Dept. of Labor Regional Director - Northern Maine
Location: Moonstruck
This session will introduce Maine Department of Labor’s new job bank and walk through the basic elements of both a job seeker and employer account creation and usage. Maine JobLink is a robust job matching system with connections to various workforce programs and information. Maine’s Public Library System is a key partner in assisting both job seekers and businesses to utilize services through our system, and participants will gain basic knowledge of system layout, requirements, and features.

Free Food Funds
Jessica Rollerson, Witherle Memorial Library Children’s Librarian
Location: Simmonds
Every summer day librarians see kids who are hungry. The federal government is willing to give librarians money for up to two meals each day for any child up to 18 seven days a week. We tried it in Castine and it was fantastic. Is it right for your patrons? Is it right for your library? Jess will discuss the best and the worst parts of the program and how to avoid creating a huge headache for yourself and make it so kids get great food all summer!

Working with an Architect
Scott Simons, Scott Simons Architects Principal; Barbara McDade, Bangor Public Library Director
Location: River Room
Communicating with an architect is important in getting the building your community wants and needs. Join Barbara McDade from the Bangor Public Library and Scott Simons from Scott Simons Architects as they talk about their experiences in the recent renovation of the Bangor Public Library. Topics will include design, real costs, working with a contractor and lessons learned.

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52 Weeks of Giving
Libby Edwardson, Blue Hill Public Library Youth Services Librarian
Location: Grafton

A couple of librarians in Kentucky had an idea. Their idea was that kids are good, and they want to help, they just don’t always know how. "52 Weeks of Giving" was created to give kids the opportunity to perform acts of kindness right in their own hometown. By offering projects that help people at the local, national, and international level, kids learn that it doesn’t matter how big or small your town is, how old you are, or what resources are available to you - every single person can make a difference.

Anyone can code!
Janet McKenney, Maine State Library Director of Library Development; Christina Dorman, MSL STEM Librarian
Location: Moonstruck

But I don't know how to code! Join Chris and Janet as we prove to you that ANYONE can code. It will be a brief introduction to the site code.org and then you can code your first program. Some laptops will be provided, BYOD is encouraged.

How do you find diverse children’s titles? Sharing a new resource and the development of a common language to enhance the identification and utilization of relevant content for librarians and patrons.
Krista Aronson, PhD, Bates College Associate Professor of Psychology; Anne Sibley O'Brien, Writer-illustrator; Deborah Tomaras, Patten Free Library Head of Technical Services
Location: Riley/Ketchum

In this time of rapidly changing demographics and "We Need Diverse Books," it can be difficult to answer the call and find picture books representing the racial diversity of our children. Professor Krista Aronson, author-illustrator Anne Sibley O'Brien and librarian Deborah Tomaras will introduce a new tool to help -- The Picture Book Project: A Bates College Collection Portraying People of Color, which represents a curated, circulating collection of over 2,000 fiction and narrative non-fiction picture books (grades K-3) depicting human characters from underrepresented racial and cultural groups (non-licensed characters only), published in the United States between 2002 and 2015. Sharing lessons learned about book location from the development of this collection, they will share the systematic methodology for pinpointing titles featuring people of color they are developing and engage participants in a discussion about how we might develop a shared language to reflect the content of contemporary literature and the needs of our nation's children.

Meet the Bibliotecha Cloud Library -- The Maine Download Library’s New Platform Provider
Regan Dewey, Bibliotecha (formerly 3M Library Services) Business Development Manager
Location: Whittier

The News is OUT! Bibliotecha Cloud Library (formerly 3M Cloud Library) will be the new platform provider for the Maine InfoNet Download Library beginning March 1, 2017. Come see what this new platform looks like and how it works -- you’ll be sure to be impressed!

Portland Public Library’s Choose Civility Initiative
Sonya Durney, Portland Public Library Business and Government Team Leader; Kelley Blue, Portland Public Library Teen Librarian and Teen Team Leader; Brandie Burrows, Portland Public Library Reference Librarian, Health & Literacy Team Leader
Location: Simmons

Join three librarians from Portland Public Library to hear different perspectives on PPL’s Choose Civility (CC) Initiative. PPL has been hosting CC programs since 2012, when the launch of the program began as a result of a community grant. Last fall they hosted a packed auditorium (holds 200) for community discussions / forums on the opiate epidemic, on being Muslim in Maine and other topics that are face our community. A spin off was held in Teen called Snack Chats - where the speaker for the larger forum spends extra time speaking to a smaller group of teens. Choose Civility is an initiative that was created in Howard County Maryland - the director there is currently writing a book on the programming that has been created.

Story Time: Bringing Books to Life
Hope C Lewis, L.A.N.E.S., the NE Storytelling Organization Chair, Board of Directors
Location: River Room

Emotional intelligence is one of the very best predictors of a successful life, and your Story Times are the ideal place to help children build this critical skill. This program will look at how to enhance EI with storytelling, neural coupling and planned sensory channeling. This participatory workshop will gently guide you through what you need to know. Bring a list of your three favorite books to read aloud to little ones, and let’s have some fun.
**Monday, November 14: 2-2:50 pm**

**Guerilla Storytime**
Samantha Cote, Winslow Public Library Youth Services and Technology Librarian  
*Location: Simmonds*

Guerilla Storytime is all about collaborative sharing. We'll be doing a show and tell of some of our favorite Storytime songs and activities, favorite books, and also provide advice for tricky Storytime situations. Feel free to come with questions for the group to tackle! This guerilla training method was created by Cory Eckert and pioneered in Guerilla Storytimes facilitated by the Storytime Underground.

**Libraries and Media**
Jeff Eastman, Merrill Memorial Library Media and Technology Librarian; Katie Hessler, Carver Memorial Library Director; Sabrina Shankman, Journalist  
*Location: Grafton*

This program looks at the overlapping principles of and issues facing library and journalism fields. Both are charged with upholding freedom and democracy by providing the public with credible information, and both have undergone transformation from 20th century models to 21st century models in the last two decades, particularly in how technology now mediates many users' interaction with them. We will talk about some recent media stories that affect librarians and why librarians should pay attention.

**Maine State Library Technology Circus**
Maine State Library Staff, Maine State Library  
*Location: River Room*

The Maine State Library proudly returns to present its Technology Circus! Join us to see technology trends such SLA 3d printing, robotics, and more! We will also talk about our own makerspace, the UP (Unlimited Possibilities) Room and answer questions about STEM programming.

**Managing Archival Collections: Let's Talk About It!**
Abraham A. Schechter, Portland Public Library Special Collections Librarian & Archivist  
*Location: Whitter*

Getting together to discuss library special collections and archives gives us an opportunity to address your questions and compare note. That's the idea. We'll begin with a basic orientation about archives, managing manuscript and rare collections, and conservation. Examples drawn from 17 years of professional archival field work and library programming will help provide some real-world context, and will lead to your queries.

**Read ME**
Alison Maxell, Maine State Library Director of Public and Outreach Services, Research & Innovation; Nicole Rancourt, Maine Humanities Council Program Officer  
*Location: Moonstruck*

Join Alison and Nicole to learn about this new and exciting initiative designed to highlight Maine authors, support Maine's libraries, and build community. Coming to YOU summer 2017!

**Maker Fair Panel**
Pam Jenkins, Curtis Memorial Library Youth Services Manager and Assistant Director; Sarah Brown, Curtis Memorial Library Adult Services Manager; Darcy Coffta, Berwick Academy US Librarian/Innovation Director; Sharon Kelly, Berwick Public Library Director; Megan Blakemore, South Portland School Department Library Information Integrator  
*Location: Riley/Ketchum*

Innovation Celebration, Maker Fair, How-To Festival. Representatives from four libraries – two public and two school – will share their versions of a Maker event, providing tips, information and inspiration through slide shows and Q and A.

Whether your focus is technology awareness and learning, showcasing collaborative student projects, promoting local artisans, or practical hands-on skill-building and fun, a library Maker event can build community in unique and exciting ways!

**Monday, November 14: 3:30-4:20 pm**

**Get Ready for MILS!**
Lynn Uhlman, Maine InfoNet Systems Training and Support Librarian; Deborah A. Clark, Maine State Library Library Management Specialist  
*Location: Grafton*

Find out what you need to know to decide if joining the MILS consortium is right for your library. (MILS is like MINERVA for smaller libraries.) You'll learn how to prepare for a smooth transition into a statewide lending system. Lynn Uhlman from Maine Infonet and Deborah Clark from the Maine State Library will show you how to: Explain the benefits of joining MLS to your board and community; Budget for the transition; Weed and prepare the collection; Clean-up and prepare patron and item records; Come see if MILS is right for your library.

**Intellectual Freedom in Libraries and What We Can Do to Protect, Preserve, and Promote It**
Jim Campbell,  
*Location: Moonstruck*

Done a privacy audit in your library recently? If not, it might be time. As the world changes around us, and as libraries become more and more enmeshed with vendors and outside digital resources, one thing remains core to the role of libraries: Intellectual Freedom. Some have recently argued that Intellectual Freedom and Intellectual Privacy are the defining hallmark of libraries today, and the characteristic that libraries should build their "brand" around. To do that, we need to be sure that we maximize Intellectual Freedom and Intellectual Privacy for our patrons, and today that is more challenging than it may at first appear. Here's why.
Graphic Novels in Maine Libraries
Marcela Peres, Lewiston Public Library Adult Services Librarian; Jill O'Connor, North Yarmouth Academy pre-K to Grade 12 librarian; Jennifer Lewis, children's librarian
Location: Whittier
Join us to discuss graphic novel collection development and programming. Marcela Peres will present the results of her statewide survey and the next steps taken as a result, followed by a Q&A with knowledgeable librarians on a variety of graphic novel topics! Beginners and experienced librarians all welcome!

Creating Engaging Book Displays: Increase Circulation at your Library
Sabine McAlpine, Thorndike Press, Strategic Account Manager and Lisa Marie Joyce, Thorndike Press, Acquisitions Editor
Location: Riley/Ketchum
During this 45 minute session, participants will be provided with insights and tools that will help you transform your stacks in to vibrant discovery centers that engage readers and drive circulation. Book displays are a fantastic way to highlight underused collections, increase circulation, and encourage discovery at your library. Lisa M. Joyce, Acquisitions Editor & Outreach Librarian for South Portland Public Library and Sabine McAlpine, Strategic Account Manager for Thorndike Press, will show you how to create easy and inexpensive book displays that will have your readers asking for more.

Maine State Library Services Update
Janet McKenney, Maine State Library Director of Library Development
Location: River Room
Join Janet McKenney and the Library Development team from the Maine State Library to learn about the new service model, new regional configurations and our vision of providing more targeted and measurable consulting services using specialties versus regional models. Learn who your region’s MSL Staff Liaison will be and hear from the team about their areas of expertise and how the MSL Library Development division can fulfill our mission to “Make Maine Libraries Stronger”.

STEM on a Shoestring
Meredith Lamothe, The Children's Museum of New Hampshire Early Childhood and Literacy Coordinator
Location: Simmonds
Come enjoy a hands-on, interactive workshop on how to incorporate simple STEM activities into your libraries--on a shoestring budget. We’ll experiment with electricity, flight, easy building & engineering and more. This workshop will involve lots of exploring, playing and collaboration--come create and learn!
Tuesday, November 15: 1-1:50 pm

Online Medical Information - Finding your way
Christine Fleuriel, VA Maine Healthcare System Librarian
Location: Whittier
I will present various sources for librarians and consumers to find valid medical information online, and a brief discussion of the pitfalls of some of the commonly used sources.

Continuing Education in Maine
Stephanie Zurinski, Maine State Library Continuing Education Coordinator; Mark Blythe, Hubbard Free Library Director; Ruth Axtell Mapleton, Winter Harbor Public Library Director; Pamela Bonney, Winslow Public Library Director
Location: Simmonds
With the library field changing so rapidly and limited time and budgets, how is library staff supposed to keep up with what's new? This session will provide an overview of the options available to Maine library staff. You will also hear from a panel of librarians on their experience with Maine’s Voluntary Certification Program.

Backpack Panel
Danielle Fortin, Lewiston Public Library Teen & Adult Services Technician; Jerri Blatt, Portland Public Library Children’s Librarian/Children’s Team Leader; Candis Joyce, Swan’s Island Educational Society Executive Director; Katie Hessler, Carver Memorial Library Director
Location: Riley/Ketchum
Panel describing the process of creating subject based family backpacks for circulation - selecting contents, cataloging, loan management & funding. For example: Themed backpacks were introduced to Carver Memorial Library’s collection in May 2015. Well-received by our patrons, we now have nine in circulation. We are a small library, but thanks to volunteer time and fundraising, we’ve been able to provide what has been a popular addition to our collection. STEM tools are expensive. Their cost and availability conspires to keep them out of the hands of struggling patrons and their families. With this in mind, Adult & Teen Services at LPL set out to make STEM tools and resources accessible to all of our patrons. We created STEM kits- full of books, movies, and activities that teens and their families can check out and explore at home. Kits include Geocaching, Squishy Circuits, Solar Power, and more.

IT Support For Libraries
Tom Corbett, Scarborough Public Library Systems Librarian; Bryce Cundick, University of Maine, Farmington Manager of Instructional and Research Services
Location: Moonstruck
Library IT staff from both a public and academic library share helpful tips for librarians.

Tell Real Stories about Real People Who Use Your Library
Jane E Haskell, UMaine Extension; George W Morse, U Maine Extension; Nancy Crowell, Scarborough Library; Emily Read; Andi Jackson-Darling, Falmouth Library; Erin Bishop Cardigan
Location: River Room
Four librarians and five volunteers from Scarborough and Falmouth, participated in an online UMaine Extension Learning Circles and developed 14 stories about real people who benefited from their libraries’ programs and services. In addition to ‘sharing what our library offers’ and ‘collecting numbers’ they grappled with how to translate ‘why our patrons love us’ into clear descriptions of the value the library provides to their patrons and all community members, even those who do not use the library. Hear good stories about real people by the library stakeholders who wrote them. Other participants will tell how their libraries are benefiting from this means of communicating. You will use the Jamie LaRue method of developing one story for your library.
**#Critlib In Maine: Fostering the Local Discussion**
Christina Bell, Bates College Humanities Librarian; Beth Hoppe, Bowdoin College Social Sciences Research & Instruction Librarian; Marisa Méndez-Brady, University of Maine Science Reference Librarian  
**Location: Grafton**
Critlib is short for critical librarianship, or the integration of critical theory into librarianship. The basis of critlib is the premise that libraries are not neutral spaces, and that to work towards the goal of access and inclusion, librarians should reflect on the aspects of librarianship that have been historically rooted in white male supremacy. This group of panelists came together of this shared goal, and the desire to foster critlib discussions in Maine through an intersectional feminist approach to their communication, collaboration, and practice, including racial justice, queerness, and socioeconomic diversity. In their discussion, these librarians saw a need to provide a space to facilitate a critlib discussion amongst librarians at the local level. With that aim in mind, these librarians organized a day-long conference held at Bates College, where academic librarians across the state came together to discuss the value of challenging dominant narratives in instruction, reference, cataloging, and collections management within the contexts of our communities. The panelists will be sharing what they learned through the unconference, as well as outlining ways that librarians at all institutions in Maine can become involved in national critlib dialogues, and integrate social justice into their everyday work.

**Tuesday, November 15: 2-2:50 pm**

**Design on a Dime: Creating Effective Presentations**
Marisa Méndez-Brady, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine Science Reference Librarian  
**Location: Riley/Ketchum**
This two session workshop will focus on basic no-fail rules for presenting information. The first session will consider how to effectively convey information visually, using design thinking principles. Specifically, how does the eye perceive information so that we get capture attention? How do we design for different types of information? How can we evoke emotion to leverage impact? The second session will be a hands-on workshop. Participants will create their own visual displays based on the design principles introduced in the first session. Attendance at the first session is strongly recommended for participating in the second session. Electronic devices are helpful, but not required. By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to design and present effective slideshow.

**Choosing Diversity in Library Collections Serving Youth**
Vicky Smith, Kirkus Reviews Children’s & teen editor  
**Location: River Room**
As the United States closes in on being majority brown and sees the emergence of vocal and vibrant minority identities, it has become incumbent on libraries to ensure that their collections reflect this diversity on their shelves. Participants will come away with a greater understanding of resources available to assist in this effort and some strategies for connecting diverse materials with the young people they serve.

**Serving Minecraft at the library**
Tom Corbett, Scarborough Public Library Systems Librarian  
**Location: Simmonds**
The Scarborough Public Library has been working with a group of teen developers to set up a library-based Minecraft server for the Scarborough community. Our goal has been to provide a safe, well-managed, community-centered Minecraft server that prioritizes creative and educational usage over combative play. This program will review our successes and failures and describe how your community may be able to join ours in a statewide Minecraft endeavor.

**PCs for MAINE - Bridging the Gap of Digital Literacy**
Victoria Kolton, Information Technology Exchange/PCs for MAINE Instructional Systems Designer & Technician  
**Location: Moonstruck**
ITE, through the PCs for MAINE project, offers libraries Public Access Computers and Administrative (Staff) Computers. These machines were designed with the intent of providing efficient, empowering tools at reasonably low costs. They are made with the thought of community needs and tight budgets kept in mind. Through the tenets of Digital Literacy, ITE continues to push forward bridging the gap of technology access. This doesn’t just include providing equipment- ITE has also developed educational programs and technology support services. This presentation will reinforce the foundation of digital literacy and the 21st century divide while also illustrating just how ITE can prove to be a partner to libraries and residents of Maine.

**Serving up Exemplary Customer Service: Pro-tips from a Former Bartender and a Former Barista**
Sonya Dumey, Portland Public Library Business and Government Team Leader; Brandie Burrows, Portland Public Library Reference Librarian  
**Location: Whittier**
Most of our resumes include a phrase something along the lines of “provides excellent customer service.” What does this really mean? Learn - from two librarians who spent years in the hospitality field - some tricks of the trade on providing truly exceptional customer service. Is the customer always right? Join us to find out.

**Success through Collaboration: Using Bee-Bots to extend STEM Programming**
Julie Williams, Sanford School Department Library Media Specialist; Sheila Dube, Springvale Public Library Youth Services Librarian  
**Location: Grafton**
Come hear how the Springvale Public Library and Willard School Library have partnered to create a successful coding club at the public library. Julie and Sheila will talk about how they came up with the idea, where they started, what they are currently doing, and plans for the future. If you are interested in public and school library partnerships or are interested in implementing a beginning coding in your library then this presentation is for you.

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**College & Career Readiness for Middle Schoolers**
Jessica Snow, Young Adult Library Services Association Board Member At-Large  
*Location: Simmonds*

Studies have shown that high school is too late to connect with teens and their families to help them plan for college and careers, especially for youth from low-income families. Libraries are well-positioned to help middle schoolers explore career options and think about what kind of schooling careers will require. This session will provide an overview of basic college and career services that libraries can adapt for their own communities.

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**Promoting Your Library Without Resources or Ideas**
Brad Beauregard, Fogler Library, UMaine Public Relations Manager  
*Location: Whittier*

This presentation will look at the big picture of promoting library services and events, even if you don’t have experience in marketing and have no idea where to start. With a focus on content marketing and social media, the discussion will address myths, obstacles, and best practices to consider when promoting your library, whether you’re planning a year-long campaign or a single blog post. Finally, the presentation will provide strategies for generating ideas, creating materials, and executing marketing campaigns with limited resources.

**YA Smackdown**
Kelley Blue, Portland Public Library Teen Library & Teen Team Leader; Samantha Cote, Winslow Public Library Youth Services/Technology Librarian; Cynthia Riley, Norway Public Library Teen Services Coordinator  
*Location: Moonstruck*

YA Smackdown is a grassroots meet-up invented by Teen Services Underground as an idea generation tool for anyone providing library services to teens. Participants pass a cup, hat or receptacle of some sort, and pull out different challenges related to teen services. It is fun, informal, and a clear ripoff/not at all reminiscent of the fantastic Guerrilla Storytime. This special MSL YA Smackdown will be facilitated by three seasoned youth services librarians from diverse backgrounds with a passion for working with teenagers.

**David Lankes Leadership Session Meet Up**
David Lankes  
*Location: River Room*

Have you taken part in ILEAD, MLLI, or similar programs? Our keynote speaker would like to meet with you, (and you’d no doubt like to meet with him!)

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**Easy, Breezy, Beautiful(ish): Using LibGuides in Public Service Projects**
Jennifer Bonnet, University of Maine Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian  
*Location: Grafton*

LibGuides is an easy-to-use tool for curating and sharing information in an online format, from collections to directions to services and instruction. This workshop will present a range of possibilities for using LibGuides in public service contexts. There will be plenty of time for discussion and the sharing of ideas.
Mission (Im)possible: 19,000 Videoport DVDs find a home at Portland Public Library
Julie Wilcox, Portland Public Library Technical Services Manager; Gabrielle Daniello, Portland Public Library Cataloging Librarian
In July 2015, Portland Public Library was presented with a collection of 19,000 DVDs, the result of the closing of Videoport, a local video store. The library’s “Videoport collection” has proved to be wildly popular with patrons and is an example of how a large-scale, high-profile donation can be successfully accessioned. One year into the project, we have made more than 8,000 DVDs accessible to our patrons. We continue to add to this number through a combination of traditional cataloging and a home-grown system that involves batch loading short records, as well as a process of “cataloging on demand.”

Techspresso
Nissa Flanagan, Merrill Memorial Library Systems & Technical Services Librarian; Jeff Eastman, Merrill Memorial Library Media & Technology Librarian
We have been offering weekly drop-in, unstructured tech help sessions (with free coffee) for two years. It’s been incredibly popular, and has allowed us yet another way to have great relationships with our patrons. Two librarians give one-on-one assistance going around a big table, first come, first served. Patrons may ask US ANYTHING about their devices - people have brought us phones, tablets, laptops, and even a printer. Attendees sometimes stay for only their answer but more often wait to hear all the questions and answers - sessions are not private and are often of interest to others waiting. We work through many problems side-by-side with patrons. We’d love to share what we’ve learned!

Found or Not Found – Inventory the Easy Way
Lynn Uhlman, Maine InfoNet Systems Training and Support Librarian
Utilizing the Count Use function in Sierra to inventory the library collection is much more user friendly than the default inventory method. This procedure outlines how staff can easily identify whether an item was found or not found. Once completed, staff can use the inventory data to create reports, update records, and make decisions regarding the collection.

Growing A Tech Help Program with Volunteers and Staff: A Case Study
Kate Pickup-McMullin, Southwest Harbor Public Library Assistant Director
Over the past 3 years, we have developed a Tech Help Program using volunteers serving patrons, staff, and program presenters. We now offer weekly tech help ranging from one-on-one to group sessions that cover basic troubleshooting for PC/Apple laptops and devices, smart phones and tablets. Sessions also include assistance with the Maine Infonet Download Library and training on library AV equipment. This presentation will include images and descriptions of the steps and mis-steps made along the way.

TinyKittens in the Library
Kate Johnston, Naples Public Library Children’s Librarian
Who doesn’t love a cute cat video? TinyKittens is a rescue organization based in Langley, BC. They foster and socialize both stray and feral cats and kittens for adoption into loving homes. Through the use of social media, and a livestreaming video site, they spread the word globally about the importance of compassion and responsible pet ownership. We at the Naples Public Library have been featuring their videos for over a year now. They have sparked numerous discussions and programs about responsible pet ownership, internet/social media safety, community outreach, and volunteerism. Raising awareness has raised curiosity. Once people know organizations like this exist, they start asking questions about local ways to get involved. What better place to get their questions answered, than at their library?

Treasures from the Library Attic
Kate Cutko, Bowdoinham Public Library Library Director
Bowdoinham Public Library has found a way to spin straw into gold by “repurposing” or “upcycling” some of its discarded and damaged books, as well as its library ephemera. Together with a band of volunteer, Kate has run a successful fundraiser for her library and created works of art along the way. She will share examples of the products in hopes of inspiring others to try a similar program.

Book Buzz: Fiction Titles for Winter/Spring
Lisa Marie Joyce, Thorndike Press Acquisitions Editor
Join Lisa Marie Joyce and Mary Smith from Thorndike Press to learn about the buzz fiction titles for this Winter and Spring to help enhance your library’s collection. They’ll also discuss publishing trends for 2017.

Maine’s Business, Science and Technology Library: MBSTL
Grace Liu, University of Maine Business Reference Librarian; Marisa Méndez-Brady, University of Maine Science Reference Librarian; Nancy R. Curtis, University of Maine Science Reference Librarian; Nancy M. Lewis, University of Maine Head, Reference Services
Fogler Library, at the University of Maine, is legally designated as the State Research Library for Business, Science, and Technology. We are presenting a new virtual library, Maine Science, Business and Technology Library (MBSTL), supporting entrepreneurship, small business, science, and technology statewide. We hope that MBSTL will become an accessible resource for business owners and researchers throughout the state.

PechaKucha for Libraries
Brad Beauregard, Fogler Library Public Relations Manager; Jen Bonnet, Fogler Library Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian; Marisa Méndez-Brady, Fogler Library Science Reference Librarian
This poster presentation will feature some of the many ways libraries can use PechaKucha style presentations (20 images rolling for 20 seconds each) to engage their communities. The presenters will be available to answer questions about how to prepare a presentation, how to select topics, and how the format can benefit your library.

Giving Voice to History
Keith Ludden, Oral History and Folklife Research Director
OHFR will highlight its work gathering oral histories in communities and families, explaining its projects celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act and exploring the immigrant experience in Maine. We will be highlighting the role libraries can play in gathering and preserving local history.

Book Buzz-Book Discussion Titles
Lisa Marie Joyce, Thorndike Press Acquisitions Editor
Join Lisa Mary Joyce and Mary Smith from Thorndike Press to learn about the buzz book discussion titles for this Winter and Spring to help enhance your library’s collection. They’ll also discuss publishing trends for 2017.

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Presenter Directory

Krista Aronson, PhD
Bates College: Associate Professor of Psychology
Professor Aronson is broadly interested in how people come to understand complex social constructs like race and how this understanding influences interpersonal interaction and psychological well-being. Her research focuses on intercultural relations, acculturation and identity development. She is a co-founder and the director of the Picture Book Project.

Brad Beauregard
Fogler Library, UMaine: Public Relations Manager
Brad Beauregard is the Public Relations Manager for Fogler Library and a graduate of the University of Maine. Prior to joining the Fogler staff, he worked as an account manager at a marketing agency and as a content writer at Thomas College. He has also taught writing at UMaine, Husson University, and Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth.

Christina Bell
Bates College: Humanities Librarian
Christina Bell (MA, MLS) is the Humanities Librarian at Bates College, where she performs traditional liaison duties related to reference, instruction, and collection management. She co-chairs the Bates Digital Campus working group and supports digital scholarship and pedagogy in the humanities. Her research interests focus on critical pedagogy and instruction, feminism and gender studies, digital humanities, and the intersections of these topics within librarianship.

Megan Blakemore
South Portland School Department: Library Information Integrator
Megan Blakemore is a school librarian with experience from grades K-12 in several schools in Maine and New England. She believes that schools should encourage students to create, innovate, and explore. Most recently, she is an elementary school librarian in South Portland where she is helping to develop a maker space and maker ed programming. You can visit her online at www.meganfrazerblakemore.com or follow her on Twitter @meganbfrazer.

Jerri Blatt
Portland Public Library: Children's Librarian/Children's Team Leader
Jerri Blatt is the Children's Librarian and Children's Team Leader at the Portland Public Library. She worked collaboratively with PPL's Science & Technology Team to create 6 different science backpacks for family use which have been in circulation since June 2016. Jerri has worked at PPL for over 20 years and one of her great interests is in creating partnerships between the library and the many local organizations that work with children and families. This summer she organized a citywide Summer Reading Program with the Portland Public Schools.
Kelley Blue
Portland Public Library: Teen Librarian and Teen Team Leader
Kelley Blue is the Portland Teen Librarian and Teen Team Leader at Portland Public Library, Portland, Maine. Her expertise is in library services to teenagers and materials for middle and high school readers. This past year, she successfully lead and executed an initiative to bring the Maine Comic Arts Festival (MeCAF) to PPL, allowing this popular annual event to be free for the public to attend for the first time. This spring, the Teen Team mounted its first collaborative community art exhibit, The Full Spectrum, with local youth advocacy organization Faces for Equality, and looks forward to their next exhibit featuring work from The Telling Room & Deering High School. Kelley enjoys working with her colleagues at PPL, bringing a teen perspective to such large-scale projects as Choose Civility and Makers@PPL. She holds an MLS from the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, and a BA from Nazareth College of Rochester. She is enjoying her new life in Maine, especially the outdoor parts, and spends her down-time reading massive piles of teen fiction.

Mark Blythe
Hubbard Free Library: Director
Mark’s first career was as a science and technology teacher. He also coached varsity baseball and was the varsity boys soccer and varsity boys baseball for thirty-five years. He spent the last three years of his teaching career as the athletic director for thirteen varsity and sub varsity sports. After retiring, he and his wife sold their house in Connecticut and moved to a house on Pleasant Pond in Litchfield Maine. He started his library career as the program coordinator at the Hubbard Free Library in Hallowell and now he is the Director there.

Jennifer Bonnet
University of Maine: Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian
Jennifer Bonnet is a Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian in the reference services department at the University of Maine’s Fogler Library.

Pamela Bonney
Winslow Public Library: Director
Pam Bonney is the library director at Winslow Public Library. Pam spent most of her professional career as a library media specialist, but more recently is a very happy career change four years ago when she began her current position. She was the chair of the Central Maine Library District Executive Board for the past three years and has been a Member-at-large on the MLA Executive Council for the past two years.

Sarah Brown
Curtis Memorial Library: Adult Services Manager
Sarah Brown is the Adult Services Manager at the Curtis Memorial Library in Damariscotta, ME. She is a 2012 graduate of the University of Maine with a Master's in Library Science. Sarah’s professional interests include customer service, wayfinding, and the user experience; lifecycle librarian; ship and translibrary; and community engagement and adult services.

Brandie Burrows
Portland Public Library: Reference Librarian, Health & Literacy Team Leader
Brandie Burrows is a reference librarian and leads the Health & Literacy team at Portland Public Library. She is passionate about helping others overcome cultural, economic and academic barriers to literacy. She has provided a variety of health programs aimed at educating the community on wellness issues and partnered with UNE to bring a community health career fair in October. She is also active in library associations, co-leads a non-fiction book club, and is co-chair of the Pride group, which she helped initiate.

Brandie has a passion for international volunteerism. While in the Peace Corps, she worked as a volunteer as an international volunteer and worked with women’s group, local schools, Doctors Without Borders, and on other projects. She has worked with Librarians Without Borders in Guatemala since 2013 as a project manager and library volunteer. Brandie received her bachelor’s degree from The University of Arizona and her master’s degree in library science from Simmons College. She has lived in Maine for the past 11 years and definitely prefers Maine’s summers to those in Arizona.

Erin Bishop Cadigan
Falmouth Memorial Library: Volunteer
Erin Bishop Cadigan was the Maine Museum and Archives Director (2012-2016) and has been a Falmouth Memorial Library volunteer and participant in the UMaine Extension 2016 Learning Circles for Public Libraries. Maura DeNoia and Erin found the true story on “Libraries and Seaweed,” which is a good example of the message that “Libraries mean Maine.

Jim Campbell
As Chair of MLA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, Jim Campbell puzzles over the problem of how we can still have at least some personal privacy, which is essential for Intellectual Freedom, in a world in which personal information is a valuable economic commodity. This is one of “life’s persistent questions” in the digital world we live in today (with apologies to Guy Noir). He doesn’t have an answer yet but is sure that libraries have a lot to contribute to whatever answer finally emerges.

Jim Campbell has a long-standing interest in following the development of copyright law in the US as a producer involved in broadcast media, as a supporter of libraries, and through academic research. He serves as the Chair of MLA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, as MLA’s representative to the Maine Freedom of Information Coalition, and as producer of the weekly program “Notes from the Electronic Cottage” on WERU Radio.

Deborah A. Clark
Maine State Library: Library Management Specialist
Deborah Clark has worked at the Maine State Library for 3 years as a district consultant and strategic planning specialist. Previously Deb served as a hospital librarian providing information services for clinicians and health education outreach to the general public. She began her library career in school libraries in the mid 1980’s where she instituted her library’s first automated circulation system.

Darcy Coffta
Berwick Academy: US Librarian/Innovation Director
Darcy Coffta is Director of Innovation and Upper School librarian at Berwick Academy, a PK-12 independent day school in South Berwick, Maine. Under Darcy’s direction Berwick’s Innovation program received a 2013 Follett Challenge Award and was featured as a “School That Shines” by local NBC news affiliate WCSH6. Darcy has guided hundreds of students through the Innovation Pursuit process, which includes brainstorming ideas, mentor-pairing, program design and project management, as well as connecting with industry experts and public demonstration. Darcy’s recent conference presentations include ISTE 2014, the 2014 Reidy Interactive Lecture Series, and Connected Librarians 2014. Berwick Innovation presented at the NAIS national conference in Boston, Scientists in Austin, at the Peabody Essex Museum of Salem in 2015 and with OESIS in Los Angeles in February of 2016. Most recently, Darcy has embarked on developing a remote pilot program that will include elements of the Innovation Pursuit framework bundled with components of college counseling available to students all over the country.

Ellen Conway
Maine InfoNet: Cataloging Specialist
Ellen is a native of upstate New York, and graduated from Skidmore College and the University of Michigan School of Library Science (now known as UM School of Information). Ellen has worked at the Falmouth Memorial Library since 1999, where she is Assistant Director and manage all the cataloging and adult collection development. Ellen has also worked part-time for Maine InfoNet as a cataloging specialist since late 2006, dealing mainly with Minervia libraries. Ellen didn’t start out to be a cataloger, but her career has evolved in that direction. Ellen lives in Falmouth with her husband and they have 2 adult sons.

Tom Corbett
Scarborough Public Library: Systems Librarian
Tom is a professional librarian (MLS from the University of Missouri) with mostly self-taught IT skills that include Linux/Windows systems administration and WAN/LAN/Desktop management. He’s mostly worked in the public library world, with a short stints in school libraries and library networks, with titles including Librarian, Systems Administrator, and Library Director. As the Systems Librarian at the Scarborough Public Library, Tom seeks out effective and efficient methods to use technology to further the public library’s mission as an educational resource.

Samantha Cote
Winslow Public Library: Youth Services and Technology Librarian
Samantha Cote is the youth services and technology librarian at the Winslow Public Library in Winslow, Maine. Currently she is the treasurer for the Maine Student Book Award, editor of the MLA to Z newsletter for the Maine Library Association, and Maine’s liaison for Storytime Underground and Take Your Child to the Library Day. Previously she has worked at public libraries in Tenants Harbor, Biddeford, and Gorham.

Nancy Crowell
Winslow Public Library: Youth Services Librarian
Nancy Crowell has a long-standing interest in library networks, with titles including Librarian, Systems Administrator, and Library Director. As longtime director of the Scarborough Public Library, Nancy is embedded in the local community to promote the Library’s services and to be positioned to respond to the community’s interests and needs. Nancy was one of five members of the Scarborough Learning Circles project team.

Bryce Cundick
University of Maine, Farmington: Manager of Instructional and Research Services
Bryce Cundick is the current president of the Maine Library Association. He works at the University of Maine at Farmington as the Manager of Instructional and Research Services. In his spare time, he writes young adult fantasy under the pen name Bryce Moore.

Nancy R. Curtis
University of Maine: Science Reference Librarian
Nancy Curtis is a Science Reference Librarian at Fogler Library. She assists library patrons with queries in the areas of Communication Sciences & Disorders, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Molecular & Biomedical Sciences, and Nursing.
Kate Cutko
Bowdoinham Public Library: Library Director
Kate wears many hats in addition to being the director of her small town’s library. She holds a Masters in Social Work and continues to work in the field of adoption. She is a lifelong crafter and teaches and sells all sorts of crafts around midcoast Maine.

Gabrielle Daniello
Portland Public Library: Cataloging Librarian
Gabrielle Daniello is the Cataloging Librarian at Portland Public Library, and was once a loyal Videopost customer.

Regan Dewey
Bibliotheca (form. 3M Library Services): Business Development Manager
Regan is the current Business Development Manager (CloudLibrary) at Bibliotheca. She was previously a Regional Sales Manager for 3M Cloud Library Services prior to Bibliotheca's purchase of 3M's Library Services Division.

Christina Dorman
Maine State Library: STEM Librarian
Sheila Dube
Springvale Public Library: Youth Services Librarian
Sheila Dube worked as a licensed clinical social worker for 12 years. She was enticed into the library world in 1998 and has been the youth services librarian at Springvale Public Library since 2003. She is a firm believer in the joy of play, personal stories and a good laugh. In her free time, she bakes irresistible goodies, gardens, and sings in the shower.

Sonya Durney
Portland Public Library: Business and Government Team Leader
Sonya is the Business and Government Team Leader at Portland Public Library. She covers all things library in the areas of entrepreneurship, government documents, politics, finance, law and career resources. Since starting at PPL she helped organize Portland’s first Startup Weekend, is on the executive board for Maine Startup and Create Week a fourth year running, partnered to create a USCIS Immigration Corner at PPL, led the launch of PPL’s Choose Civility Initiative, assists the PPL team organizing Makers@PPL in addition to the day to day tasks of a reference librarian.

Sonya holds her MLIS from Simmons College and a BA in Political Science from Framingham State University. In 2014, she completed the Maine State Library Leadership Program. In 2015, she was chosen to take part in ILEAD USA. She is an editor for ALA’s Documents to the People, a co-convener of ALA’s Entrepreneurship and Makers Spaces MIG and was the employment chair for the Special Library Association New England Chapter from 2012 to 2016.

Jeff Eastman
Merrill Memorial Library: Media and Technology Librarian
Jeff has worked at the public library in Yarmouth for a year. He has worked at several small museums and libraries in Portland since going through the American and New England Studies MA program at USM, and at several larger organizations in Washington, DC, since going through an MLS program at the University of Maryland.

Libby Edwardson
Blue Hill Public Library: Youth Services Librarian
Libby is the Youth Services Librarian for Blue Hill Public Library. She co-founded "52 Weeks of Giving" while working as a Bookmobile & Outreach Librarian in Kentucky. "52 Weeks of Giving" was featured on Good Morning America, won the Disney "Hometown Heroes" contest, and was chosen by Tom’s of Maine to represent the state of Kentucky in "50 States for Good" contest. Libby is the mom of 6 daughters, loves YA dystopian novels, and feels super lucky to now call Maine home.

Nissa Flanagan
Merrill Memorial Library: Systems & Technical Services Librarian
Nissa Flanagan received her MLIS from Simmons College in 2007, and has been working her dream job ever since. She is the Past President of the Maine Library Association, mother of two, and an avid knitter.

Christine Fleuriel
VA Maine Healthcare System: Librarian
Chris is currently the librarian the VA Maine Healthcare System, aka Togus, a position she has held since 2011. Previously she was the library director at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for twenty years.

Danielle Fortin
Lewiston Public Library: Teen & Adult Services Technician
Danielle has been working in various libraries for the past 20 years. She found her way up to Lewiston in 2014 and hasn't looked back. When she isn't at the library, catering to her cats, or plotting to rule the universe, she skates with Maine Roller Derby in Portland. Her first bout should be in December at Happy Wheels, you should come.

Jane E Haskell
University of Maine Extension: Extension Professor
Jane’s experience in helping communities increase their vitality spans 25 years. She has trained hundreds of citizens to be more effective community facilitators using an award-winning, internationally-used curriculum she co-authored. Jane’s recent online, public value education programs help non-profits identify and practice methods to tell how their organizations benefit users and, as importantly, those who do not use their service, thereby increasing community vitality.

Katie Hessler
Carver Memorial Library: Director
Katie is a Maine native and a library newcomer. After graduating from Pratt Institute’s School of Information and Library Science she landed at Carver Memorial Library in Searsport, inheriting a robust collection including the nascent backpack program. It has since grown with the invaluable help of a volunteer who helped initiate the project.

Beth Hoppe
Bowdoin College: Social Sciences Research & Instruction Librarian
Beth Hoppe is the Social Sciences Research & Instruction Librarian at Bowdoin College where she serves as a liaison to the Sociology and Anthropology, Psychology, and Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies departments. After receiving her MLIS at Simmons College she worked as an instruction librarian at Whitman College in Walla Walla WA and at Union College in Schenectady NY. Her research interests include feminist pedagogy, critical librarianship, student-centered learning, and reflective teaching.

Andi Jackson-Darling
Falmouth Memorial Library: Director
Andi Jackson-Darling and Jeanne Madden, Programming and Communications Librarian, were joined by volunteers Erin Cadigan and two trustees, Maura DeNoia and Bryce Hach. Andi will describe how she is already using the stories in her capital campaign for building a new library.

Nichole Jamison
Maine Dept. of Labor: Regional Director - Northern Maine
Nichole Jamison is a native of Washington County and works with the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services. She graduated from the University of Maine at Orono with a B.A. in Public Administration, and then began her career with the Maine Department of Labor. She is currently the CareerCenter Regional Director for Northern Maine. Throughout her 20+ years with MDOL she has administered employment and training programs to special populations including youth, dislocated workers, low income individuals, individuals with disabilities, offenders, and career changers. She has assisted in the development and implementation of many workforce development projects in the region and has extensive training and experience in career development, organizational change, training and development, and service design. Nichole is a member of the University of Maine at Machias Board of Visitors, the Sunrise County Economic Council Board of Directors, and the Community Caring Collaborative.

Pam Jenkins
Curtis Memorial Library: Youth Services Manager and Assistant Director
A former elementary teacher now happily ensconced in the evolving world of public librarianship, Pam is a founding member of Curtis Library’s How-To Festival and Block Party team. She and colleague Sarah Brown have helped organize the annual event for the past three years.

Kate Johnston
Naples Public Library: Children's Librarian
Kate’s passion for books is only rivaled by her love of animals. She has been the Children's Librarian at the Naples Public Library since May 2012. Before that, she worked in the field of Special Education for a number of years and is excited to share her passion for literacy, education, and animals with the children and families she serves.

Candis Joyce
Swan's Island Educational Society: Executive Director
Candis Joyce is Executive Director of the Swan’s Island Educational...
Society. She oversees both library and historical collections at SIES. From July through October she also works as a sternman for a local lobsterman. Her latest interest is taking edX MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course) and is presently enrolled in Introduction to User Experience, part of a Micro Masters program offered by U Michigan. Candis spends her spare time with her two granddaughters McKayla, who is an artistic 11 year-old, and Izzy a very busy three year-old.

Lisa Marie Joyce
Thorndike Press: Acquisitions Editor
Lisa Marie Joyce has a MLIS from Simmons College and was the Outreach Librarian at Portland Public Library for 23 years and is the Outreach Librarian at South Portland Public Library. She lives in Portland with her family.

Sharon Kelly
Berwick Public Library: Director
As the Youth and Public Services Librarian for the York Public Library, I applied for, and received a Mini Grant offered by the SMLD for a public/school collaborative project. I had done a lot of reading and dreaming about Maker Fairs and decided that this was a great opportunity to try it! In the fall of 2015, I began working with the High School, Middle School and Elementary School librarians, to plan and implement this great community event! The collaborative efforts insured that our June 2016 Maker Fair at York Public Library had an excellent age appropriate technology presence for all grade levels, including the student involved robotics club! For the this grassroots project, I needed to look no further than our own community - pulling together artisans, crafters, and youth group innovators. No matter where your library is located, or how much you dreamed of doing a Maker event and thought it is too difficult, am here to tell you that it is not only possible, it gives your library and community the opportunity to shine!

Victoria Kolton
Information Technology Exchange/PCs for MAINE: Instructional Systems Designer & Technician
Victoria Kolton graduated from Messiah College in 2013 with a degree geared toward NonProfit Organization Management. Immediately entering Graduate school afterward, she directed her Master's work toward developing training programs for adults and professionals. With a passion for serving those in the armed forces, she found herself moving to Maine after earning her Master's expecting a government-related job. Life had other things in mind and she found a family in the NonProfit world.

Meredith Lamorte
The Children's Museum of New Hampshire: Early Childhood and Literacy Coordinator
Meredith is the Early Childhood and Literacy Coordinator at The Children's Museum of New Hampshire where she has been teaching STEM programming to a rage of ages (3.5-12) for several years. She feels passionately about incorporating STEM education into informal educational institutions. Meredith has her B.A. in Theatre from The University of Southern Maine and MLIS from Simmons College.

Hope C Lewis
L.A.N.E.S., the NE Storytelling Organization: Chair, Board of Directors
Hope Lewis is a performance storyteller from Seal Cove, Maine. She performs and leads workshops, programs and courses for libraries, senior colleges, festivals and schools. She enjoys elevating Story Times, bringing an interactive flair for all age groups.

Jennifer Lewis
Children's librarian
Jennifer Lewis is a part-time children's librarian, and a homeschooling mom. She is a huge proponent of graphic novels and loves recommending them to people. Her son is seven and they are his favorite type of book together. She is a huge proponent of graphic novels and loves recommending them to people. Her son is seven and they are his favorite type of book together. She dreams of doing a Maker event and thought it is too difficult, am here to tell you that it is not only possible, it gives your library and community the opportunity to shine!

Nancy M. Lewis
University of Maine: Head, Reference Services
Nancy Lewis is the Head of the Reference Services department at Fogler Library, and is currently serving as the librarian for Computer Science, Engineering, Forest Resources, and Mathematics.

Grace Liu
University of Maine: Business Reference Librarian
Grace Liu is the Business Reference Librarian at Fogler Library. She helps small businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurs with business related requests.

Keith Ludden
Oral History and Folklore Research: Director
Keith Ludden is the founder of Oral History and Folklore Research Inc, a nonprofit dedicated to collecting and supporting oral history, collecting the stories that tell us who we are. Ludden received his Master's degree in Intercultural and Folk Studies from Western Kentucky University, and conducted oral history and folklore fieldwork projects in Kansas, Indiana, Nebraska and Maine. Among his first projects was a series of radio programs spotlighting tradition bearers in Nebraska and Kansas. He served as the Traditional Arts Associate for the Maine Arts Commission. Ludden worked as a journalist for Nebraska Public Radio, where he produced a series of radio documentary modules on Latino culture, as part of the Nuestros Tesoros (Our Treasures) project. He also produced a documentary program for Nebraska Public Radio that celebrated the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, using oral history interviews. In Maine he conducted interviews among the workers who sustained Maine’s cannery industry. Oral History and Folklore Research's projects include "The ADA @ 25," which celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act; and "Immigrant Voices," which explores the immigrant experience in Maine.

Ruth Axtell Mapleton
Winter Harbor Public Library: Director
Ruth has recently been appointed library director at Winter Harbor Public Library. Before her career change, she was (and is) a multi-published and award-winning historical romance author (as Ruth Axtell). Her stories take place in Regency and Victorian England and late nineteenth century coastal Maine. Her second book Wild Rose was a Booklist "Top Ten Christian Fiction" selection, and several of her titles have been translated into Dutch, Italian, Polish, German and Afrikaans. Currently, Ruth lives in Winter Harbor on the Schoodic Peninsula with her husband and several cats. You can read more about her and her books at http://ruthaxtell.com.

Alison Maxell
Maine State Library: Director of Public and Outreach Services, Research & Innovation
As Director of Public Services and Outreach, Research & Innovation, Alison is responsible for the management of Public and Outreach Services provided by the Maine State Library. She works closely with the State Librarian, the Director of Library Development, and the Director of Collections and Digital Initiatives to provide library services of all kinds to state agencies, Maine libraries, and the public.

Sabine McAlpine
Thornndike Press: Strategic Account Manager
With over 19 years of experience working, speaking and collaborating with libraries across the nation Sabine McAlpine knows that books remain a strong brand for libraries and large print is a critical format that provides libraries with a solution that supports their diverse goals. In her current role as Strategic Account Manager she works with public libraries across the U.S. inspiring, connecting, and supporting your goal to create a community of life long learners who find joy in reading.

Barbara McDade
Bangor Public Library: Director
Barbara has been the director of the Bangor Public Library since 1991. During her term she renovated Bangor's original 1912 library building twice, once with an addition with Robert A. M. Stern which opened in 1997 and the new renovation with architect designed by Scott Simons. Mrs. McDade has seen many changes in the Library since she came, including opening the stacks and automating the catalog and circulation systems. She served as president of MLA, served as Maine's councilor to ALA and was voted Outstanding Librarian in 2002. She serves on the Maine InfoNet Board and the Maine Library Commission. She received a BA in Political Science from Juniata College and an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh. She resides with her husband, Mike, in Bangor.

Janet McKenney
Maine State Library: Director of Library Development
Janet McKenney is the Director of Library Development for the Maine State Library. With a Masters in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University, she worked in public, academic, and special libraries for almost 30 years. Prior to working at the MSL, Janet worked at the University of Southern Maine as a technology Circuit Rider and trainer for the Maine State and Library Network. Her newest project is working with ALA’s OITP advisory committee for the Ready to Code project. Janet can also be heard on Maine Public Radio’s Maine Calling Tech Talk show.

Marisa Méndez-Brady
Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine:
Marisa Méndez-Brady is currently a Science Reference Librarian at Fogler Library at the University of Maine in Orono. Previously, she had been spearheading the information literacy efforts at Eastern Maine Community College as Outreach and Instruction Librarian after receiving her Master of Science in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. Marisa has previously presented on creating multimedia learning objects, basic graphic design techniques for librarians, and to how to effectively...
communicate information across a wide variety of mediums. She is particular interested in how the proliferation of digital technologies problematizes traditional modes of teaching research.

George W Morse
University of Maine Extension: Faculty Associate
George Morse is a retired professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota and Extension Faculty Associate, University of Maine. As a professor he focused on community development issues in rural areas. As a retiree, he has worked on identifying and communicating public value for Cooperative Extension since 2007 and volunteered with the University of Maine (his alma mater) for the public value of public libraries since 2013. His passion for this public value work because it combines his love of libraries and using stories to explain the economic value of libraries to both patrons and the community. He lives in Cape Elizabeth and is the Vice President of the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation.

Nicole is the Program Officer in charge of the Maine Humanities Council's Technology Opportunities Program Public Access Computers, the Tech

Anne Sibley O'Brien
Writer-illustrator
Anne Sibley O'Brien has created thirty-five picture books featuring diverse children and cultures. She is the 2014 recipient of the Katahdin Award. Her first novel for young readers, In the Shadow of the Sun (Scholastic/Arthur Levine), will be released in 2017. She is a co-founder of the Picture Book Project.

Jill O'Connor
North Yarmouth Academy: pre-K to Grade 12 librarian
Jill O'Connor has been the librarian at North Yarmouth Academy for 10 years. When she started, she was a 6-12 librarian, but through some growth and a merger with a local Montessori Lower School, she is now the very busy pre-K to Grade 12 librarian. She started her graphic novel obsession back in the 80s with Elf Quest and now enjoys putting graphic novels in the hands of students of every grade level as well as educating parents and teachers about their value and importance in literacy.

Marcela Peres
Lewiston Public Library: Adult Services Librarian
Marcela Peres has been with the Lewiston Public Library since 2012, where she oversees the Adult & Teen Services Department. She is responsible for collection development for all Teen and Adult graphic novels and serves as a copy editor for No Flying No Tights, a graphic novel review website by and for librarians.

Kate Pickup-McMullin
Southwest Harbor Public Library: Assistant Director
Kate Pickup-McMullin has been Assistant Director at the Southwest Harbor Public Library since 2013 and at the library for 13 years. Having experienced the implementation and realities of Wi-fi, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Public Access Computers, the Tech Petting Zoo and the proliferation of smart phone and tablets, she has developed a love of helping library visitors of all ages, especially readers, and library staff access and navigate the online world and workplace technology.

Scott Simons
Scott Simons Architects: Principal
Scott Simons has over thirty years of professional experience and is well known for his thoughtful and innovative solutions to complex projects. He brings a unique design approach to all the firm's work. Scott's commitment to designing buildings of exceptional beauty and substance underscores all of SSA's projects. His drive to find the best possible solutions for our projects energizes the studio and makes the design process a dynamic experience for our clients.

Emily Read
Scarborough Public Library Trustees: President
Emily Read is the President of the Trustees and a participant in the 2016 Learning Circle. Her story on the “Fire at Scarborough Commons” illustrates how libraries can help in times of emergency.

Cynthia Riley
Norway Public Library: Teen Services Coordinator
Cynthia Riley has been the Teen Services Coordinator at Norway Memorial Library for the past 4.5 years. She moved to Maine from an island off the coast of Connecticut where she was Program Director for 16 years at privately funded library and the Director of Curriculum Enrichment and Cultural Arts at a k-12 school. While there, she also was the drama director for plays, musicals and short film. Her strengths are working with teens on the edge, who others see as lost. She is adept at dealing with teens who exhibit behaviors most people find disturbing. She recently finished a writing/performance project that included teens from all academic levels, embracing their individual strengths. As an avid reader, Cynthia loves bringing books to life with drama, costuming and roleplaying. The prop, hat and costume box is in regular use at the Library, as is old fashioned gaming and crafting. Cynthia is also a Youth and Norway Pastor, serves on the Zadoc Long Free Library advisory committee in Buckfield and is active in the Healthy Oxford Hills Coalition where she recently gave a presentation on Generation Z to multiple agencies. When not working with teens, Cynthia thrives on reading, exploring the woods, gardening, snowshoeing, sledding and renovating a handcrafted log cabin with her husband. Her special skill is knitting!
Alaska, Texas and Maine.

Stephanie has over 25 years' experience in special and public libraries in Maine State Library:

Stephanie Zurinski

But really tall. You can find out more about her boring life at seeholly.com. She loves to read, run and hang out with her 9-year old son. She's fairly boring but really tall. You can find out more about her boring life at seeholly.com.

Vicky Smith

Kirkus Reviews: Children's & teen editor

As children's & teen editor at Kirkus Reviews, Vicky Smith oversees the review of 5,000+ books for young people each year. Before turning to full-time book reviewing, she was children's librarian and the director of McArthur Library in Biddeford.

Cason Snow

University of Maine: Metadata Librarian/Cataloger

Cason E. Snow, MLIS, is metadata librarian/cataloger at University of Maine, Orono. He is the author of several articles on role playing in libraries including: "Playing with History: A Look at Video Games, World History, and Libraries"; "Tabletop Fantasy RPGs: Tips for Introducing Role-Playing Games in Your Library"; and "Dragons in the Stacks: An Introduction to Role-Playing Games and Their Value to Libraries." He received a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee and a master of arts degree in history from Northern Illinois University.

Jessica Snow

Young Adult Library Services Association: Board Member At-Large

Jessi Snow has worked at the Boston Public Library since 2008 and is currently their Teen Services Team Leader. Jessi also serves on YALSA's board of directors and volunteers for YALSA in other capacities, including serving as their first Member Manager for the Teen Programming HOQ.

Deborah Tomaras

Patten Free Library: Head of Technical Services

Deborah Tomaras has been cataloging for over fifteen years. She spent eleven years at the New York Public Library; in her last two years, she coordinated, revised and trained librarians in national authority record creation at the Library. She is currently the Head of Technical Services at the Patten Free Library, and also works in the Collection Services unit of the Lewiston Public Library.

Lynn Uhlman

Maine InfoNet: Systems Training and Support Librarian

Lynn Uhlman is the Systems Training and Support Librarian at Maine InfoNet. Lynn has volunteered and worked in libraries for over 12 years. She has in-depth knowledge of working in libraries wearing many hats, has an avid interest in the technical side of libraries and is a keen proponent for making a library patron a user for life.

Julie Wilcox

Portland Public Library: Technical Services Manager

Julie Wilcox is the Technical Services Manager at Portland Public Library.

Holly Williams

Pittsfield Public Library: Circulation & Catalog Librarian

Holly Williams has been the Circulation and Catalog Librarian at the Pittsfield Public Library for over 11 years, but started her career 19 years ago as a Catalog Librarian at the University of Southern Mississippi. She loves to read, run and hang out with her fair-haired son. She's fairly boring but really tall. You can find out more about her boring life at seeholly.com.

Julie Williams

Sanford School Department: Library Media Specialist

Julie Williams was an elementary school teacher for 20 years. She became a library media specialist in 2011. Besides teaching students information literacy skills she is also interested in teaching students to be better problem solvers and critical thinkers. One way she is doing this is through coding using code.org and Bee-Bots, Pro-Bots and other programmable devices.

Stephanie Zurinski

Maine State Library: Continuing Education Coordinator

Stephanie has over 25 years' experience in special and public libraries in Alaska, Texas and Maine. She is currently the CE Coordinator and Data and Evaluation Specialist for the Maine State Library. She's an official crazy cat lady (6) and loves quilting, embroidery, photography, beading and wirework, reading and walking.
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Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)
www.ala.org/yalsa
Every teen deserves a great library and we can help! YALSA is your one stop shop for everything you need to serve teens, including toolkits, e-learning, advocacy resources, funding opportunities, and more.
Sunday River Grand Summit Lodge - layout and room locations

Grand Summit Hotel & Conference Center
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