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Maine School Librarian Handbook 2009

Introduction

Purpose:

School library staffs are seeing much growth in the profession, advances in technology and challenges in library funding. As many schools are forced to cut back staff coverage and/or are choosing to staff libraries with personnel who have minimal training in the library media field, the need for an updated handbook is apparent. Much of the information contained in this booklet is not available in traditional library media classes, but it is useful for day-to-day management of school libraries and working in the educational community.

History:

The original School Librarians' Handbook was created in 1984 as a result of a joint venture between the Maine Educational Media Association – MEMA (now the Maine Association of School Libraries - MASL) and the Maine State Library. The dated information contained in the original handbook no longer meets the needs of the changing library media and education fields. The handbook committee has incorporated practical information and resources to reflect these changes. This revised handbook offers guidance and resources to school library staff members throughout the State of Maine.

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The print version of the Maine School Librarian Handbook is provided courtesy of the resources of the Maine Association of School Libraries (MASL). It is made available to all schools in the State of Maine. The Handbook is also available online at the MASL website www.maslibraries.org. Please watch that site for posted updates to this handbook. We welcome your comments. Send them to maslibraries@gmail.com.

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