

94-075 MAINE LIBRARY COMMISSION

SUMMARY: The first Chapter of this rule establishes the geographic boundaries of the Maine Regional Library System (MRLS) and determines how school, academic, special, and public libraries are assigned to each region. This rule also identifies State infrastructure and services (benefits) provided under the purview of the Maine Library Commission and the Maine State Library to all Maine citizens and to public libraries as defined. The rule codifies prior recognition of existing public libraries as qualified public libraries for purposes of state and federal funding and support and establishes procedures for adding libraries to, and removing libraries from membership in the Maine Regional Library System.

The second Chapter codifies existing Maine State Library Policy on Anti-Discrimination and Civil Rights and extends that policy to public libraries.

The third Chapter establishes rules of practice for the Maine Library Commission to adopt and implement its rules consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

[Drafting Notes: Text in brackets labeled “Drafting Note” reflects internal explanatory commentary by the drafters and is not intended to be part of the proposed rule text.]

Chapter __: MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement Title 27 M.R.S. Ch. 4 by establishing the Maine Regional Library System, including the geographic boundaries of its regions, the assignment of libraries to each region, and procedures for participation as a Maine Regional Library System Member. This Chapter supplements the Legislature’s definition of “public library” in a manner that recognizes the long history of Maine’s public libraries as locally created and locally controlled institutions accountable to their communities; recognizes the wide variety of communities served by public libraries, including communities diverse in size, location, and wealth; recognizes the legislatively mandated value of cooperation and resource sharing; and provides standards intended to help ensure that Maine’s public libraries remain free, open to the public, and supported by the State’s library infrastructure. This rule also codifies prior recognition of existing Maine public libraries and establishes procedures for adding libraries to, and removing libraries from, the Maine Regional Library System.

[Drafting note: As drafted, this rule reflects the intent of the Maine legislature to treat libraries as locally-established and maintained, to recognize the value of cooperative and shared infrastructure, and to reflect the State’s supportive role. This supportive approach is consistent with the Maine State Library’s stated mission: “to provide, broaden, and improve access to information and library services to all Maine residents” (from MSL website). It is also consistent with the mission and goals of the MSL /Maine Library Commission strategic plan as submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 9134. This plan states: “Overall, the Maine State Library formally partners with over fifteen organizations and agencies via contracts and agreements and always works in partnership with all Maine libraries to fulfill our mission to help people, make Maine libraries stronger and transform information into knowledge.” The plan sets out as State goals: “GOAL 1: Expand library resource sharing and

services for all Maine residents; GOAL 3: Provide and improve library services to individuals with disabilities; and to Maine residents, including children, living in underserved areas and rural areas; GOAL 4: Expand and enhance life-long learning opportunities for Maine residents.” (GOAL 2 is included in the professional development provisions in Section 6)]

Section 2. Definitions

A. Area Reference and Resource Center

"Area reference and resource center" means a large public, school or academic library designated by the State Librarian and receiving state aid for the purposes of making its resources and services available without charge to all residents within a library region, of providing supplementary library services to local libraries within the library region and of coordinating the services of all local libraries within the library region that by contract become part of the library region. 27 M.R.S. § 110(2).

[Drafting note: This definition tracks the statutory language and intent.]

B. Common borrower's card

"Common borrower's card" means a system of personal identification for the purpose of borrowing and returning books and other materials from any library that participates in the regional system. 27 M.R.S. § 110(3).

[Drafting note: This definition tracks the statutory language and intent.]]

C. Library Director

"Library Director" means the person responsible for the day-to-day management and oversight of the library, whether paid or volunteer.

[Drafting note: This definition follows the language of the Maine Library Commission proposal.]

D. Library Record

"Library record" means a record in any form that is maintained by a library and that contains any of the following types of information:

- (1) Information that the library requires an individual to provide in order to be eligible to use library services or borrow materials;
- (2) Information that identifies an individual as having requested or obtained specific materials or materials on a particular subject;
- (3) Information that is provided by an individual to assist a library staff member to answer a specific question or provide information on a particular subject.

"Library record" does not include information that does not identify any individual and that is retained for the purpose of studying or evaluating the use of a library and its materials and services.

[Drafting note: This definition supplements the provisions of 27 M.R.S. § 121 governing confidentiality of Maine library records. Most states do not specifically define this term; this language is taken from analogous Ohio law, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 149.432.]

E. Library Patron

“Library Patron” means any individual who uses the services or resources of the library.

[Drafting note: This definition supplements the provisions of 27 M.R.S. § 121 governing confidentiality of Maine library records.]

F. Local Library Board

“Local library board” means the body which has the authority to give administrative direction or advice to a library through its librarian. 27 M.R.S. § 110(8).

[Drafting note: This definition tracks the statutory language and intent.]

G. Maine Library Advisory Council

“Maine Library Advisory Council” means the Council established pursuant to 27 M.R.S. § 114-A to provide advice and make recommendations to regions, the Maine State Library, and the Maine Library Commission.

[Drafting note: This definition tracks the statutory language and intent.]

H. Maine Public Library Fund

“Maine Public Library Fund” means an interest-bearing account that receives money deposited by the Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 36, section 5291 and any other money contributed to the fund. The fund is administered by the State Librarian. All money deposited in the fund and the earnings on that money remain in the fund to be used to provide grants to free public libraries for use in providing services identified as priority services by the State Librarian. Money in the fund may also be used for the necessary administrative and personnel costs associated with the management of the fund but may not be deposited in the General Fund or any other fund except as specifically provided by law. 27 M.R.S. § 8.

[Drafting note: Included verbatim from statute.]

I. Maine Regional Library System

“Maine Regional Library System” means a network of library regions interrelated by formal or informal contract for the purpose of organizing library resources and services for research, information and recreation to improve statewide library service and to serve collectively the entire population of the State. 27 M.R.S. § 110(11). The regional library system is referred to as the Maine Regional Library System or MRLS.

[Drafting note: The definitional text is included verbatim from the statute. The last sentence is taken from prior Maine Library Commission proposals.]

J. Maine Regional Library System Member

“Maine Regional Library System Member” or “MRLS Library Member” means any grandparented library and any additional library as defined in sub-Section M(1) of this Section; provided, however, that it does not include any library that has been withdrawn or removed pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of this Chapter.

[Drafting note: This section is added to establish an overarching category where long-standing libraries are recognized as such without further qualification and where

other libraries can be added or withdrawn or removed from membership. Substantive sections in the Chapter further delineate requirements and procedures.]

K. Maine State Library Consultant or Specialist

“Maine State Library consultant or specialist” means an individual who acts as a general library consultant or specialist to one or more library regions to study the needs of the library region or regions and make recommendations to the Maine Library Advisory Council, to coordinate services among libraries of all types; to provide liaison between the library region or regions and the Maine State Library; to encourage local initiative and commitment to regional cooperative library service; and to work with Area Reference and Resource Center staff members in planning area reference and interlibrary loan service. (27 M.R.S. §§ 110(8), 117).

[Drafting note: This definition tracks the language and intent of two sections of the statute.]

L. Maine Technology Education Access Fund (MTEAF)

“Maine Technology Education Access Fund (MTEAF)” means the fund established pursuant to Title 35-A M.R.S. § 7104-B(2) to provide discounts and to otherwise assist in paying the costs of libraries acquiring and using advanced telecommunications technologies.

[Drafting note: This definition is a shortened version of Title 35-A M.R.S. § 7104-B, which created MTEAF.]

M. Public library

"Public library" means a library freely open to all persons and receives its financial support from a municipality, private association, corporation or group. The above serves the informational, educational and recreational needs of all the residents of the area for which its governing body is responsible. For purposes of this Chapter, “public library” is further defined as follows:

- (1) “Additional Library” means any entity or association that has successfully applied to participate as a Maine Regional Library System Member pursuant to Section 8(B).
- (2) “Grandparented Library” means any library listed in the official "FY24_Public_Library_Data" from the Maine State Library, which list is included in the Appendix and incorporated by reference.
- (3) “Qualified library” means any grandparented or additional library that is not otherwise withdrawn or removed pursuant to Section 9.
- (4) “Withdrawn or removed library” means any library that is withdrawn or removed pursuant to Section 9 from the list of libraries established by Section 8.

[Drafting note: The first paragraph of this definition tracks the statutory definition of “public library” in (Title 27 M.R.S. § 110(10)). The additional terms are intended to establish objective categories and procedures for Maine Regional Library System membership in a manner which addressed expressed concerns that entities not meeting the statutory definition may seek recognition as public libraries for the purpose of accessing State-supported services or benefits.]

Section 3. Application of this Rule

This rule applies to any public library in the State of Maine that participates or seeks to participate in the Maine Regional Library System.

[Drafting Note: This section follows the layout of the Maine Library Commission proposal.]

Section 4. Regions of the Maine Regional Library System

A. General

This section identifies the geographic boundaries for each library region that collectively make up the Maine Regional Library System and assigns libraries and an Area Reference and Resource Center (ARRC) to each region.

B. Regional Boundaries

- (1) Boundaries of each region are determined by using three factors: county population figures from the decennial census published by the U.S. Census Bureau, the total number of public libraries in the state, and the service area of each ARRC;
- (2) Counties that are geographically proximate comprise each individual region;
- (3) To the extent feasible, county population is evenly divided to create three regions.

C. Regions

The Maine Regional Library System shall have three regions comprised of the following counties:

- (1) Northeastern Maine Library Region: Aroostook, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Waldo, Washington;
- (2) Central Maine Library Region: Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset;
- (3) Southern Maine Library Region: Cumberland and York.

D. Area Reference and Resource Centers (ARRC)

Each region has the following ARRC:

- (1) Northeastern Maine Library Region: Bangor Public Library;
- (2) Central Maine Library Region: Maine State Library;
- (3) Southern Maine Library Region: Portland Public Library.

E. Assigning Libraries to Library Regions

All participating libraries are assigned to the region that serves the county where the library is physically located.

[Drafting Note: This section follows the Maine Library Commission proposal verbatim except for moving Lincoln County from the Central Region to the Northeastern Region to reflect the tri-county areas where Lincoln is more typically included, Knox, Lincoln,

Waldo, for example, for Prosecutorial Districts, Judicial Divisions, Midcoast Council of Governments, Soil and Water Conservation.]

Section 5. State-Supported Library Services

A. Services available to all citizens of the State shall include:

- (1) DigitalMaine or its equivalent;
- (2) Download or CloudLibrary, or its equivalent, provided that the library patron has a valid Maine library card including a Common Borrower's card; and
- (3) Such other similar services as may become available.

[Drafting Note: This section reflects current library policy that some materials are available to all Maine residents regardless of local library affiliations. The use of the terms "or its equivalent" and "such other services" is intended to provide leeway should the specifics of the organizations or services provided by Maine State Library or MaineInfoNet change.]

B. Services available to all MRLS Library Members that meet the standards in Section 6 shall include:

- (1) Internet connection (1–10 Gigabits per second) through the Maine School and Library Network managed by NetworkMaine at no additional cost to the library;
- (2) Content filtering, email, web hosting, technology support, and consortia pricing through the Maine School and Library Network managed by NetworkMaine at no additional cost to the library;
- (3) Discounts through the federal E-Rate (Schools and Libraries Universal Service) program on eligible technology required to maintain an internet connection;
- (4) Discounts and support through NetworkMaine and the Maine Technology Education Access Fund (MTEAF);
- (5) Eligibility to receive grants through the Maine Public Library Fund;
- (6) Eligibility to receive grants funded through the Maine State Library so long as they agree to fulfill all applicable reporting requirements;
- (7) Eligibility for discounted membership to the Maine Association of Nonprofits; and
- (8) Eligibility for subsidized van delivery service for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The library must have at least one library staff member subscribed to the Maine State Library Delivery listserv for Van Delivery participants;
 - (b) The library must have more than 100 ILL materials per year as reported on the most recent Public Library Survey for Maine libraries submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The 100 ILL materials are the combined total of the borrowing and lending ILLs per library; and

- (c) The library must agree to pay a portion of the annual cost based on the population served by the library;
- (d) Provided, however, where a library does not qualify for ILL, a Maine State Library Consultant or Specialist shall review the library's use and potential use and make specific recommendations for alternative methods for library patrons to be served within the State.

[Drafting note: This section incorporates benefits reflected in prior Maine Library Commission proposals and is intended to clarify that all MRLS Library Member libraries remain eligible for free or discounted internet service with Section (5) adding an explicit reference to the Maine Technology Education Access Fund (MTEAF). Section (8) recognizes the costs associated with Interlibrary Loan and sub-Section (8)(c) provides for a partial subsidy to replace the previous full-subsidy for one day a week of service. This fee responds in a small way to concerns regarding the Maine State Library budget. The proviso clause is intended to reinforce continued access by requiring review of alternative delivery methods where a library does not qualify for subsidized van delivery service, including use of the U.S. Mail, and to encourage additional access solutions where feasible.]

Other costs or cost savings are not directly addressed in these rules, in part because the drafters were uncertain which measures were at issue or available. Similarly, potential approaches that might involve additional costs were not included, even though such approaches might advance other objectives of these rules. For example, the creation of a discretionary fund could support specific professionalism efforts for libraries or librarians; these might include support for enhanced cataloging systems or support for librarians who could not otherwise afford the expense to attend statewide library functions such as the Maine Library Association Annual Meeting.]

Section 6. Eligibility for State-Supported Library Services

To receive the services enumerated in Section 5, an MRLS Library Member must meet the following minimum standards of library service:

A. Report

The library shall submit the Public Libraries Survey (a.k.a. the Public Library Annual Report) to the Maine State Library by April 1 each year.

B. Professional Development

The library shall promote quality library services by supporting professional development.

C. Library Director

The Library Director shall engage in at least 2 hours of professional development annually in the areas of

- (1) Library management;
- (2) Library governance;
- (3) Library facility and maintenance;

- (4) The fundamentals of librarianship;
- (5) Trends in library service; or
- (6) Other areas of study relevant to daily operations of a public library.

D. Library Board

At least one member of the local library board shall attend at least one professional development opportunity annually in the areas of:

- (1) Library governance;
- (2) Board roles and responsibilities;
- (3) Fundraising;
- (4) Advocacy;
- (5) Strategic planning; or
- (6) Other areas of study relevant to daily oversight of a public library.

[Drafting note: This section generally follows the prior Maine Library Commission proposal and supports the Maine Library Commission/Maine State Library goal: “GOAL 2: Improve the Maine library workforce via continuing education, professional development and leadership opportunities.” As drafted, the sections reduce the annual professional development requirement for library directors to two from the original Maine Library Commission proposal of four and reduces the local library board requirement to one member to reduce the potential burden on smaller, poorer libraries.

For context, the drafters’ research identified only 12 other states with a professional development requirement for library directors. These requirements vary significantly in structure—often based on population served—with some states using multi-year certification renewal cycles and others requiring annual continuing education hours; the requirements range from 0.5 to 20 hours per year. Similarly, the drafters’ research identified only 3 states that impose professional development requirements on library trustees. Again, the nature of the requirements varies with duration for 1 or 2 hours per year, with content requirements similar to those listed by the Maine Library Commission prior proposal.]

E. Confidentiality

Consistent with the provisions of Title 27 M.R.S. § 121, the library maintains confidentiality of library records as to the identity and intellectual pursuits of any person using the library including but not limited to the library patron’s name, address, phone number and e-mail address; or information that identifies a library patron as having requested, obtained or used books or other materials in any medium at the library or provided by the library. (27 M.R.S. § 121(1)(A), (B).)

[Drafting note: This section tracks the provisions of Title 27 M.R.S. § 121 governing confidentiality of Maine library records and adds the reference to intellectual pursuits, which is included in Massachusetts law, ALM GL ch. 78, § 7.]

F. Internal Policies

The library must have policies reflecting the following:

- (1) The library maintains internal policies regarding circulation, collection development, reconsideration of library materials, programs, internet acceptable use/Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), child safety, patron behavior, and meeting space use;
- (2) The local library board reviews the library's policies at least once every five years;
- (3) The library makes a good faith effort to have at least two representatives of the library (employees or volunteers) on site when the library is open to the public, and, where that is not possible to have a representative of the library on call in case of emergencies;
- (4) The library has a Library Director, provided, however, that this position may not be filled by an individual who also serves as a trustee on the board of trustees.

[Drafting Note: This section generally follows the prior Maine Library Commission proposal but reorganizes the requirements by grouping policy-related provisions as one subsection and sustainability requirements in the following subsection. It also differs from the prior proposal by changing the language from "3 to 5 years" to 5 years, clarifying the requirement while allowing any library choosing a shorter cycle should it choose to do so.

As drafted, the two-person on-site staffing standard as a "good faith effort" rather than as a mandatory requirement that would disqualify a library from MRLS Library Membership. This change is intended to recognize that a strict two-person staffing requirement may be unduly burdensome for small libraries. It further reflects the understanding that safety concerns may be more appropriately addressed by local governing bodies and their insurers than by the Maine Library Commission. For context on this point, the drafters' research found only 3 states with provisions specific to staffing numbers and hours. Generally, such Library personnel presence requirements vary significantly across jurisdictions, with some states having no minimum staffing mandates while others establish specific requirements tied to population served or funding eligibility. Regulations typically focus on weekly hour commitments rather than continuous presence, and many requirements are linked to state funding qualification rather than basic operational mandates.]

G. Sustainability

The library shall, at a minimum, provide:

- (1) A mission statement;
- (2) A strategic plan that is reviewed at least once every three years; and
- (3) Demonstration of annual support (funding or in-kind support) from the local library board or from the municipality or unit of local government in which it is legally situated.

[Drafting Note: This section generally follows the prior Maine Library Commission proposal but adds a requirement for a mission statement, which was previously a Maine Library Commission standard.

For context, the drafters' research identified 14 states have strategic and long-range plan requirements (Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa, New York, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Virginia, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Nevada, and Georgia).

Also for context, the Maine State Library is obligated under Title 27 M.R.S. § 36 to "formulate and present to the Legislature a plan for statewide library development." The Maine State Library's current strategic planning efforts appear to be reflected in its Five-Year State Plan for 2023–2027, submitted under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 9134, 9141 as "approved by the Maine Library Commission."]

H. Access

- (1) The library does not charge members of its legal service area for membership;
- (2) The library has a physical location;
- (3) The library is open to the public for at least 10 hours per week for a minimum of 50 weeks per year; provided, however, that this subsection does not apply to a library
 - a. with a legal service area of 1000 or fewer; or
 - b. a library that serves primarily a summer community;
- (4) The library has at least one dedicated public access computer and printer;
- (5) The library has a dedicated phone and email address;
- (6) The library has organized print and other library materials reflecting diverse needs of the community it serves.

[Drafting Note: This section generally follows the prior Maine Library Commission proposal but replaces the requirement that libraries be open "year round" with a requirement of at least 50 weeks per year. This change reflects the fact that many Maine libraries report that they are not open a full 52 weeks annually, including, for example, Bingham Union Library, Cole Memorial Library, Fort Kent Public Library, Livermore Public Library, Louise Clements Library, Martha Sawyer Community Library, Pembroke Library, Skowhegan Free Public Library, Waldo Peirce Reading Room, West Buxton Public Library Association, Bethel Library Association, Cherryfield Public Library, Katahdin Public Library, Porter Memorial Library, Skidompha Public Library, and Stewart Free Library.

This section also differs from the prior Maine Library Commission proposal by revising the categories of libraries to which the hourly minimum weekly open-hours requirement does not apply, in order to better recognize the diversity of communities and service contexts in which Maine libraries operate.

The drafters recognize that any number is likely to be somewhat arbitrary. For context, a review of the FY24 seems to indicate that, at 12 hours per week, 23 existing libraries will not meet the standard; if average summer and winter hours, then it appears that 20 would be cut off. The 300/island distinction, for example, makes the cut off 7 islands, but does not, for example, include North Haven which reports a population of 425 but which is an island; it also does not include Allagash, which has population of 236, but is not an island (currently open 6 hours).

The shift to 10 hours and the summer distinction would apparently leave Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison (W3/S3); Jackman Public Library, Jackman (W4/S4); Gary W. Woolson Community Library, Newburgh (W4/S4); Faye O'Leary Hafford Library, Allagash (W6/S6); Laura E. Richards Library, Georgetown (W0/S12); Lincoln Memorial Public Library-Dennysville, Dennysville (W8/S8); South China Public Library, South China (W8/S8); Berry Memorial Library, Buxton (W8/S8); Mayhew Library Assn, Addison (W9/S9) needing to increase their hours.

For general context, the drafters' research found that 12 other states require a fixed minimum number of open hours tied to population served, and 17 other states require a fixed minimum number of open hours that is not based on population served. The number of required hours ranges from 10 (Alaska, for populations under 750, and 15 for populations between 750 and 1,500) to 60 (New York, for populations of 100,000 and above, with minimums of 12 hours for populations up to 500 and 20 hours for populations between 500 and 2,499). Again, for context, even Maine's largest libraries all serve populations below 70,000.]

I. Library values

The library shall be guided by the Library Bill of Rights, Core Values of Librarianship and the Code of Ethics of the American Library Association;

Section 7. Certifying Eligibility for Services

A. Agreement

A library shall maintain a signed Maine Regional Library System Agreement on file with the Maine State Library. The Agreement shall be resubmitted every three years.

B. Self-certification

A library shall self-certify its compliance with the requirements of Section 6 as part of the annual Report required under Section 6(A).

C. Signatories

The agreement shall be signed by the Library Director and the head of the Local Library Board.

[Drafting Notes: This section tracks the Maine Library Commission prior proposal.]

Section 8. Qualified Libraries

A. Grandparented Libraries

As defined in Section 2, libraries on the FY24 Dataset are grandparented and considered Qualified Libraries for purposes of 35-A M.R.S.A. § 7104-B, 20 U.S.C. §§ 9101–9165, and such other eligibility standards as may be relevant.

B. Additional libraries

Any library not included in sub-Section (A) may become an MRLS Library Member upon approval by the Maine Library Commission in consultation with the Maine Library Advisory Council. Approval requires that:

- (1) The library files a written request signed by its current Library Director, with the Maine Library Commission with a copy provided to the Maine Library Advisory Council;
- (2) The library demonstrates that
 - a. it has the support of its municipality or local government or, in the case of a nonprofit library organization, the support of its Board of Trustees; and
 - b. it has been in operation for at least one year providing free access to residents in its legal service area; and
- (3) The Maine State Library Consultant or Specialist for its area agrees that it has the likely capacity to maintain the eligibility standards of these rules.

[Drafting note: This is a new section intended to recognize the status and value of existing libraries and also provide a method for other libraries to become members. As previously noted, 257 libraries have been recognized as qualified public libraries by the Maine Library Commission. As the Maine State Library—prominently and explicitly (in red, bold text)—“By a ruling of the Maine Library Commission these libraries meet the definition of an approved library found in the 1996 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and are eligible for assistance from the Maine State Library.”

The drafters have identified eight additional libraries, some of which have chosen not to participate in the MRLS, and also acknowledge that other such libraries may exist of which they were unaware.

Section 9. Removal from the MRLS Library Membership List

A. Voluntary withdrawal

Any MRLS Library Member may withdraw from membership upon written request signed by the majority of the local library board. Withdrawal shall be effective for the Fiscal Year following receipt of the request and shall remove that library from eligibility for services provided in Section 5; provided, however, that residents of that library service area may remain individually eligible for services provided in Section 5(A).

[Drafting note: The drafters are aware of at least one library that has stated its intent to withdraw from the MRLS and eligibility for the State Library programming provided by this rule (even though that library apparently remains on the dataset). This section offers a specific method for withdrawal.]

B. Removal on Motion of the Maine Library Commission

The Maine Library Commission may, on its own motion, remove a library from membership for failure to meet the requirements in Section 6, provided, however, that before removing a library the Maine Library Commission shall

- (1) Notify the Library Director and local library board in writing, by certified U.S. mail, of its intent to remove the library and the grounds for removal;
- (2) Offer the library the opportunity to meet with the Maine State Library Consultant or Specialist for its area;

- (3) Offer the library an opportunity to discuss any issues it may have with the Maine Library Advisory Council;
- (4) Provide the Library Director and local library board at least 60 days to respond in writing and identify any errors in the Maine Library Commission's review; or cure any continuing deficiencies.

C. Removal on Complaint

A library may be removed from MRLS Library Membership based upon complaint filed with the Maine Library Commission by a library patron alleging that a library has failed to provide free access or to adhere to the library values specified in this rule; provided, however, that before removing a library the Maine Library Commission shall:

- (1) Notify the Library Director and local library board in writing, by certified U.S. mail, of its receipt of a complaint;
- (2) Provide the library board and Library Director with a copy of the Complaint;
- (3) Provide the Library Director and local library board at least 60 days to respond in writing to the Complaint;
- (4) Offer the library board and Library Director an opportunity to engage in alternative dispute resolution prior to holding any hearing on the Complaint, such alternative dispute resolution to be conducted by and in a manner agreed upon by the Maine Library Commission liaison and the parties; provided, however, if such alternative dispute resolution is unsuccessful, opportunity shall be provided for an adjudicatory hearing consistent with Chapter ____ and Title 5 M.R.S. §§ 9051–9064.

Chapter __: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY

The Maine State Library and all public libraries shall not discriminate in their services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, socio-economic status, or disability. They shall comply with the Maine Human Rights Act and applicable federal civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Maine State Library and public libraries shall commit to providing reasonable modifications to policies and practices to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Patrons who believe they have been subjected to discrimination may file a complaint with the Maine State Librarian or directly with the Maine Human Rights Commission.

[Drafting note: This section tracks the current policy of the Maine State Library and extends its obligations to public libraries. The section also adds ethnicity and socioeconomic status as a prohibited bases for discrimination.]

Chapter __: RULES OF PRACTICE

Section 1. Appointment of Liaison

The Maine Library Commission shall appoint the Vice-Chair of the Commission as its liaison for purposes of rulemaking under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (Title 5 M.R.S. §

8051-A) and for purposes of determining alternative dispute resolution processes as a method of informal disposition consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (Title 5 M.R.S. § 9053).

Section 2. Rulemaking

The Maine Library Commission shall follow the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051–8074 when conducting rulemaking proceedings. In addition

- (1) The Maine Library Commission shall maintain a register where any person may file a written or electronic request for notice of rulemaking, which notice shall be effective for at least one year.
- (2) The Maine Library Commission shall treat any library with fewer than 20 employees as a small business for purposes of Title 5 M.R.S. § 8052 (5-A).
- (3) The Maine Library Commission shall provide an online form for petitioning for the adoption or modification of any rule with Title 5 M.R.S. § 8055, including a form for a petition signed by at least 150 citizens consistent with that section and with Title 21-A M.R.S. § 354(7).

Section 3. Adjudication

The Maine Library Commission shall follow the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5 M.R.S. §§ 9051–9064, when conducting adjudicatory proceedings. In any proceeding on a complaint by a library patron to remove a library from MRLS Library Membership shall be considered a determination of issues of substantial public interest pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S. § 9052.

[Drafting note: This Chapter provides a preliminary approach for MAPA-compliant process likely to be needed to adopt and implement these rules, including process for removal of libraries from membership in MRLS. Further detail may be desirable.]

APPENDIX FY24_Public_Library_Data

1.1 +A:BTLibrary Name	1.2 Municipality	1.3 County
ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY	DEXTER	PENOBSCOT
ABEL J. MORNEAULT MEMORIAL LIBRARY	VAN BUREN	AROOSTOOK
ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	ACTON	YORK
ALBERT CHURCH BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CHINA	KENNEBEC
ALBERT F. TOTMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	PHIPPSBURG	SAGadahoc
ALBION PUBLIC LIBRARY	ALBION	KENNEBEC
ALICE L. PENDLETON LIBRARY	ISLESBORO	WALDO
ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY	ANDOVER	OXFORD
ATKINS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CORINTH	PENOBSCOT
AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY	AUBURN	ANDROSCOGGIN
BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	BANGOR	PENOBSCOT
BASS HARBOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY	TREMONT	HANCOCK
BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	GORHAM	CUMBERLAND
BELFAST FREE LIBRARY	BELFAST	WALDO
BELGRADE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BELGRADE	KENNEBEC
BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	BUXTON	YORK
BERWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY	BERWICK	YORK
BETHEL LIBRARY ASSN.	BETHEL	OXFORD
BINGHAM UNION LIBRARY	BINGHAM	SOMERSET
BLUE HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY	BLUE HILL	HANCOCK
BOLSTERS MILLS VILLAGE LIBRARY	HARRISON	CUMBERLAND
BONNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CORNISH	YORK
BOOTHBAY HARBOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY	BOOTHBAY HARBOR	LINCOLN

BOWDOINHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOWDOINHAM	SAGadahoc
BREMEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	BREMEN	LINCOLN
BREWER PUBLIC LIBRARY	BREWER	PENOBSCOT
BRIDGE ACADEMY PUBLIC LIBRARY	DRESDEN	LINCOLN
BRIDGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	BRIDGTON	CUMBERLAND
BRISTOL AREA LIBRARY	NEW HARBOR	LINCOLN
BROOKSVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BROOKSVILLE	HANCOCK
BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY - CLINTON	CLINTON	KENNEBEC
BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY - BALDWIN	EAST BALDWIN	CUMBERLAND
BROWNFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	BROWNFIELD	OXFORD
BROWNVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BROWNVILLE	PISCATAQUIS
BUCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY	BUCKSPORT	HANCOCK
CALAIS FREE LIBRARY	CALAIS	WASHINGTON
CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	CAMDEN	KNOX
CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	CANAAN	SOMERSET
CAPE PORPOISE LIBRARY	KENNEBUNKPORT	YORK
CARIBOU PUBLIC LIBRARY	CARIBOU	AROOSTOOK
CARRABASSETT VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	CARRABASSETT	FRANKLIN
CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	SEARSPORT	WALDO
CARY LIBRARY-HOULTON	HOULTON	AROOSTOOK
CARY MEMORIAL LIBRARY-WAYNE	WAYNE	KENNEBEC
CASCO PUBLIC LIBRARY	CASCO	CUMBERLAND
CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	KENDUSKEAG	PENOBSCOT
CHARLES M. BAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	WINTHROP	KENNEBEC
CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LOVELL	OXFORD
CHASE EMERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	DEER ISLE	HANCOCK
CHEBEAGUE ISLAND LIBRARY	CHEBEAGUE ISLAND	CUMBERLAND

CHERRYFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	CHERRYFIELD	WASHINGTON
CLIFF ISLAND LIBRARY	CLIFF ISLAND	CUMBERLAND
COLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	ENFIELD	PENOBSCOT
COMMUNITY LIBRARY	LYMAN	YORK
COOLIDGE LIBRARY	SOLON	SOMERSET
CUMSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	MONMOUTH	KENNEBEC
CUNDY'S HARBOR LIBRARY	HARPSWELL	CUMBERLAND
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	BRUNSWICK	CUMBERLAND
CUSHING PUBLIC LIBRARY	CUSHING	KNOX
D.A. HURD LIBRARY	NORTH BERWICK	YORK
DANFORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY	DANFORTH	WASHINGTON
DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LIMINGTON	YORK
DENMARK PUBLIC LIBRARY	DENMARK	OXFORD
DORCAS LIBRARY	PROSPECT HARBOR	HANCOCK
DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MOUNT VERNON	KENNEBEC
DYER LIBRARY	SACO	YORK
EAST BLUE HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY	EAST BLUE HILL	HANCOCK
EAST MILLINOCKET PUBLIC LIBRARY	EAST MILLINOCKET	PENOBSCOT
EDYTHE DYER COMMUNITY LIBRARY	HAMPDEN	PENOBSCOT
ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY	ELLSWORTH	HANCOCK
FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY	FALMOUTH	CUMBERLAND
FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	FARMINGTON	FRANKLIN
FAYE O'LEARY HAFFORD LIBRARY	ALLAGASH	AROOSTOOK
STURDIVANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	EAST MACHIAS	WASHINGTON
FORT FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	FORT FAIRFIELD	AROOSTOOK
FORT KENT PUBLIC LIBRARY	FORT KENT	AROOSTOOK
FRANKLIN LIBRARY	FRANKLIN	HANCOCK

FREELAND HOLMES LIBRARY	OXFORD	OXFORD
FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY	FREEPORT	CUMBERLAND
FRENCHBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY	FRENCHBORO	HANCOCK
FRENCHMANS BAY LIBRARY	SULLIVAN	HANCOCK
FRIEND MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	BROOKLIN	HANCOCK
FRIENDSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	FRIENDSHIP	KNOX
FRYEBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY	FRYEBURG	OXFORD
GALLISON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	HARRINGTON	WASHINGTON
GARDINER PUBLIC LIBRARY	GARDINER	KENNEBEC
GIBBS LIBRARY	WASHINGTON	KNOX
GLADYS J. CRAIG MEMORIAL LIBRARY	ASHLAND	AROOSTOOK
GRAY PUBLIC LIBRARY	GRAY	CUMBERLAND
GREAT CRANBERRY LIBRARY	CRANBERRY ISLES	HANCOCK
GUILFORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	GUILFORD	PISCATAQUIS
HAMLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	PARIS	OXFORD
HARRISON VILLAGE LIBRARY	HARRISON	CUMBERLAND
HARTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	HARTLAND	SOMERSET
HARVEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	PARKMAN	PISCATAQUIS
HENRY D. MOORE LIBRARY	STEUBEN	WASHINGTON
HOLLIS CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	HOLLIS	YORK
HOPE LIBRARY	HOPE	KNOX
HUBBARD FREE LIBRARY	HALLOWELL	KENNEBEC
ISAAC F. UMBERHINE PUBLIC LIBRARY	RICHMOND	SAGadahoc
ISLESFORD LIBRARY	ISLESFORD	HANCOCK
JACKMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	JACKMAN	SOMERSET
JACKSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	TENANTS HARBOR	KNOX
JAY-NILES MEMORIAL LIBRARY	JAY	FRANKLIN

JESUP MEMORIAL LIBRARY	BAR HARBOR	HANCOCK
JIM DITZLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	NEW SHARON	FRANKLIN
JOHN B. CURTIS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BRADFORD	PENOBSCOT
JULIA ADAMS MORSE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	GREENE	ANDROSCOGGIN
KATAHDIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	ISLAND FALLS	AROOSTOOK
KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY	KENNEBUNK	YORK
KEZAR FALLS CIRCULATING LIBRARY	PARSONSFIELD	YORK
LAURA E. RICHARDS LIBRARY	GEORGETOWN	SAGadahoc
LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	FAIRFIELD	SOMERSET
LEWISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	LEWISTON	ANDROSCOGGIN
LIBBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	OLD ORCHARD BEACH	YORK
LIBERTY LIBRARY	LIBERTY	WALDO
LIMERICK PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIMERICK	YORK
LINCOLN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LINCOLN	PENOBSCOT
LINCOLN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY - DENNYSVILLE	DENNYSVILLE	WASHINGTON
LINCOLNVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	LINCOLNVILLE	WALDO
LISBON LIBRARY DEPT	LISBON FALLS	ANDROSCOGGIN
LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY	AUGUSTA	KENNEBEC
LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIVERMORE	ANDROSCOGGIN
LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY	LONG ISLAND	CUMBERLAND
LONG LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY	ST. AGATHA	AROOSTOOK
GOODALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	SANFORD	YORK
LOUIS T. GRAVES MEMORIAL LIBRARY	KENNEBUNKPORT	YORK
LOUISE CLEMENTS LIBRARY	CUTLER	WASHINGTON
LUBEC MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LUBEC	WASHINGTON
LUDDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	DIXFIELD	OXFORD
MADAWASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	MADAWASKA	AROOSTOOK

MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	MADISON	SOMERSET
MARK AND EMILY TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	PRESQUE ISLE	AROOSTOOK
MARTHA SAWYER COMMUNITY LIBRARY	LEBANON	YORK
MAYHEW LIBRARY ASSN	ADDISON	WASHINGTON
MCARTHUR PUBLIC LIBRARY	BIDDEFORD	YORK
MECHANIC FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	MECHANIC FALLS	ANDROSCOGGIN
MERRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	YARMOUTH	CUMBERLAND
MEXICO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	MEXICO	OXFORD
MILBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY	MILBRIDGE	WASHINGTON
MILDRED STEVENS WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	APPLETON	KNOX
MILLINOCKET MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MILLINOCKET	PENOBSCOT
MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	MILO	PISCATAQUIS
MONHEGAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MONHEGAN	LINCOLN
MONROE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	MONROE	WALDO
MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	MONSON	PISCATAQUIS
NAPLES PUBLIC LIBRARY	NAPLES	CUMBERLAND
NEW GLOUCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	NEW GLOUCESTER	CUMBERLAND
NEW PORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY	NEW PORTLAND	SOMERSET
NEW VINEYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY	NEW VINEYARD	FRANKLIN
Gary W. Woolson Community Library	NEWBURGH	PENOBSCOT
NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY	NEWPORT	PENOBSCOT
NORRIDGEWOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY	NORRIDGEWOCK	SOMERSET
NORTH GORHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY	GORHAM	CUMBERLAND
NORTH HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	NORTH HAVEN	KNOX
NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY	NORTHEAST HARBOR	HANCOCK
NORWAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	NORWAY	OXFORD
OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	OAKLAND	KENNEBEC

OGUNQUIT MEMORIAL LIBRARY	OGUNQUIT	YORK
OLD TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	OLD TOWN	PENOBSCOT
ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY	ORONO	PENOBSCOT
ORRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	ORRINGTON	PENOBSCOT
ORRS ISLAND LIBRARY	HARPSWELL	CUMBERLAND
PALERMO COMMUNITY LIBRARY	PALERMO	WALDO
PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOUTH PARIS	OXFORD
PARSONS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	ALFRED	YORK
PATTEN FREE LIBRARY	BATH	SAGadahoc
PEABODY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	JONESPORT	WASHINGTON
PEAVEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	EASTPORT	WASHINGTON
PEMBROKE LIBRARY	PEMBROKE	WASHINGTON
PHILLIPS PUBLIC LIBRARY	PHILLIPS	FRANKLIN
PITTSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PITTSFIELD	SOMERSET
PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MACHIAS	WASHINGTON
PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	PORTLAND	CUMBERLAND
PRINCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CUMBERLAND	CUMBERLAND
PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY	PRINCETON	WASHINGTON
RANGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	RANGELEY	FRANKLIN
RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY	RAYMOND	CUMBERLAND
READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY	READFIELD	KENNEBEC
REVERE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	ISLE AU HAUT	KNOX
RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY	KITTERY	YORK
RICHVILLE LIBRARY	STANDISH	CUMBERLAND
RICKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	POLAND	ANDROSCOGGIN
ROBERT A. FROST MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LIMESTONE	AROOSTOOK
ROCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	ROCKLAND	KNOX

ROCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY	ROCKPORT	KNOX
RUMFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	RUMFORD	OXFORD
RUTHERFORD LIBRARY	SOUTH BRISTOL	LINCOLN
SALMON FALLS LIBRARY	HOLLIS	YORK
SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY	SCARBOROUGH	CUMBERLAND
SEARSMONT TOWN LIBRARY	SEARSMONT	WALDO
SHAPLEIGH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	SHAPLEIGH	YORK
SHAW PUBLIC LIBRARY - GREENVILLE	GREENVILLE	PISCATAQUIS
MERCER SHAW LIBRARY	MERCER	SOMERSET
SHERMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	SHERMAN	AROOSTOOK
SIMPSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CARMEL	PENOBSCOT
SKIDOMPHA PUBLIC LIBRARY	DAMARISCOTTA	LINCOLN
SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	SKOWHEGAN	SOMERSET
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	HIRAM	OXFORD
SOMESVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	MOUNT DESERT	HANCOCK
SOUTH BERWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOUTH BERWICK	YORK
SOUTH CHINA PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOUTH CHINA	KENNEBEC
SOUTH PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOUTH PORTLAND	CUMBERLAND
SOUTH THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOUTH THOMASTON	KNOX
SOUTHPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY	SOUTHPORT	LINCOLN
SOUTHWEST HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOUTHWEST HARBOR	HANCOCK
SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY	SEBAGO	CUMBERLAND
SPRINGVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY	SANFORD	YORK
STEEP FALLS LIBRARY	STEEP FALLS	CUMBERLAND
STETSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	STETSON	PENOBSCOT
STEWART FREE LIBRARY	CORINNA	PENOBSCOT
STEWART PUBLIC LIBRARY	ANSON	SOMERSET

STOCKTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY LIBRARY	STOCKTON SPRINGS	WALDO
STONINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	STONINGTON	HANCOCK
STRATTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	STRATTON	FRANKLIN
STRONG PUBLIC LIBRARY	STRONG	FRANKLIN
SWAN'S ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	SWAN'S ISLAND	Hancock
THOMAS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CAPE ELIZABETH	CUMBERLAND
THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	THOMASTON	KNOX
THOMPSON FREE LIBRARY	DOVER-FOXCROFT	PISCATAQUIS
TOPSHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY	TOPSHAM	SAGadahoc
TREAT MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LIVERMORE FALLS	ANDROSCOGGIN
TURNER PUBLIC LIBRARY	TURNER	ANDROSCOGGIN
UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	FAYETTE	KENNEBEC
UNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	UNITY	WALDO
VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY	EAST VASSALBORO	KENNEBEC
VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	PATTEN	PENOBSCOT
VINALHAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	VINALHAVEN	KNOX
VOSE LIBRARY	UNION	KNOX
WALDO PEIRCE READING ROOM	FRANKFORT	WALDO
WALDOBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY	WALDOBORO	LINCOLN
WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	WESTBROOK	CUMBERLAND
WALTER T. A. HANSEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MARS HILL	AROOSTOOK
WARREN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WARREN	KNOX
WASHBURN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	WASHBURN	AROOSTOOK
WATERBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY	WATERBORO	YORK
WATERFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	WATERFORD	OXFORD
WATERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WATERVILLE	KENNEBEC
WEBSTER LIBRARY	KINGFIELD	FRANKLIN

WELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WELD	FRANKLIN
WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	WELLS	YORK
WEST BUXTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	BUXTON	YORK
WEST PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY	WEST PARIS	OXFORD
WHITEFIELD LIBRARY	WHITEFIELD	LINCOLN
WHITMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY	BRYANT POND	OXFORD
WHITNEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WHITNEYVILLE	WASHINGTON
WILLIAM FOGG PUBLIC LIBRARY	ELIOT	YORK
WILTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WILTON	FRANKLIN
WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY	WINDHAM	CUMBERLAND
WINSLOW PUBLIC LIBRARY	WINSLOW	KENNEBEC
WINTER HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	WINTER HARBOR	HANCOCK
WINTERPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY	WINTERPORT	WALDO
WISCASSET PUBLIC LIBRARY	WISCASSET	LINCOLN
WITHERLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CASTINE	HANCOCK
WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	BAILEYVILLE	WASHINGTON
YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY	YORK	YORK
ZADOC LONG FREE LIBRARY	BUCKFIELD	OXFORD

Comments: Concern has been expressed about individuals or entities seeking public library status for the purpose of accessing services, benefits, or programs such as free or reduced-cost films or internet service for which they would not otherwise be eligible. Adoption of this list is intended to prevent that outcome. This list is the FY24_Public_Library_Data downloaded from the Maine State Library (Maine State Library) website on March 30, 2026; the same list appears in the Maine State Library Directory as of that date. Prior fiscal-year data appears to reflect the same number of libraries, indicating that the libraries listed are stable, known to be existing public libraries, and not likely to be entities seeking to gain advantage. The process for adding additional libraries is intended to ensure continued integrity of this eligibility limitation.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

27 M.R.S. §§ 111(2), 113

5 M.R.S. § 8051.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Rule repeals and replaces 94-07 Title 5 Maine Library Commission, Chapter 1: RULES REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES and the current Policy on Non-Discrimination.

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