

## 27 M.R.S. § 101

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### **§ 101. Free public libraries established in towns**

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Any town may establish a free public library therein for the use of its inhabitants and provide suitable rooms therefor under such regulation for its government as the inhabitants from time to time prescribe, and may levy and assess a tax and make appropriation therefrom for the foundation and commencement of such library and for its maintenance and increase annually. Any town in which there is a public library may establish and maintain under the same general management and control such branches of the same as the convenience and wants of its citizens seem to demand.

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## 27 M.R.S. § 102

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### **§ 102. Free public libraries established in village corporations**

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Any village corporation located in a town where no free library exists may establish a library within its limits for the free use of all its inhabitants and may levy and assess a corporate tax and make appropriation therefrom for its maintenance and increase annually. Village libraries established under this section shall be subject to all the duties and entitled to all the privileges prescribed by the laws relating to free public libraries in towns.

§ 101. Free public libraries established in towns

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### **§ 103. Free use of library in adjoining towns authorized**

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Any municipality may raise and appropriate annually a sum of money for the purpose of securing to its inhabitants free use of a library located in an adjoining municipality.

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## 27 M.R.S. § 104

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### § 104. Towns uniting for libraries

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Two or more towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a free public library with branches thereof in each town for the free use of all the inhabitants of said towns and may each raise and make appropriation for that purpose annually. Such towns shall be subject to all duties and entitled to all the benefits prescribed by the laws relating to free libraries.

## 27 M.R.S. § 105

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### **§ 105. State aid for municipalities maintaining free public libraries [Repealed]**

#### **History**

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##### **Section History**

PL 2003, c. 20, §O1 (RP).

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### **§ 106. Libraries controlled by associations assisted by towns**

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Any town or city in which there is a library owned or controlled by a corporation or association or by trustees may levy and assess a tax and make appropriation therefrom annually to procure from that library the free use of its books for all the inhabitants of the town or city, under those restrictions and regulations necessary to ensure the safety and good usage of the books.

### **History**

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#### **Section History**

PL 2003, c. 20, §O2 (AMD).

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### **§ 107. Custody of public documents; list of books purchased [Repealed]**

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#### **History**

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##### **Section History**

PL 2003, c. 20, §O3 (RP).

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## 27 M.R.S. § 108

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### **§ 108. Donation of books and gifts for foundation of library [Repealed]**

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#### **History**

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##### **Section History**

PL 2013, c. 82, §8 (RP).

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### **§ 109. Gifts and devises to towns**

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Any town, as such, may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a public library therein; and may accept by vote of the legal voters thereof any land or land and buildings thereon, to be used as a public library or art gallery, or both combined. When any plantation is incorporated into a town such gifts and the proceeds thereof fully vest in such town.

## 27 M.R.S. § 110

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### § 110. Definitions

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As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- 1. Appeals board.** “Appeals board” means the Maine Library Commission acting, on request from interested citizens, as a board of review for decisions made concerning the State’s library plan.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. District council.** Repealed
- 6. District plan.** Repealed
- 7. Library region.** “Library region” or “region” means a defined geographic area consisting of local libraries. Libraries from multiple regions may be joined cooperatively to an area reference and resource center and a research center. Local libraries within the library region may also be joined cooperatively with other types of libraries.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Media center.** Repealed

## § 110. Definitions

**9-A. Maine Library Advisory Council.** “Maine Library Advisory Council” means an advisory body representing a constituency of participating libraries from all geographical library regions, as described in section 114-A.

**10. 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.

**11. Regional library system.** “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.

**12. Research center.** “Research center” means any library designated as such by the State Librarian and receiving state aid for the purposes of making its major research collections, under such rules and regulations as are defined by its governing board and head librarian, available to the residents of the State.

## History

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### Section History

PL 1973, c. 626, §6 (NEW). PL 1977, c. 125, §1 (AMD). PL 1981, c. 464, §29 (AMD). PL 1989, c. 700, §§B24,25 (AMD). RR 1991, c. 2, §101 (COR). PL 2019, c. 150, §§2-9 (AMD).