

Milbridge Public Library



Did you start too many plants for your garden? Drop one off at the Library for the plant sale!

Wish List

Maybe you have some of these items that you can donate?

- Mouse pads and mouse(s)
- DVD's - any kind of movie!
- Books on CD
- Current Books



Librarian's Note

"I loved that audio book you recommended!"

"Your collection is so complete for such a small library!"

"I cannot believe you have recent DVDs!"

"Many thanks for faxing this for me; not many places offer that service."

In today's economy, not many can afford to rent a movie, or purchase books, audio books or even pay their internet fees. It is very pleasing to hear how people have enjoyed what they have borrowed or used from the Milbridge Public Library (MPL).

Milbridge and our neighboring towns are very lucky to have this resource, supported by our town and the Friends of MPL. We are the ONLY local library open for 40 hours per week; offering DVD's, children and adult audio books, research books, best selling books, WiFi, computers with internet access, copy machine and faxes.

We now even have our own Web site, thanks to Susan Jordan Bennett! Please visit us online at: <http://www.milbridgelibrary.org>

Melissa Rapa, Librarian

Endowment Fund News

Our \$100,000 Endowment Fund goal has been reached!!!

Our Endowment Fund is managed by professional investment services of the Maine Community Foundation, and lists the Fund at \$105, 539 on the January, 2010 statement. In coming years, the interest from the Fund can help to provide materials and services for our Library. Continuing contributions to the Town of Milbridge Public Library/ Endowment Fund will always be greatly appreciated.

The Endowment Fund became a reality because of many sources of revenue. An anonymous challenge grant of \$10,000 started its growth. We met the challenge with donations from many generous individuals. Fundraising events were organized, - a bulb sale, a fuel raffle, bucket brigades at Milbridge Days and other civic events, a summer steel band concert, etc. Donations from sixteen local businesses and the Rotarians showed strong support.

The Milbridge Public Library was one of 19 non-profit organizations to receive a \$25,000 challenge grant from the Maine Community Foundation. We met the challenge with a Maren Foundation grant, a bequest from the estate of Ruth Stanley, a generous donation from the Milbridge Friends of the Library, and many more donations from individuals who know how important libraries are, especially in these difficult economic times. Patrons come to the

library to compose resumes or look for job training listings on the computer, to obtain tax information and/or how-to books for home repair, to find information or entertainment through books, DVDs and CDs, etc.

I want to express my appreciation to the Endowment Committee, Fran Bodell, Dede Clair, Alison Enslin, Tera Fey, Bobbie Matthews, and LeeLee Schlegel, - who wrote grants, organized fundraisers, attended workshops, etc. Also thanks to the Friends of the Milbridge Library, the Milbridge Library Board of Directors and the town and its officials who whole-heartedly supported this endeavor to provide financial support to the Milbridge Public Library in the coming years.

Jean Beckley
Chairperson of Endowment Committee

Book, Bake & Plant Sale

Saturday, June 26 9 am - 1 pm

The Friends of the Library Annual Book and Bake Sale! Come by the Town Hall to have a scrumptious treat and a cup of coffee, select a plant for your garden and a book for a relaxing afternoon's read.

This year we've added a plant sale to our event. Mordina Roberts is asking for any extra potted plants from your garden, as well as house plants, labeled and with growing tips. Call her with a tally of what you have (546-2955). Small pretty bouquets would be welcomed.

The Library is accepting book donations for the sale until Friday, June 18th. Bakery donations will be accepted on June 25th and 26th - call Pat Fickett with questions (546-7565). If you would like to help with set up Friday the 25th, or with sales on the 26th, call John and Lee-Lee Schlegel at (546-3764). The Friends welcome your participation, your contributions, and your support!



YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED BECOME A FRIEND

Friends of the Milbridge Library help provide many extras to our patrons. Computers, printers, computer maintenance, children's programs, bookcases, magazine subscriptions, and new books are just some of the gifts given by the Friends. Your membership and support would be greatly appreciated.

2010 Membership dues are now being accepted. Membership is \$10 annually per person.

Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Year-round resident Summer resident
Enclosed: \$ _____ Dues for _____ person(s)
\$ _____ Donation
\$ _____ Endowment Fund

Total enclosed: \$ _____

I am willing to help with the following:

Book sales Volunteering in the Library Special Events

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Milbridge Library
Send form and check to: Milbridge Public Library, P.O. Box 128, Milbridge, ME



The Butterfly Guy

Butterflies: Habits & Habitats

On Monday, July 26th at 3 p.m. come and join us for the Butterfly Guy! Jerry Schneider, former librarian and teacher, will offer a nature program titled, Butterflies: Habits and Habitats. The program concludes with a wonderful butterfly tee-shirt craft. Kids may purchase tee-shirts @\$4.00 or bring their own shirts. See you there!

Treasurer's Report

2009 Donations Increase

While our total FoML assets have declined slightly over the past year, we have achieved a major goal during the year of raising over \$100,000 for the Endowment Fund! Considering the current national financial situation, we were very fortunate to have received \$2,234.00 in donations during 2009, up significantly over 2008. We were also able to raise \$574 through our annual series of soup-and pie luncheons. At the same time, unfortunately, our income from dues is down significantly compared to 2008, and our fund-raising activities brought in only \$2,494.13 in 2009 which is down 42% compared to our fund-raising in 2008. On the Expense side of the ledger, our buying of books, programs, equipment and subscriptions for the Library were major funding items in 2009, costing us \$2,601.97. In addition, the cost of providing library computer support and Wi-Fi access for the community continues at \$1,200/year. That said, by carefully managing our administrative costs, our overall expenditures for 2009 have actually gone down slightly compared to our 2008 expenditures. So, while we continue to work to provide the best support we can to the Library, we'll try to work even harder in 2010 and beyond to improve this essential community resource. One way you can all help is by becoming a member of the Friends of the Milbridge Library – our annual dues are only \$10 per year. Of course, your continued support is very much appreciated.

John Schlegel, Treasurer

Now's the time to thin out the bookcase to make room for new acquisitions; donate your books today!

Share your baking talents for the benefit of the Library, make a treat for the bake sale!

The Importance of Your Local Library

Your Library is an important place. It helps your little ones learn their ABCs, and your young readers discover a new world with the turn of a page. You can have an evening's entertainment or an afternoon's escape into another world. The Library lets you keep in touch with your family, search for employment positions, or write a resume. You can find the latest news or research an issue important to you or your family. There is something to benefit everyone at your Library.

The Children's room is full of books and DVDs for toddlers to preteens. There are the newest bestsellers, books by Maine authors and about Maine history, and audio books for your trips in the car. The DVD selection continues to expand through donations and new acquisitions. The Bangor Daily News, Downeast Coastal Press and the Ellsworth American are on the shelves for your use. Many people are catching up on local news, checking on the weekend's yard sales and more importantly have quick, free access to high speed internet for current national news and employment web sites not just in Maine but throughout the country.

Writing on behalf of the Friends of Milbridge Library, we want to thank you for contributing to your Library's fund raising efforts, volunteering your time to assist in the Library and most importantly by using and enjoying your Library. So much is there for you to discover.

Dorothy Clair

Love Your Library

14 Great Reasons to Visit the Milbridge Public Library

1. Use the library's *computers* free of charge.
2. *Keep up with the news* through newspapers and magazines.
3. Check out the latest *best sellers*.
4. *Explore* science, history and the world.
5. Research your *local history*. Maybe you'll find out where the skeletons are buried in your town.
6. *Learn* another language.
7. Catch up on the *classics*.
8. *Save money* by borrowing your library's collections of books, DVD's, audio books, etc. rather than buying them.
9. Check out a couple of *great books on tape or CDs* that the whole family can enjoy on the drive to Grandma's and other distant places.
10. Check your e-mail with our free *Internet access*.
11. Get your *IRS forms online* or at your library.
12. *Donate* books, DVDs and audio books from your collection to the Library.
13. Check out the best books to *read to your children*.
14. Help your library by *volunteering*, participating in the Friends group, assisting with special projects. Your investment in time and ideas will pay off big time to you and your community.

