OUR MISSION

To enrich lives by building community, inspiring imaginations, and empowering individuals through lifelong learning.
Greetings,

Believe it or not, there's never a dull moment at the library. In 2022, we offered over 330 programs and saw significant increases in our foot traffic, circulation, computer use, and meeting room use. Throughout, we made strides to increase access to our services by expanding our hours, eliminating late fines, and improving our online resources.

In 2023, we are building on this momentum with an emphasis on these values:

**Community**

*We will continue to bring together people of all ages for opportunities to learn, create, and connect with each other and the place they live.*

**Sustainability**

*We are investing in making the library greener and more resilient to change by adding solar panels and electric vehicle chargers to our facility and growing the bandwidth of our team.*

**Service**

*From the small things like providing free tampons and socks in our bathrooms, to impactful programs like our Caregiver Support Group, we continue to be committed to responding to community needs through collaboration and innovation.*

This spring, our board and staff will be having critical conversations about where we're headed, and we'll be shaping the values above into goals to help us get there. I'll be in touch this summer to share what we come up with, but in the meantime, I encourage you to reach out and let me know what you'd like to see from your library in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Diana Furukawa

Library Director

February 2023
2022 BY THE NUMBERS

13,987 books circulated + 11% since 2021

On average, our patrons saved $150 last year simply by using their library cards. Calculate how much you’ve saved at:
maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm

1075 meeting room use + 80% since 2021

"[The library] has allowed me the physical space and resources to work remotely... and given me the opportunity to make and build community connections that have helped me personally and professionally."
– Michael Niles, library patron

77 community meetings + 330% since 2021

Many community groups use our space after hours. Stop in to learn how you can use our space for your next meeting.

1951+ volunteer hours + 16% since 2021

"As a volunteer and patron of MML, I'm able to avail myself of private meeting rooms, and copying and faxing services... I can also loan out a bike, kayak, snowshoes or other outdoor equipment. MML has come a long way since I was a child... I look forward to seeing what is to come."
– Carol Morrison, library volunteer

332 programs offered + 790% since 2021

From seed-saving workshops to author talks, we love bringing your program ideas to life at the library. Have an idea for a program? Let us know.

2042 patrons assisted through our resource navigation service

"The staff of MML have been my everything... When I need anything, if they don't have it, they show me who does or where to go to get it."
– Mary Kaplan, library patron

2479 library cardholders + 13% since 2021

Did you know that anyone in Maine can get an MML library card for free? Help us spread the word!

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LIBRARY OPERATIONS

Our operating costs are funded by a combination of grants, donations, and support from the Town of Millinocket and the Friends of MML. Operating expenses include costs to maintain the library building, our collection, staff time, and our standard programming.

Operating INCOME: $268,390

Operating EXPENSES: $250,806

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The library oversees two special programs—Mobilize Katahdin and the Katahdin Gear Library—which are primarily funded by restricted grants. These programs are built in partnership with other organizations and respond to emerging community needs that align with our mission.

Mobilize Katahdin INCOME: $228,383

Mobilize Katahdin EXPENSES: $71,690

*Prorated to account for different fiscal calendars of grantors.
Our Summer Reading Program kick-off featured a musical performance by Wally Paul.

Library staff and interns enjoyed a retreat at Millinocket Lake this summer.

This year we brought together public librarians in the region on a quarterly basis to build relationships, share information, and discuss shared challenges.

Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness staff taught a course on seed-saving in our new “Learn & Grow Garden”.

Our weekly after-school Art Club allows youth to express their artistic side.

The library was lucky to have three amazing teen interns this summer.

Mary McManus offered a weekly Life Drawing class for adults this winter.
People of all ages helped out with planting at the community garden last spring.

Young patrons at our Halloween Party took a break from games, puzzles, and candy to listen to a story read by one of our teen volunteers.

This summer, we sponsored a weekly all-ages walking group with Age-Friendly Millinocket.

The library partnered with Dara Manley to offer a series of classes on eating healthy on a budget.

In May, we opened up a downtown branch location for the Katahdin Gear Library program. It served as a convenient meet-up spot for our many community rides, walks, and trail runs this summer.

A young patron had fun picking out books in our Children’s Discovery Space.

Kids learned how to use our new telescope, donated by Friends of Katahdin Woods & Waters.

Library volunteer, Deb Grabber, helped plant and water flowers in a portion of our garden.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Volunteers & Friends of MML

We would like to acknowledge the many dedicated volunteers who make our work possible. Below is a non-comprehensive list of our 2022 volunteers. We’d like to give a special shoutout to our new volunteers, who are bolded below.

Ben Barr
Tanner Baron
**Barbara Beaulieu**
David Blaisdell
Susan Bouchard
**Charlie Brittin**
Alex Bulley
Dean Crocco
Eddie Crocco
Melissa Crocco
Michael Crowley
Shorty Cummings
Jane Danforth
Amelie Davis Rousseau
**Matt Elshoff**
Carolyn Filauro
Herb Fithian
Albert Fowler
Fred Fowler
Marian Fowler
Bernadette Friel
Esther Gass
Deborah Grabber
Brittany Grutter
Herschel Hafford
**Jeff Hamm**
Lily Hamm
Phil Healey
Fred Herring
Brendan Hurley
Cindy Ingerson
Anne Jackson
Randy Jackson
Dale Jandreau
Marjorie King
Ross Knowlton
Mary Lou Libby
**Mia Lowery**
Terri MacDonald
**Robin Matarazzo**
Mary McManus
Carol Morrison
MaryAlice Mowry
Susan Nelson
Wally Paul
Maura Pate
George Perry
Tom Power
Kitty St. John
Patric Santerre
Lee Smith
Robin Stevens
**Beth Sulander**
Eric Turmel
**Bianca Wallace**

A TRIBUTE TO
BEVERLY MACDONALD

December 30, 1925 - October 22, 2022

Beverly MacDonald was born in Millinocket in 1925 and lived most of her life there. Raised speaking Lithuanian at home, she learned English through attending public school in Millinocket and gained confidence in the language through reading at the library. As the proud holder of Library Card #5, Beverly frequently checked out books by the bag.

As an adult, Beverly worked at the library’s original location on Central Street. When the library opened at its new location in 1963, she became its first Children’s Librarian, working there for over 20 years and volunteering throughout the 1980s.

Beverly had a lifelong passion for reading books of all kinds, but her favorites were the ones she loved to read to her children and grandchildren: Drummer Hoff, Blueberries for Sal, Miss Rumphius and countless others. She inspired her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to read, volunteer, and support libraries—traditions that they keep alive to this day.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our major donors

Last year, we received over 250 donations from individuals and families in our community and beyond. Contributions of any size make an impact for us, but we want to acknowledge those donors who went above and beyond in 2022 to support our mission.


Our foundation & corporate supporters

The groups below have supported our work through donations, grants, and partnership.