

Maine Library Commission Database Subcommittee: Call for New Member Applications

Application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DatabaseSubcommittee>

In August 2023, the Maine State Library convened a task force of stakeholders to provide guidance on statewide database services, including the recent Request for Proposal process for a new database package. This task force was highly successful and productive, guiding the RFP process as well as shaping evaluation, training, the website and LibGuide, and other critical aspects of Digital Maine Library.

This task force is now continuing on as a permanent subcommittee of the Maine Library Commission. While many of the original task force members will continue on as members of the subcommittee, there are several vacancies we need to fill at this time and the Subcommittee is putting out a call for applications.

The goals of this subcommittee:

- Provide input and obtain feedback from all stakeholder groups that will inform the RFP process to select standalone databases to include in DML.
- Communicate consistently with all stakeholder groups about the database RFP process, changes to DML and its databases, and the costs of databases offered.
- Provide input and obtain feedback from all stakeholder groups that will inform training and promotion needs for both librarians and their end users.
- Provide input and obtain feedback from all stakeholder groups that will inform the DML website and LibGuide.
- Assess DML's usability and make recommendations for improvements.
- Create and implement an evaluation plan for DML and its databases.

This MLC Database Subcommittee will be comprised of 18 individuals who represent a variety of stakeholder groups*. New members will commit to a 2-year term, August 2024 through July 2026. The group will meet once per month online and additionally on occasion as needed. Members are expected to attend at least 75% of the meetings and to complete needed work in between meetings. Members can expect to spend approximately 5 hours per month on the committee. Additional opportunities to contribute to DML will be available through ad hoc work groups.

The vacancies are:

- One librarian from a small/rural public library (population served 5,000 or less)
- One librarian from a large public academic library (over 7,000 students served)
- One librarian from a community college library
- One librarian from a K12 school library (preferably from a K6 school library)
- One representative from Maine Library Advisory Committee (MLAC)

This is an open application period for anyone in these groups with a deadline of July 31, 2024. The current members will advance their selections to the Maine Library Commission for final approval.

If you have any questions about this process or the purpose of this task force, please reach out to Beth Crist, beth.crist@maine.gov.

Thank you in advance for contributing to the transparency and sustainability of one of our core services to libraries in Maine!

*The entire list of member slots:

- MSL staff - facilitator
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- Academic Librarian - large public (over 7,000 students served)
- Academic Librarian - small public (up to 7,000 students served)
- Academic Librarian - private college
- Academic Librarian - community college
- Public Librarian - small/rural (population served 5,000 or less)
- Public Librarian - medium/suburban (population served 5,000 - 18,999)
- Public Librarian - large/urban (population served 19,000 or more)
- School (K-12) librarian
- School (K-12) librarian
- School (K-12) librarian
- MSL Library Development consultant
- Maine Library Advisory Committee (MLAC) Representative
- Minerva Representative
- URSUS representative
- Maine InfoNet representative (board/staff)
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