

**Reads Community Literacy Project
Planning Grant Final Report**

Please fill out the following final report and return within 60 days of The end of your grant or before filing a Maine Reads Community Literacy Project implementation grant, whichever comes sooner. The 2005 implementation grant deadline is April 15. This form is available on line and we would appreciate your return of this final report by copying it from our site www.mainereads.org and emailing it back to us at info@mainereads.org. If you do not have email, you may mail it to us at Maine Reads, 28 Winter Street, Portland, Maine 04012, but the electronic return is preferred. You will find that most of the questions listed below are the same as those we suggested you address at the Public Forum.

Library: _____ Bangor Public
Library _____
Address: _____ 145 Harlow
Street _____
City, State and Zip: _____ Bangor Me
04401 _____
Librarian(s): _____ Anne
Mundy _____
Contact person: _____ Anne
Mundy _____
Phone: _____ 947-8337 _____ Email:
_____ mundy@bpl.lib.me.us _____
Website if any:
_____ www.bpl.lib.me.us _____

Please respond to the following questions.

1) Names of members/groups on the Advisory Panel and affiliations and titles:

will send via mail

2) Did you hold the following meetings and what were the approximate Number of attendees:

_____ Meeting I Focus Group # of attendees 6
_____ Meeting II Public Forum # of attendees 17
Location _____ Bangor Public Library
_____ Meeting III Project Meeting # of attendees 9

3) What did you discover were the top 5 underserved populations in your community? (Please list them in descending order)

1 transient individuals and families 2 teens 3 immigrants 4 illiterate 5 families at Park Woods

4) What literacy programs/activities are currently taking place in your community?

Adult Ed, Literacy Volunteers, Head Start, Many private
Preschool programs, Salvation Army Teen Program, Sylvan Learning
Center, Rotary Readers

5) What is the most important contribution your organization makes to your community and how does it work towards the Vision, Goal and/or Objectives of the Maine Reads Community literacy Project?

Provides a welcoming community center rich with reading materials, online access and programs for education, self-improvement, recreation and enjoyment. Our mission statements are almost interchangeable!

6) What overlaps in services or groups served did you discover if any?

More programs for younger children than for teens

7) Please describe potential community partners and projects to reach the under-served.

Forum posits that transportation is a major concern. Working with school system and City Bus we hope to provide transportation for all underserved populations to the library, museums, Y's, parks etc.

8) What literacy projects do you think are needed to fill the gaps in service in your community?

Programs to encourage library use with Transient families and individuals and those outside the mainstream. Programs for teens.

9) What is your plan of action? How do you plan to address your Communities literacy needs?

To encourage library use by transient families and the disenfranchised, we will offer a program for pre-school parents to introduce them to the fun of reading and the dynamo of a place the library can be for their family.

10) Describe what you learned and how the project helped Maine Reads to reach its goal to strengthen families and support lifelong learning?

Received a lot of feedback about how families are not using the library because they purchase their books and have heavily scheduled lives allowing little time for library visits. Libraries need to try harder to be more visible in the community. Need to work at letting people know cards are free and fear of fines shouldn't keep people away. Forum felt that a mutually beneficial program of kids riding the city bus might be obtainable. Bus riding might become more acceptable and safer (safety in numbers) and young people would have a means to get to programs throughout the community. A committee is to meet with the Superintendent of Schools to try to move forward with school department support for such a plan.

Other comments?

To help other literacy organizations gain a better understanding of Literacy needs and projects in Maine, may we share your responses and post them on the Maine Reads website? Yes No

Please feel free to provide a success story or information about how we May improve the Maine Reads Community Literacy project grants process. Thank you for your support!