

The Rockland Public Library was created by a partnership of individual citizens and organized city government in the 1890's. Its first home was in the Spofford Block on Main Street. When the trustees heard of Andrew Carnegie's gifts for new libraries, they applied for funds. Mr. Carnegie said he would give \$20,000 if the city would agree to provide the land and support the library. By 1904 a beautiful new library opened for the people of Rockland.

For 100 years that library contributed to our pleasure and education. In 1979, the Library was named to the National Register of Historic Places. As support dwindled in economic hard times, a few determined volunteers recognized the library's needs and organized as the Friends of the Rockland Public Library. The Friends invited the Library's Advisory Board to join them in their effort and together, they began a series of public discussions concerning the fate of Rockland's century old library. The Friends' struggle bore fruit, and a new organization was formed in 1996 : the Rockland Public Library Endowment Association. RPLEA was entrusted with the task of raising funds to restore and enlarge the library and begin the development of an Endowment Fund. In August of 2001 the building you see today was realized and the private-public partnership was renewed.

We welcome you to join us as we continue our second century of service at the Rockland Public Library.

LIBRARY CARDS

Rockland residents or property owners are eligible for a free library card. Any non-resident may purchase a card, and summer residents may purchase a temporary card for a three-month period. Library users must possess a card to enjoy many library services. A photo ID and proof of current address are required to obtain a card.

- Residents no charge
- Non-residents \$45
- Temporary (3 mo) \$25
- Non-resident students of RSU 13 \$10
- Non-resident K-12 of Knox County \$20

Babies are welcome! You may get a card for your newborn as soon as you are able to bring the infant to the Library.

SERVICES

- Friendly, professional service
- Collection of > 60,000 items
- Current magazines & newspapers
- Children's story times
- Summer reading program
- Local history & genealogy resources
- Large print collection
- Videos and DVD's
- Books on tape and CD
- Inter-library loans
- On-going book sale
- PCs including Internet access
- Wi-Fi access
- Community meeting rooms
- Literacy materials
- Programs of interest to all ages
- IRS forms
- Maine Infonet Download Library
- Public Fax

- Books-On-Wheels program
- Notary (please call first)

LOAN POLICY

Loan period

- Books, etc. 14 days
- Videos 7 days

Holds

Materials which are checked out or on order may be reserved. You will be notified when the item you want is available.

Renewals

New books – one renewal.

Videos or DVDs – one renewal

All other materials – three renewals. Unless reserved by other borrowers, materials may be renewed over the telephone or on-line using your library card's barcode number.

Late Fees

- Books, tapes, etc. \$.15/day
- Children's books \$.05/day
- Videos/DVDs, eReaders \$1/day

Accrued fines over \$5 will result in the loss of library privileges. All outstanding fines must be paid at the time of renewal of a library card.

Lost Materials

The borrower will be charged the full cost for lost books, videos, tapes, etc.

Inter-library Loans

Materials not owned by our Library may be obtained through inter-library loan.

LIBRARY CATALOG

The Library's card catalog can be viewed from home at the Library's website :

www.rocklandlibrary.org

The website also has information about library events, connects to the **MARVEL** electronic databases for magazine, newspaper, and journal articles, and provides links to other informational sites.

HOURS

Monday	9 AM – 8 PM
Tuesday	9 AM – 8 PM
Wednesday	9 AM – 5 PM
Thursday	9 AM – 8 PM
Friday	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM – 5 PM

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

Records maintained by any public municipal library, the Maine State Library, the Law and Legislative Reference Library and libraries of the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy that contain information relating to the identity of a library patron relative to the patron's use of books or other materials at the library are confidential. Those records may only be released with the express written permission of the patron involved or as the result of a court order.

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27-Section 121

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Gifts to the City of Rockland

The Rockland Public Library is funded almost entirely by local tax support. Gifts made directly to the library become a part of the City's General Fund and help support the library's basic operations.

Gifts to the Friends of the Library

The Friends are an organized group of volunteers that help to support the library and also promote public awareness and recognition of the library. The Friends sponsor programs and help to purchase books and equipment for library use. Monies raised from donations, memberships, and other fund-raising events are donated directly back to the library. Gifts to the Friends are tax deductible.

The Friends-run BookStop is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm; Saturdays till 4:00 pm.

Gifts to the RPLEA

The Rockland Public Library Endowment Association is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to benefit this library. The RPLEA encourages donations, oversees the management of endowment funds, helps enrich library services by providing special funding for supplemental programs, and serves as the conduit for the proper disbursement of endowment income. Gifts to the RPLEA are fully tax deductible as allowed by law.



*Our mission...
to build community,
preserve history, and
nurture the life of the
mind*

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