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Dear Vermont School Librarians/Media Center Directors,

I hope you had a good summer and that your new school year is off to a great start.

Enclosed is the annual packet of information about services for school libraries offered by the Department of Libraries. Please make sure that this information reaches the appropriate personnel in your school.

There are some changes from previous years – and the biggest changes come as a result of budget cuts in our Department. Like many of you, our Department took some hard “hits” in FY2009, particularly the loss of four positions. As a result, we have closed the Midstate Regional Library in Berlin to public and school libraries. The books in that collection are now available only via Interlibrary Loan. We regret this turn of events and know that many of you have relied on that service and will greatly miss being able to borrow directly from the Midstate Library. The Northeast Regional Library remains open to teachers and school and public libraries, though on a reduced schedule. More detailed information is available in this packet.

Other services outlined in the packet:

- ✓ VALS (Vermont Automated Libraries System)
- ✓ Web2 Online Union Catalog, and K12cat
- ✓ Resource Sharing Network(Interlibrary Loan)
- ✓ Vermont Online Library
- ✓ Movie Licensing USA public performance license
- ✓ Vermont’s Child-Selected Book Awards
- ✓ Special Services for students that are visually or physically handicapped
- ✓ Vermont School Library Report ... and more!

Please accept my best wishes for a successful school year. Don’t hesitate to contact me or other Department of Libraries staff members for assistance or to answer questions. We’re here to help you!

Sincerely,

Martha Reid  
State Librarian









































































