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OWLS HEAD VILLAGE LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES
\$3,000 grant will enable the Library to host informational meeting on the Knox County Airport and new proposed Interlocal Agreement with Owls Head.

The Owls Head Village Library has been selected as one of 200 libraries nationally to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will support the library to host a zoom meeting for Owls Head residents and other interested parties to provide information on the Knox County Airport – it's Master Plan, the roles of the various stakeholders, a summary of Owls Head's Comprehensive Plan and a review of the current expiring interlocal agreement and the proposed new 20 -year agreement which will be voted on in mid-April by Owls Head residents.

"We are so grateful to be chosen" said Library Board President Kerry Hadley. *"We are a new library board that came together last July to keep our small, friendly library open and sought ways to maintain our relevance within our community."* We feel it's important our community be informed on the airport, it's economic impact on our region, and the impact any changes may or may not have on our community as a whole.

Invited to speak in a highly structured format at the meeting are all identified stakeholders – the FAA, the regional airport advisory committee (APAC), the County, the airport manager, the Owls Head Airport Advisory Committee (OHAC) and the Owls Head Select Board/Town Committee members. The zoom meeting will be held from 6:30 – 8 PM on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The meeting will be moderated by Carole Martin, a professional moderator.

Please visit the Owls Head Village Library website to register and receive the zoom link: (owlsheadlibrary.org) You may also email the library a question or comment you would like to see covered at the meeting: owlsheadvillagelibrary@gmail.com.

The Owls Head Village Library is located at 31 S. Shore Drive in Owls Head, just up S. Shore Drive from the newly reopened General Store. Staffed winter hours are the first Wednesday of the month from 2 – 4 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM – 2 PM following Covid-19 precautions. This charming small library hosts history, fiction, non-fiction and children's sections and a special section of Maine fiction and nonfiction as well as DVD's. There is no membership fee; the library is supported by generous private donations and a contribution from the Town of Owls Head. Many new bestsellers are immediately available for circulation and a friendly staff enjoys welcoming you. Anyone within the town of Owls Head desiring a good read or movie and unable or unwilling to enter the library at this time may call (207) 593-0302 and request delivery.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.