

**Gardiner Public Library
152 Water St.
Gardiner, ME 04345**

MEMO

**Date: July 24, 2008
To: Jeff Kobrock, City Manager
From: Anne Davis, Director of Library and Information Services
Re.: Library services to towns**

Jeff,

Last night marked the end of my town meeting season with a positive vote from Randolph residents to continue supporting library services.

This unique agreement between our surrounding towns and Gardiner to pool together to support exceptional regional library services was difficult to maintain this year. I am sure this is due to the rising costs to municipal budgets. All towns are trying to contain these costs and often library services are threatened. I also would like to note that every time the economy takes a downturn; our public library becomes extremely busy. People do not have the extra income to purchase books, rent movies, buy magazines, pay for Internet connections and purchase a daily newspaper. They count on the Gardiner Public Library to provide all these services.

I am exceptionally proud to tell you that the following communities felt that these library services were too important to cut and have agreed to pay the following fees:

• Litchfield	\$16,745
• Pittston	\$19,507
• Randolph	\$15,692
• West Gardiner	\$28,264
TOTAL:	\$80,208

Please call me if you have any questions about these fees.