Marjorie Anderson

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Marj Anderson has been committed to the cause of HSLIC and librarianship in Maine since she joined the organization more than 15 years ago. Like so many HSLIC members, Marj has never let being a one-person librarian keep her from getting involved. Her favorite comment on getting involved professionally is, "Everyone must take her/his turn to serve or we won't have a viable organization." She has ably filled many positions, including Treasurer, President, HSLIC rep to SACCE, Newsletter Editor, and Archivist (forever!), to name a few. She is always ready to help when it is time for HSLIC to host the NAHSL Conference. She taught several courses over the years for SACCE, and has served on the NAHSL Board as Chapter Council Rep and Treasurer, getting involved in larger regional and even national issues. She served on the MLA Ethics Committee that crafted the Code of Ethics for Health Sciences Librarianship. She also has offered her skills on various committees for the Southern Maine Library District, most notably on the Public Relations Committee. Her formal training in history makes her an ideal HSLIC Archivist, and her previous public library experience contributes to her willingness and ability to provide excellent Consumer Health service in the Portland area.

Last but not least, Marj is an excellent mentor. She is always ready to help new HSLIC members get acclimated; she encourages others to serve on committees; she is always telling folks about a new book or new database she discovered; she is never too busy to answer a call for help from a fellow librarian. Best of all, she enjoys every minute of her HSLIC involvement and has formed many lasting friendships among HSLIC members. Marj embodies the spirit of commitment and service to HSLIC signified by the Cairns Award.

Submitted by Happy Copley