



Preparing for the Future: Using Solar Power to Preserve the Past

Maine Archives & Museums
November 10, 2017





Maine Historical Society



- Founded 1822
- Private Non-Profit
- Staff : 18 full-time
- Budget: \$1.8 million
- Brown Research Library
- MHS Museum
- Longfellow House
- Maine Memory Network



Wadsworth Longfellow House

- Built by Peleg Wadsworth 1785-6
- Boyhood home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- House museum since 1901



Brown Research Library

- Built in 1907
- Restored and expanded in 2009
- Deep and diverse collections









MHS Museum

- Changing exhibits
- Public programs
- School programs
- New Museum planning
- Mixed use development?



Think Differently

- the value and relevance of history to our communities
- how we achieve our missions
- our programs, and their relationship to our desired audiences and communities
- how we organize our work, share resources, and fund our work



Ellsworth Brown:

- “Be Useful”
- “Wow me!”





Maine Memory Network: Content Through Collaboration



- www.mainememory.net
- Launched 2001
- 270 contributing organizations
- 70,000 historical items
- 100+ online exhibits
- Intro to ME history
- Much more

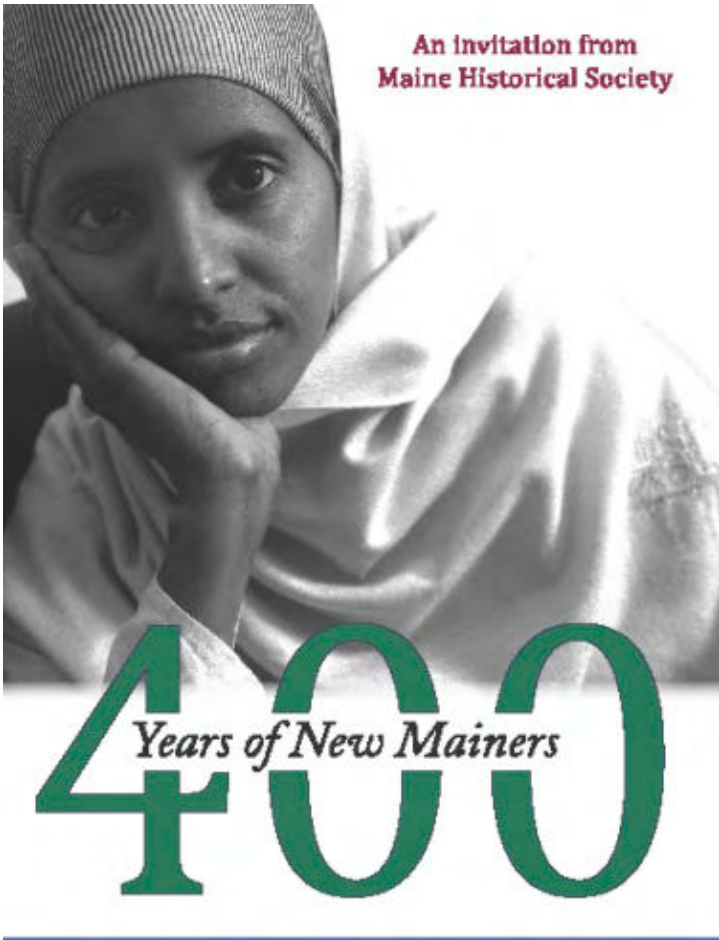


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Weaving the past and future together

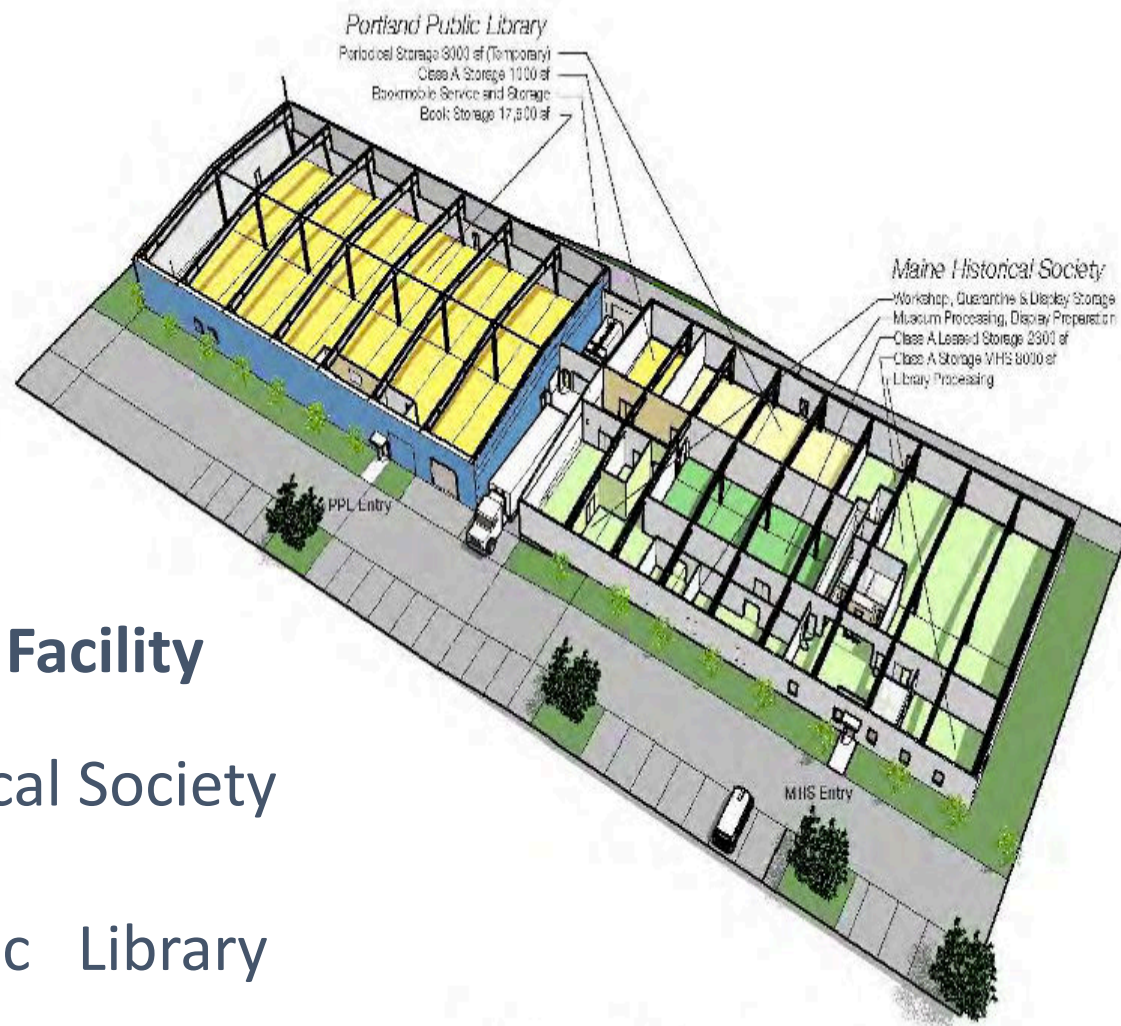
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Collections Management Facility

Maine Historical Society
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Portland Public Library

1000 Riverside Street

Riverside Collections Management Center

- 35,500 square foot facility
- 18,000 sq. ft. for MHS
- PPL: access to circulating collections for Main Library, 3 Portland branches, and libraries throughout Maine. Base of operations for Bookmobile.
- For MHS: climate-controlled space for long-term preservation of museum and library collection, for processing, and preparation of exhibits.























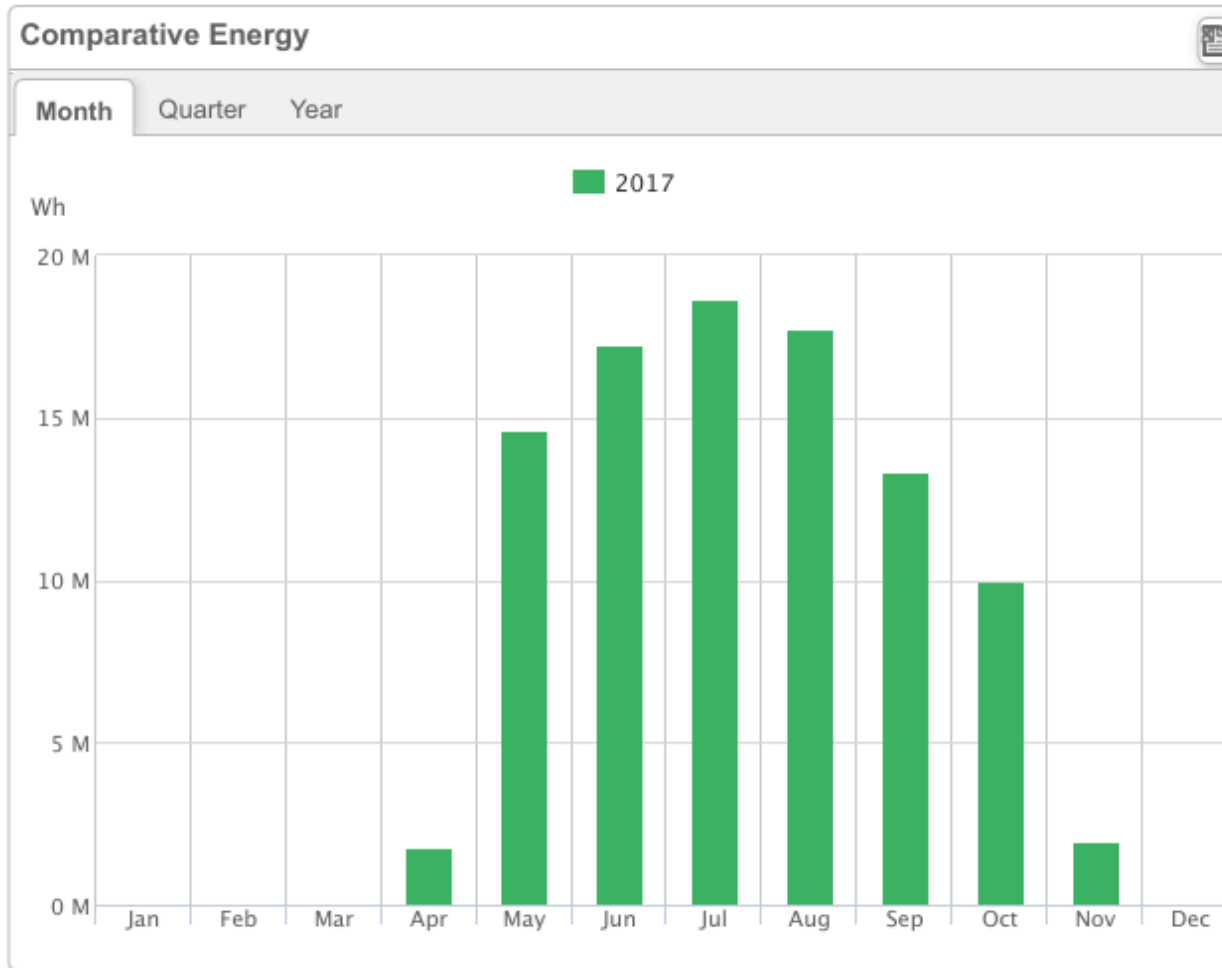
















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