Adult Literacy Resources:

- 1. <u>Maine Department of Education</u> has a number of resources, including brochures, informational videos, summer activities, a literacy toolkit, marketing materials, and more.
- 2. <u>ProLiteracy</u> advocates for awareness, funding, and support to increase access to educational resources for adults who want/need to improve their literacy. They provide professional development, and offer more than 400 customized print and digital instructional tools for tutors and students.
- 3. <u>GCFLearnFree.org</u> offers free resources for learners and tutors, from Microsoft Office and email to reading, math, and more, GCFLearnFree.org offers more than 180 topics, including more than 2,000 lessons, 800+ videos, and 55+ interactives and games, completely free.
- 4. <u>Adult Literacy League</u> offers a list of free websites that can help you supplement or even plan your lessons whether you're working with an ESL/ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) student or an ABE (Adult Basic Education) student.
- 5. <u>LDA (Learning Disabilities Association of America)</u> offers links to a number of adult literacy resources, including specific methodologies.

Family Literacy Resources:

- 1. <u>Maine State Library Early Literacy and Youth Services website</u> offers connections to state organizations, Best Loved Storytime book lists, information about the collaborative summer reading program, and a list of Take & Make Kits.
- 2. You can also find an <u>Early Childhood Literacy Newsletter</u> at the Maine State Library website.
- 3. The International Literacy Association (ILA) provides free downloadable booklists for children of all ages and free online tools through ReadWriteThink.org for educators to use in teaching reading and language arts in grades K–12. They have book lists called Choices Booklists (Children's, Teachers', and Young Adults' Choices) that can be downloaded. The Children's Choices is co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council and includes approximately 100 titles that have been chosen by the children themselves. The Teachers' selection identifies approximately 30 books rated by teams of teachers, librarians, and reading specialists as outstanding for curriculum use. The Young Adults' list includes approximately 30 titles that have been selected by teen reviewers. These book recommendations can

really help children of all ages find books they'll love reading this summer!

- 4. The <u>National Center for Family Literacy</u> (CFL) works to eradicate poverty through education solutions for families. Partnering with educators, literacy advocates, and policymakers, NCFL develops and provides programming, professional development, and resources that empower and raise families to achieve their potential. Over a 30-year history, they have changed the lives of millions of families across the country. One of their popular resources for families is <u>Wonderopolis</u>: "Where the Wonders of Learning Never Cease". And, check out <u>Wonder Ground</u>, which has resources specifically for educators.
- 5. <u>Reading Rockets</u> offers information and resources on how young children learn to read and what adults can do to help. It is produced by WETA and funded by a major grant from the U.S. Department of Education.
- 6. Scholastic offers <u>"6 Easy Ways to Avoid the Summer Slide with Reading and Writing Activities"</u> on their parents website, as well as a resource for <u>Book Lists and Reading</u> sources.
- 7. <u>¡Colorín Colorado!</u> This bilingual English-Spanish site provides valuable information, activities, and advice for Spanish-speaking parents and educators of English language learners. It is the companion site to Reading Rockets, and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
- 8. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) provides resources for educators and parents of children birth to age eight.
- 9. The <u>National Head Start Association</u> (NHSA) provides a national forum for supporting low income families and their children (birth-5).
- 10. The **Reading is Fundamental** (RIF) uses support from the U.S. Department of Education and other organizations to put over 200 million books in the hands and homes of children who need them most. Check out their "Digital Tools To Encourage Summer Reading" webpage to download their Literacy Central App and Reading Log App.
- 11. The <u>Build Initiative</u> works to help states build strong foundations for young children through such initiatives as their "<u>Family Engagement Toolkit</u>", where they provide resources for the key stakeholders in young children's lives.
- 12. <u>Your Child: Development and Behavior Resources</u>. This web site is designed especially for parents as a guide to Internet information on children's development and behavior.

- 13. The U.S. Department of Education offers <u>Parent resources</u> on how to prepare children for school, facilitate reading development, support learning, help with homework, and help children succeed.
- 14. <u>Is There Something I Could Buy That Would Help My Child to Read</u>
 <u>Better?</u> Offered by Reading Rockets, Author Jim Trelease guides parents about the "Three B's" they can buy to help their children become better readers.
- 15. <u>The Ultimate Guide to Reading Comprehension</u> is a comprehensive learning resource guide for Students and teachers. It includes resources for ESL learners, comprehension tools and tips, test preparation materials, resources for parents and teachers, practice tests, and more.