Iconic Collections Librarian Defined Era of Modernization with Timeless Civility

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On February 28, 2020, the Maine Historical Society (MHS) marked the official retirement of Nicholas (Nick) Noyes, former Collections Librarian and former Head of Library Services, after 32 years at MHS.

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Monitors Nick Noyes's contributions to MHS defined an era, most visually demonstrated through the expansive library collections, maps, manuscripts, and architectural drawings; instituted a strong web presence and managed online archives; and reorganized and improved the research library services, after 32 years at MHS.

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Beyond Borders: Mapping Maine and the American Northeast Boundary

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In April 2020, Maine Historical Society received a grant from the Maine Bicentennial Commemoration Commission for "Beyond Borders: Mapping Maine and the American Northeast Boundary." Over the course of the past year, Asata Radcliffe has worked in collaboration with Maine Historical Society’s Maine Memory Network and the Brewster Public Library to produce a content-rich, engaging exhibition that brings to life the intertwined history of the Northeast region.

The exhibition focuses on the history of the boundary between Maine and New Hampshire, from the mid-1800s to the present. It tells the story of how the boundary was created, who dictated its final shape, and how it has evolved over time. The exhibition also explores the impact of the boundary on the people who live along it, including their struggles for recognition and their efforts to shape the future of the region.

The exhibition includes a variety of interactive elements, such as maps, documents, and multimedia presentations. Visitors can explore the history of the boundary through the eyes of the people who were involved in its creation, from the 1800s to the present day.

Beyond Borders is a unique opportunity to learn about the history of the northeastern United States and to appreciate the role that the boundary has played in shaping the region's identity.

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