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Central MA Libraries are "Home on the Web"

Central MA Regional Library System in Shrewsbury and Boston web developer Jazkarta have partnered in a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) project to provide websites for 15 small public libraries. The libraries are in the following towns: Ashburnham, Ashby, Bolton, East Brookfield, Lancaster, Mendon, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Oxford, Phillipston, Templeton, Warren, West Warren, and Winchendon.

The project, Home on the Web (HOTW) enables public libraries to provide a dynamic web presence and offer user-friendly, attractive and easy to maintain websites. The sites are managed through a content management system (CMS). The project provides a CMS solution based on Plone, a best-of-breed open source content management system.

"Our library is excited to have a contemporary and attractive web site," said Wendy Payette, librarian at the East Brookfield Public Library. "Having third party help to learn, develop, and manage our site in addition to help that is affordable is a good thing."

The site includes a calendaring system that will enable participants to be included in statewide publicity by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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