

BARBARA (STARZINSKI) HARNESS

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1965

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE, OSHKOSH WI 1969 - BS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON IN 1977 - MLS

THOMAS COLLEGE, WATERVILLE ME 1993 - MBA

Barbara (Starzinski) Harness was appointed in 2001 to Maine Library Commission by Governor Angus King and reappointed in 2007 by Governor John Baldacci. Her term ends in September of 2011. Ms. Harness advocates for Library Services at Main Legislative hearings. She often arranges and staffs library exhibits for Maine Library Association Conference and for American Cancer Society Living with Cancer Conferences. She is also responsible for collection development and Organization for MaineGeneral's Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Cares new Resource Center.

Barbara has served as Librarian at the MaineGeneral Medical Center Library since 1998. She is responsible for all reference, collection development, planning/budgeting and promotion of library services. She also teaches Internet, PubMed, OVID, Lonesome Doc and other medical/nursing bibliographic databases including EBSCO. Barbara served on Medical Education/Library Committee and Patient education Committees. She has been a mentor with the In reach Group and co-coordinates medical education; plans and promotes weekly Medical Education program; co-authored CME accreditation report in 2006; co-authored and implemented a NLM grant for computers and consumer health information from 1999-2001.

In 2000, Barbara was selected as the Cairns Award recipient from the Maine Health Science Libraries Information Consortium. She was chosen for her service to HSLIC ably and in many capacities over the years. She served as Chair, Secretary, and has had many committee posts, most notable chairing the Education Committee. She was an editor of the newsletter and volunteered to attend PUC hearings as well as updating the HSLIC website.

Barbara is the daughter of the late Stanley & Leona Starsinski.