

State Library Commission Meeting

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Montana Talking Book Library Report (November & December, 2001 statistics)

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Goal 2: Montana residents will receive the best possible service from the Talking Book Library.

Activities:

Books, magazines, newsletters and descriptive videos were circulated to Montana patrons:

November, 2001: 11,563

December, 2001: 10,716

New book titles and copies received:

November, 2001: 195 new titles; 1,064 copies

December, 2001: 110 new titles; 553 copies*

*these statistics reflect a distribution error by the publisher, resulting in receipt of fewer titles & copies than was requested. Future reports will reflect retrieval of expected quantities.

Machines replaced for existing patrons and machines issued to new patrons:

November, 2001: 99

December, 2001: 100

Christie Briggs gave a Talking Book services presentation to 30 residents in Townsend on November 28, 2001.

Moriah Haley worked with KLAS to complete the WebOpac data-base subject code re-indexing by November 3, 2001, for the first quarter of the federal fiscal year.

Cheryl Christopher and Christie Briggs fine-tuned the document archive schedule for MTBL in December, 2001.

Goal 2 Objective 2.1: Increase qualified patrons being served.

Activities:

New patrons:

November, 2001: 31 adults, 2 Juveniles, 1 schools, 1 library, 1 Nursing Home

December, 2001: 29 adults, 5 Juveniles, 2 schools

Other Activities:

MTBL staff attended a ½ day retreat to develop department Long Range Plan on December 20, 2001.

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Goal 2. Objective 2.8: Improve the quality of the Montana Cassette Recording program.

Recording Program:

Recordings of the following books and magazines were completed:

Helena Recording Studio:

November, 2001:

An ornery Bunch by WPA Writer's Project

Montana Frontier Lawyer: A memoir by Lew L. Callaway

December, 2001:

The Ice Bear by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Portulacas in the Wheat by Grace Stone Coats

Lewis and Clark in the Bitterroot ed. By Dale Burke

"Montana, Magazine of Western History-Summer 2001"

"Montana Outdoors Magazine" – Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, 2001 issues

Prison Recording Studio:

November, 2001:

None completed (several in process)

December, 2001:

Wild Outdoor World (WOW) magazine- Nov/Dec, 2001 issue

Volunteer Program:

New volunteers:

November, 2001:

Patrick Roberts – TBL/SLR

Other Activities:

November, 2001:

MSL staff volunteered 6 hours (for each attendee) to develop and craft Christmas ornaments for our volunteers on November 6, 13, & 27th.

Susie Merrin, Coordinator of Volunteer & Recording programs visited the Prison Recording program members at Deer Lodge on December 18, 2001.

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Volunteer, Millie Huxley, hosted a Christmas luncheon to honor MTBL staff on December 13, 2001.

MTBL staff held a "Dessert Day" for Green Thumb volunteer, Billie Cooper and other volunteers on December 19, 2001.