

# **State Librarian's Report**

September 24 to November 24, 2003

## **Agency Goals**

### **1. MSL employees have inadequate and unpleasant workspace.**

Arranged an initial planning meeting with team leaders and staff involved with work area remodel.

Helped coordinated the publication of annual documents and reports.

Facilitated a general staff meeting.

## **Talking Book Library**

### **TBL goal 2. MTBL will plan and implement a smooth transition to a digital format to ensure that the potential for expanded services are available to MTBL patrons.**

Kept abreast of development of National Library Service Planning Group and COSLA participation in the transitions.

Met with Curt Sylke, Director of the National Library for the Blind, to discuss issues of mutual interest.

## **Library Development Department**

### **LDD Goal 1: Montana library staff and public library trustees have ongoing and continued need for training.**

Led a planning retreat for LDD staff.

Planned and led a meeting of federation coordinators, MSL staff, and commission members to consider changes in federations. Drafted memos and other documents in response to federation future task force meetings and research requests.

As treasurer of the Western Council of State Librarians, participated in planning for the IMLS grant "Continuum of Library Education for the Western States."

Appointed advisory committee, set first meeting (December 2, 2003), and prepared materials for the IMLS grant "Recruitment and Scholarship."

### **LDD Goal 7: Montana citizens will understand the value and use the services of Montana's libraries.**

With the Communications and Marketing Coordinator, monitored the marketing campaign.

## **Montana State Digital Library**

### **LISD Goal 4: Users have easy and comprehensive access to information through the library.**

Met with managers to plan evaluation of LISD.

**NRIS Goal 3: NRIS core funding is inadequate to fully accomplish its mission.**

Met with Montana Geographic Information Systems (MGIC) sub committee to develop legislature plans to expand funding for spatial information.

**Other activities**

Attended the Board of Trustees meeting at the Bibliographical Center for Resources (BCR) in Denver and its executive committee meeting.

Visited the public libraries in Circle, Jordan, Terry, Bridger, and Red Lodge.

Attended the Pathfinder Federation meeting in Belt.

Attended the Academic and Special Library retreat in Chico.