

Montana Talking Book Library
MTBL
August 2005 Commission Report

TBL Goal 1: To ensure that all eligible clients know about the availability of services from MTBL and to make enrollment and use of the service easy for users.

- MTBL 04-05 YTD Outreach Presentation Contacts: 198 in 2004 and 772 in 2005. Activities in May 2005 reflect two MTBL staff attendance at and participation in the MT Association f/t Blind's Annual Convention in Helena where 200 attended. June 2005 activities included two presentations to 63 attending the MT Association f/t Blind's Summer Orientation Program Class Reunion in Bozeman as well as the Montana Healthcare Association workshop (24 students attended) in Helena.
- Summer Reading Program invitations were sent out. This was followed with welcome letters, reading contract logs and bonus and activity packets to Summer Reading Program participants. This year's theme is "Dragons and Dreams and Daring Deeds".
- Developed new patron brochure and photos with Communication and Marketing Director and Q Communications.

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.

- In May and June, seven titles were completed at both MTBL recording studios:
Mr. Rodeo: The Big Bronc Years of Leo Cremer by Patrick Dawson; The River of the West: The Adventure of Jo Meek Volume 1 by Frances Fuller Victor; The Homesteader's Daughter by Mabel Pepperling Badgett; The Stone Dancers by Nora Martin; Inventing the Savage by Luana Ross; Writing for Her Life, the Novelist Mildred Walker by Ripley Hugo and The New Montana Story by Rick Newby.
Special Projects completed at the Helena Studio: Montana Magazine of Western History 2002 and 2001 (contains all four issues in one book).

TBL Goal 3: Allow service to the patrons to be provided more efficiently and effectively by providing enough space for the collection.

- Second phase of collection Xcess process was completed in June.

TBL Goal 4: Increase productivity and satisfaction of staff members and volunteers.

- Attended Western-Midlands Regional Library Conference in Seattle May 11-15, 2005.
- Participated in National Library service Collection Development Committee May 23-27, 2005.