

State Librarian's Report June 5, 2006 to August 4, 2006

Agency Goals

MSL Goal 1: MSL employees have pleasant, efficient, and sufficient office and work areas.

MSL Goal 2: Users have reliable and easy access to MSL's electronic services.

Helped prepare and attended the State Library's presentation to Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC) sub-group meeting.

Participated in the E-Gov Advisory Council Meeting on July 19th. Agenda included a update and discussion on ePass Montana, as well as a review of the Legislative performance audit on the examination of the delivery of e-government services.

Provide a tour of the State Library and had some interesting brief discussions with the Library Delegation of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan who traveled in the United States under the auspices of the United States Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.

MSL Goal 3: MSL employees are fully committed to fulfilling the agency's mission.

Provided orientation for new employees.

Continued to work with staff on strategic long range plan.

MSL Goal 4: All of MSL essential services are funded through state funds.

Met with Governor's budget office folks regarding our executive planning process (EPP) legislation pieces on July 5th.

Attended reception welcoming Richard Sims as new Director of the Montana Historical Society.

Worked with temporary summer help to update listing of State Librarians, Commissioners since 1980, and a summary document of Commission motions.

MSL Goal 5: MSL provides clearinghouse for all geo-spatial data.

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Library Development Department

LDD Goal 1: To improve library services to citizens by establishing an adequate and stable taxing district.

LDD Goal 2: To ensure that all Montana citizens have access to quality library services.

Meet with Jefferson County Commissioners, Library Board of Trustees, Librarians to discuss a variety of library laws, open meeting laws, and other library service issues for Jefferson County.

Consulted on executive planning process request as they affect libraries, funding issues for local libraries, public library standards, long range planning, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.

Participated in a half day of the Summer Institute session held in Bozeman, Mt. Learning more about the GASP (graphics, ambience, style, and presentation) which is a process initiated in the hospitality industry which is used to assist in creating a brand or an identity.

Attended a small piece of the Library Development Division's planning retreat as they began to move the long range plan into appropriate workplans for the division and the individuals.

LDD Goal 3: Montana citizens will understand, value, and use the services of Montana's libraries.

LDD Goal 4: Citizens and students have easy access to and use multiple electronic information resources through their libraries.

LDD Goal 5: Montana citizens can easily access the holdings of all Montana and OCLC libraries and online electronic resources through their libraries.

Participated as hearing officer for the Administrative rules hearing on the interlibrary loan rules changes on June 8th.

LDD Goal 6: Montana citizens and students will have dependable access to electronic information services at their libraries by the end of 2007.

LDD Goal 7: Montana citizens, local and state government officials, legislators, library staff members, and trustees will have accurate and current information about the condition of Montana's public libraries buildings by the beginning of 2004. They will use this information to determine state and local solutions to problems identified.

Montana State Digital Library - Library and Information Services Department (LISD)

LISD Goal 1: State employees have the information that they need to make good public policy recommendations and decisions.

LISD Goal 2: The staff of Montana libraries know about and have access to the professional literature that they need. They obtain assistance from the MSL reference staff for patron questions they are unable to answer via their own resources, Internet resources, and listservs.

LISD Goal 3: Montana citizens have easy access to a comprehensive collection of state publications.

Continued to work with staff and committee on the permanent public access legislation. Governor's Budget office moved legislation from disapproved list to pending list following visit on .

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

Montana State Digital Library - Natural Resource Information System (NRIS)

Goal 1: To fulfill its mandate to be the source for natural resource information in Montana, NRIS must acquire, integrate, maintain, and document natural resource data and information needed for understanding, managing and utilizing Montana's natural resources, and environment.

Attended "good-bye" reception sponsored by Nature Conservancy on June 30th.

Goal 2: A broad range of user groups can easily locate data in effective formats. Users find that this information is augmented with related datasets to increase their value. Potential NRIS users are well informed of information available through the clearinghouse and trained in the use of NRIS tools. Staff assistance is available when needed to assist users in locating and utilizing data.

Goal 3: In order to fulfill its mandate as described under Issues 1 and 2, NRIS must secure adequate and stable funding.

Prepared for meeting with Director of Transportation regarding, Department of Transportation's portion of the NRIS funds coming from agencies.

Montana Talking Books Library

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.

Attended a half day of the Montana Association for the Blind's summer institute for the blind and physically disabled. Listened to Talking Book Library's staff give presentation regarding our services to Montana's citizens who are blind and/or physically disabled.

Met with Christie Briggs and Talking Book Library (TBL) staff as appropriate to follow up on issues, answer questions, and/or provide guidance.

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.

Meet with David Whittall, National Library Service as he was here reviewing our talking book library services. We will have his comments and recommendations by our October meeting.

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

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

Attended funeral services for Leah Blumm, special volunteer to the State Library's Talking Book recording program.