

State Librarian's Report
August 16, 2006 through September 22, 2006
Prepared for October 11, 2006 Commission Meeting

Goal One – Content - *MSL acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- Prepared State of the State report for Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR) Board meeting materials. Attended the BCR Board meeting in Denver.

Goal Two—Access – *MSL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.*

- Responded to questions and made presentation to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MILAC) subcommittee as they prepared the State of Montana GIS Common Operating Picture report.
- Attended the MILAC meeting.
- Met with Montana Shared Catalog Executive Committee regarding potential transfer of Shared Catalog financial/administrative operations to State Library. Worked with lawyer on some of the authority details of that potential transfer.
- Met with Bill West, National Library Service's Recording Equipment consultant regarding our recording booths at the State Library.

Goal Three—Consultation and Leadership - *MSL provides consultation and leadership to enable its patrons and partners to reach their goals.*

- Prepared State Library update for Federation meetings and made presentation at Golden Plains Federation Meeting.

- Consulted on executive planning process requests as they affect libraries, funding issues for local libraries, public library standards, long range planning, interlibrary loan reimbursements, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.
- Participated in a Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA)'s survey regarding Library Service Technology Act (LSTA) reauthorization program.

Goal Four—Collaboration - *MSL promotes partnerships and encourages collaboration among its partners and patrons so that their information needs can be met.*

- Traveled to Missoula to meet with Bonnie Allen, new Dean of Libraries, Mansfield Library, University of Montana.
- While in Missoula also met with Dan Dwyer, Vice President of Research, University of Montana regarding status/update on the Heritage contract and transition pieces. Staff transition went really good. Contract is going well. Dan promised some funding to help with the January 9, 2007 Library Day legislative reception.
- At the request of Honore Bray and other Montana librarians, while in Missoula I also met briefly with President Dennison requesting that the University look into potentials/options for Masters in Library and Information Sciences education for Montanans. We shared the statistics from our Professional Education and Employment (PEEL) Scholarship processes and suggested that there may be enough interest to at least consider looking a reciprocal agreements and/or opening current classes to non-education program attendees.

Goal Five— Sustainable Success - *MSL is a well-run organization and a sought-after employer; it is efficient and effective (measured against partner and patron outcomes), and successfully engaged in its ongoing mission.*

- Provided Governor's budget office with follow up information on our executive planning process requests.

- Provided Legislative Financial Office with performance indicator targets for the 2008-9 biennium.
- Provided Legislative Finance Office with the 5% cut proposals as required by law.
- Worked with Jim Kerins from Communication and Management Services, LLC to conduct three competency identification sessions with staff members.
- Sadly and reluctantly accepted Bruce Newell's resignation from the State Library.
- Worked with State Personnel, classification on rewrite of my former position to produce a job description to advertise and fill!