

State Librarian's Report
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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.
- Sent letters to agency directors to request time to make presentation on the permanent public access legislation and state publications.

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.*

- Met with Montana Shared Catalog Membership at their fall meeting.
- Met with Governor's budget office regarding additional coal severance tax monies to be provided in our budget for additional database coverage, as well as, more monies for the federations.

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

- Revised State Library update for Federation meetings and made presentation at Sagebrush Federation meeting in Sidney.
- Met with Montana Library Association's Government Affairs chairperson and MLA's lobbyists to continue to plan for the lobbying efforts.
- Worked with MLA's President and Government Affairs Chairperson to get budget for the library day reception.
- Prepared and presented a brief session on trustee training at the Sagebrush Federation meeting.
- Prepared and made brief presentation on "What is a Main Library" for the Jefferson County Library System Board.

- Consulted on confidentiality of library records, censorship issues, 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 fall meeting in Little Rock, AR, as well as, the Western Council of State Libraries fall meeting in Honolulu, HI.
- Participated in October State Library Commission meeting.
- Reviewed bids and selected person to do the LSTA evaluation of Montana's LSTA funded programs.

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 attend the trustee training session. Excellent presentation on fundraising essentials provided by Illene Roggensack from Third Sector Innovations, Inc.

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.*

- Met with Governor's budget office folks to finalize our budget request for 2008 and 2009 biennium.
- Continued to work with Jim Kerins from Communication and Management Services, LLC and staff to prepare competency based personnel evaluation program.
- Developed screening tool and interview questions for the Assistant State Librarian for Networking and Cooperative Projects position. Screened eleven applications and are scheduled to interview two applicants in mid December.
- Prepared near final draft of State Library's Government Continuity plan.
- Appointed a State Library safety committee.
- Prepared first draft of State Library's ADA report.