

**State Librarian's Report**  
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**Goal One – Content** – *Montana State Library (MSL) acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- Reviewed requests for proposals prepared by four vendors for all pass/fail qualifications. Eliminated one proposal, other three moved on to the Network Advisory Council for review and recommendation.
- Met with Permanent Public Access Committee for celebration of passage of HB 132 and for next steps discussion and planning.
- Continued to monitor Legislature through special session.

**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.*

- Worked with staff to finalize and distribute the Public Library Standards 2007 Certification form
- Worked with staff to finalize and distribute the interlibrary loan reimbursement request form.

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

- Met with Montana Library Association's Government Affairs chairperson and MLA's lobbyists to continue to work with legislature throughout the Special Session.
- Consulted on Fulfillment Task Force issues, funding issues for local libraries, public library standards, LSTA long range planning, library legislation, state aid for libraries, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.
- Participated in Montana Library Association Board meeting and conference.

- Participated in April State Library Commission meeting.
- Prepared presentation materials for Spring Federation meetings.
- Participated in the Sagebrush, Golden Plains, and South Central Federation meetings.
- Participated in the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) Spring meeting in Washington DC. Main agenda items were national legislative issues, Summer leadership institute, Government printing office update, statistics and Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) update
- Participated in the American Library Association's (ALA) National Library Legislative Day activities in Washington DC. We had good visits with all of Montana's National Congressional Delegations.
- Established a Fulfillment Task Force.

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

- Participated in three interviews for the state Geographic Information Officer.
- Worked with Commissioner of Higher Education, Sheila Stearns to get new University System representative appointed to the Commission.
- Worked with Governor's office regarding reappointment and/or replacement appointment for Caroline Bitz, Commissioner.

**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.*

- Continued to work with staff and contractor to make structural changes necessary for the backup generator for the server room.
- Reviewed applications and participated in interviews for new Special Projects Librarian position.
- Monitored budget regarding personnel issues and possible end of year expenditures.
- Monitored almost daily our budget in legislative process.

- Left for New Zealand and Australia for a much needed break...hopefully to return replenished with lots of energy and innovative thoughts.