Task 3: Other Fulfillment Services and Tools

Cooperative Collection Opportunities

Audiobook RFI and RFP Process

The Montana State Library is working in conjunction with the Montana State Library Network Advisory Council's Adhoc E-Content Committee and Montana libraries to explore the possibilities of establishing a statewide contract for downloadable E-content services. The committee is particularly researching downloadable audio and video content. A Request for Information has been issued; it is anticipated that a Request for Proposal will be issued following the RFI process. It is the State Library's intent to offer participation in such a service contract to all interested Montana libraries: public, school, academic, and special.

- Montana State Library Network Advisory Council's Adhoc E-Content Committee Members:
 - o Sarah McHugh, Montana State Library
 - o Kathy Mora, Great Falls Public Library
 - o Claire Morton, Missoula Public Library
 - o DeeAnn Redman, Parmly Billings Library
 - o Suzanne Reymer, Montana State Library
 - o Ann Rutherford, Miles Community College Library
 - o Marilyn Trosper, Polson City Library
 - o John York, Flathead High School

Statewide Periodical Databases Contract

Thanks to the support and efforts of the Governor's budget office, the Legislature, the State Librarian, the Library Commission, and Montana Library Association, the Montana State Library (MSL) will be paying the entire cost for the next two years of the statewide periodical databases contract. Thus, there will be no invoices issued this summer or next summer to Montana libraries for access to these great resources (Thomson Gale InfoTrac). At this time we anticipate that all libraries listed in the online Montana Library Directory (http://montanalibraries.org/Directory/Main/mldHome.asp) will be automatically enrolled under the terms of the new contract which take effect on September 1, 2007. The distribution of authentication passwords for remote access (database use by your patrons or students from home or work) will still be necessary and we will announce later this summer how that process is to be handled.

Additional databases from other vendors to augment the core database package will be pursued as funds allow.

Floating Collections

The MSC Partner and 4-Rivers libraries offer floating collections to their users. If Library A's material is checked in at Library B and is not currently requested by another user, the item temporarily becomes part of Library B's collection. This gives these libraries the ability to offer new titles to their local patrons on a rotating basis. The MSC Partners are currently floating new, adult fiction and video and audio recordings. The MSC 4-Rivers has chosen to float all fiction print material.

Sharing of Book Club Kits:

Across the state these past few years a number of Federations and individual libraries are developing Book Club Kits (also known as Book Discussion in a Bag kits) that they use locally as well as shared with other libraries around their federations and/or statewide. The Book Club Kits typically include multiple copies of a given title plus discussion questions and guidelines for use within a Book Club.

Individual Libraries that we know are sharing Book Club kits include Havre-Hill County, Liberty County, Lewis and Clark, Bozeman Public Library, Chouteau County and Parmly Billings. The Montana Shared Catalog and the HiLine Shared Catalog also provide Book Club kits. Federations currently providing or developing a shared book club kits program include Broad Valleys, South Central, and Tamarack.

MSL staff and librarians are developing an online Book Club Kit site (a wiki). The goal is to have a place that Montana libraries can go to add their own information, as well as look for kits to borrow. As of July, there are over 80+ kits on the list. The wiki address is http://montanabookclubcentral.pbwiki.com/.

Montana/OCLC Content Cooperative Pilot

OCLC and Montana libraries spent a year testing OCLC's digital content management service, the Digital Archives. This service allowed institutions to link digital content to newly created or existing catalog records within WorldCat. This links created a permanent point of access to the content through a persistent URL. OCLC provided 20 gigs of free storage for each participating institution and libraries were required to create their own digital content and catalog records.

The pilot ran from August 2006-July 2007. Currently, OCLC is moving away from the Digital Archives service, in favor of their other digital service, Contentdm. The Montana pilot libraries were given several options for migrating their existing Digital Archive data. OCLC offered to migrate content to our local instance of Contentdm but, for now most will join MSL in storing and accessing their digital content through a hosted instance of Contentdm at OCLC. This option is free for one year, at which time the

libraries involved in the 2006-2007 pilot will make a final decision on which service to utilize.

Montana/OCLC Content Cooperative Pilot Project Libraries (pilot completed July 2007)

- Lewis and Clark Library
- o Miles Community College Library
- o Montana Historical Society Research Center
- o Montana State Library
- o Montana Tech Library
- o Montana State University-Billings Library
- o Rocky Mountain College Library
- o Sidney Public Library
- o St. Vincent Healthcare Health Sciences Library
- o State Law Library of Montana
- o University of Montana-Western Library
- o Wolf Point Jr/Sr. High School Library

Montana Memory Project

The Montana Memory Project is a collection of digital collections and items relating to Montana's cultural heritage. In part, these collections and items will document the Montana experience. Access is free and open through the Internet. Many of these items are digitized copies of historic material, some items are contemporary. All serve as a resource for education, business, pleasure, and lifelong learning.

Many Montana libraries, museums, archives, and cultural institutions have added and are in the process of adding materials to this collection. Over time, contents may include digital newspapers, maps, copies of photographs, rare books, historic documents, diaries, oral histories, audio and video clips, paintings, illustrations and art.

A list of libraries/collections includes:

Central Montana Historical Photographs

Dudley White Collection

F. Jay Haynes Architectural Drawings

James Williard Schultz Collection

Miles City Fort Keogh

Miles City Medical History

Miles City Saddlemakers

Miles City Veterans

Miles City World WarII Peggy Letters

Miles City Community College Horse of Course

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Montana Existing Land Use Maps
Montana Libraries
Montana State Agency Publications
Montana Subscription Histories
Montana Supreme Court Opinions
Montana Tech Campus
Montana Tech of University of Montana
Parmly Billings Library Historic Collection
University of Montana Digital Collections
University of Montana Photo Archives
Will James Collection