

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.*

- Signed contract with Thomson Gale for new statewide periodical database(s) content.
- Signed renewal of contract with EBSCO for statewide auto repair reference centerl database.
- Signed contract with University of Montana for Montana Natural Heritage Program.

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.*

- Meet weekly with Managers to follow up on issues, answer questions, seek information and/or provide guidance.
- Working with Legislative Fiscal Division analyst as well as Governor's Budget Office Analyst to prepare follow up on agency goals and objectives for the interim Legislative Finance Committee meeting reports.
- Worked with staff at the Institute for Museums and Libraries as well as staff here to revise our Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) long range plan.

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

- Consulted on Fulfillment Task Force issues, budgets and funding issues for local libraries, hiring and evaluation of new public library directors, public library standards, LSTA long range planning, library legislation, state aid for libraries, Professional Education and Employment scholarship job issues, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.

- Participated in September Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) board training and board meeting.
- Participated in August State Library Commission meeting.
- Participated in the Montana Library Association Board Retreat.
- Prepared orientation session for new Commissioners.
- Participated in Fulfillment Task Force first meeting scheduled on August 3rd.
- Met with Governor's cabinet every other Tuesday.
- Attended the Montana Land Information Act Advisory Committee meeting and reviewed Land Information Plan theme statements.

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

- Met with Robin Trenbeath, Geospatial Information Officer of Montana, visited about statewide GIS issues including but not limited to the portal at the State Library, improving relationships, the imaging theme plan, and forthcoming GIS conference.

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 review State Library Commission policies.
- Worked on first drafts of three Managers and State Librarians work plans.
- Worked with lawyer on a couple of personnel and contract issues.
- Assisted with review and development of the MSL's digital library transition strategy.