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TO: Montana State Library Commission

FR: Christie Briggs, Supervisor
Montana Talking Book Library

RE: Proposal to Purchase Descriptive Videos from MSL Trust Fund

The Montana Talking Book Library has a Descriptive Video (DV) collection for its library patrons. This collection was started in 1993 as a memorial to Jon Beck, a library patron from Butte. A memorial donation of \$500.00 from the Beck/Glaser family is received annually for the purchase of new and replacement descriptive movies and items needed to maintain the DV collection.

A descriptive video is a commercial movie (currently on VHS) where narrative audio descriptions are added throughout the movie to "describe" what is happening in scenes where there is no dialogue. It is also added where there is printed material that would be lost to an individual with low vision or blindness (eg, the credits at the beginning of a movie or description of an action scene with no dialog).

REQUEST:

The purchase of twenty-four new descriptive videos and six replacement descriptive videos is requested of the Commission for a total cost of \$910.00 (including shipping and handling) from the Montana State Library Trust Fund.