

**State Librarian's Report**  
**May 23, 2008 through July 25, 2008**  
**Prepared for August 13, 2008 Commission Meeting**  
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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 e-audio statewide pilot contract to allow Montana libraries to participate in an e-audio books program provided with federal funds as well as some local funding.

**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.
- Participated in the Information Technology Board meeting.
- Met with bill drafter on the Information Access legislation changes recommended by the Fulfillment Task Force.

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

- Prepared for and participated in June State Library Commission meeting.
- Prepared for and participated in July Fulfillment Task Force meeting.
- Consulted on evaluation of library directors, Montana Shared Catalog opportunities and challenges, interlibrary loan issues, salary ranges and classification scales for library positions, Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) long range planning, library legislation, state aid for libraries, and other public library issues with local trustees and public library directors.
- Met with Governor's cabinet every Tuesday, except 06/24/08 and 07/15/08

- Prepared for and participated in eRIM Steering Committee meeting(s). eRIM stands for electronic records and information management. Worked with a subcommittee on standardized vocabulary.
- Attended and made brief statement at the Education and Local Government Legislative Interim subcommittee meeting. This subcommittee is studying special districts and has a uniform code recommendation currently being considered that is not good for Montana's public library districts legislation.

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

- Designated Sarah McHugh, Special Projects Librarian as Montana's representative on the Board of Trustees for FY 2009 for Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR) in Denver. Sarah will be the official voting member of the Board for this coming year. The board adopted a new program plan that includes some potential new business opportunities for Montana's libraries, many of these new programs are related to projects Sarah is investigating for Montana's libraries. BCR's new mission is "BCR brings libraries together for greater success by expanding their knowledge, reach and power."
- Met with Robin Trenbeath, State GIO (Geographical Information Officer) regarding future locations for state Geographic Information Services (GIS) Bureau and federated GIS services in Montana.
- Met with Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association's Government Affairs Chairperson, Jim Smith, Kathy McGowan, Nanette Gilbertson (MLA's lobbyist) to discuss preparations for 2009 legislation session as well as strategy on HB49 Subcommittee work on special districts legislation.
- Met with staff to begin planning for National Book Festival event in DC in late September. Hattie Big Sky was the book title selected for Montana's submission for the state book title map.

**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 Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division, Pam is “newest analyst for the State Library.
- Prepared and submitted the State Library’s nomination for the Governor’s Award for Excellence. Our nominee this year is Stacy Bruhn, because of her hard work with many great tools but particularly the statistical package online.
- Worked with Mangers to help move along the end of year budget and purchasing requests.
- Prepared orientation packet/presentation for new Commissioner.
- Participated in “Responsible Purchasing, Going Green Is Just the Beginning” workshop.