

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Sue Jackson

**Date:** January 26, 2009

**Re:** Public Access Computing – Hardware Upgrade Grants (PAC-HUG) grant update

The deadline for Montana public and branch libraries to spend PAC-HUG grant funds from the Gates Foundation was December 31, 2008. MSL staff worked with the libraries as they purchased public access equipment in time to meet this deadline. Several projects were down to the wire, but all libraries were successful in spending grant funds. In some cases, small amounts were not spent and reverted back to MSL. When the final PAC-HUG report is submitted to Gates in March, a determination will be made by the Foundation concerning the final disposition of all remaining grant funds.

During 2008, the final year of the PAC-HUG project, 45 Montana libraries spent a total of \$93,705 in grant funds and purchased 84 new public access computers. Other PAC-HUG funds were used for Useful/Discover Station subscriptions, large-screen monitors, and various computer hardware accessories.