

## Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL)

### September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Prepared for February 11, 2009 Commission meeting by Christie Briggs, Regional Librarian. This report represents accomplishments of Briggs, Gunderson, Madison, Meier, Miles, and Stanton, as well as 100 volunteers.

**Goal One – Content** – *Montana State Library (MSL)/MTBL acquires and manages relevant quality content that meets the needs of Montana library partners and patrons.*

- September through December, thirteen books and two issues of ***The Montana Magazine of Western History*** and two issues of the ***Montana Outdoors Magazine*** were completed at both MTBL recording studios: ***Hell for Honshu: An Army Air corps Navigator Tells the Story of the World War II Bombing Raids on Japan*** by Larry Nelson; ***In These Hills*** by Ralph Beer; ***We Like 'Em Tough*** by Scotty Zion; ***Yellowstone Ghost Stories: Spooky Tales from the World's First National Park*** by Shellie Larios; ***Conveniences Sorely Needed: Montana's Historic Highway Bridges, 1860-1956*** by Jon Axline; ***The Fifteenth Crimson Lily: A Tale of Heroic Virtue & Forgiveness*** by Tom Layton; ***The Masked Rider*** by Hoffman Birney; ***Critter Way*** by Don Burke; ***Trails I Have Chosen*** by Mary Leffingwell; ***To Dream Anew: Heirs of Montana #3*** by Tracie Peterson; ***Montana: A Legacy of Faith and Love in Four Complete Novels*** by Ann Bell; and ***Sweet Shattered Dreams*** by Stanley Gordon West.
- October: Staff visited the Prison Recording Program and gave an in-service.
- November- ***Montana Magazine of Western History: 2006*** and ***Montana Magazine of Western History: 2007***. A compilation of the 4 issues in one book was completed.
- Helena author Stan Lynde finished recording his book ***Vigilante Moon: A Novel of Old Montana*** and began recording his book ***Saving Miss Julie***.
- December- A total of fourteen patrons are now subscribed to NLS digital book download (BARD) and twenty-three to the NLS WebBraille book download, using third party playing devices (personally purchased).
- December- ended the first year for the NLS digital book conversion plan of monthly title selection, which started in July, 2008. One quarter of titles selected were in digital cartridge format; with three quarters in 4 track cassette format. Beginning in January 2009, half of the titles selected will be in digital, half in cassette.

**Goal Two—Access** – *MSL/MTBL provides libraries, agencies, and its partners and patrons with convenient, high quality, and cost-effective access to library content and services.*

- December- Successful completion of Keystone Library Automated System (KLAS) database conversion to KLAS Version 7.3.

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

- September- Provided consultation to the Annual Montana Association for the Blind's (MAB) Convention in Bozeman.
- September- National Library Service (NLS) Assistant to Network Services, Steve Prine, performed the bi-annual review of Montana Talking Book Library Services. 2008/2009 Recommendations are attached.

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

- September- Three young adults from the Work Force Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program affiliated with the Career Training Institute (CTI) have been working various hours volunteering in the library.

**Goal Five— Sustainable Success** – *MSL/MTBL 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.*

- October- Volunteers were recognized at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon which celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Montana Talking Book Library at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel. "Volunteers: Timeless Treasures" was the theme. Special and individual awards were given in addition to all volunteers receiving palm size treasure chests filled with jewels and chocolates and desktop clocks made from CD's. Keynote speaker was Doug Robinson, Program Manager of the Great Falls Blind and Low Vision Services and a patron of the Talking Book Library. There were 110 total participants including past regional librarians, coordinators of volunteers, former volunteers, current volunteers, and guests (Commissioners, Lt. Governor John Bohlinger and Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Governor's Policy Advisor on Families).