

MontanaLibrary2Go: <http://www.montanalibrary2go.org>

Phase Six implementation began October 1 and includes the Sheridan County Library, the Harlowton Public Library and the Havre-Hill County Library. This brings the consortium to 39 members. Currently, the collection will continue to include downloadable audio books only, while patron usage and the shared collection budget continue to be monitored, before expanding to include video and music.

WorldCat Local Pilot: Implementation of the first phase of a WorldCat Local pilot is currently underway. Phase One libraries, approved by the Network Advisory Council, include the Missoula Public Library, the Montana State Library and the Montana State University Renne Library. We are learning a great deal about what Local currently offers and the importance of quality cataloging and indexing locally. A Phase Two component of this pilot will expand our understanding of this product and the possibilities for Montana libraries.

EZProxy Pilot:

The Montana Shared Catalog libraries have been configured to make use of the MSL EZProxy pilot. We are beginning the process of adding non-MSL libraries to the configuration and authentication into databases beyond the Gale, EBSCO and HeritageQuest subscriptions.

The following barcode information pertaining to EZProxy has been distributed to libraries:

What types of patron IDs will be accepted for use with the State Library's EZproxy?

If your local system can provide authentication through the SIP protocol, then the patron ID format you use is not an issue. SIP provides a direct connection to the local system and communicates with the MSL EZproxy instance to "tell" EZproxy that the patron ID exists. There is a direct drill down into your local ILS to check that the ID exists. Normally, a library would need to purchase a SIP license, in addition to any they may currently have, to have this capability.

If your local system is not capable of SIP, then the requirements below, pertaining to patron IDs, would apply. These requirements are based on discussions with the MSL Network Advisory Council and on a commitment to make central authentication successful in Montana.

1. Patron IDs or barcodes must be standard, 14 digit barcodes, preferably Codabar, Mod 10, with the last digit being a checksum digit
2. They must begin with 2
3. The next four (or in certain cases, 5) digits must be a unique library identifier, assigned by Mike Price at the State Library, from the Montana barcode registry
4. If your library does not circulate OR is not automated, you must at least have an assigned 4 digit library identifier, from Mike Price

Statewide Subscription Databases Update: The contract with the Gale Group to renew the existing InfoTrac suite of statewide databases has been renewed. Gale included a year's access to their Small Business Resource Center for FY2010. The contract with EBSCO to renew the existing Automotive Repair Reference Center, Small Engine Repair Center, CINAHL Full Text, and Environment Complete databases has also been renewed. In addition, the State Library purchased EBSCO's Career Library for a one year statewide subscription, with end of year State coal tax monies. All Montana libraries listed in the Montana Library Directory were automatically re-enrolled in the statewide databases.

HeritageQuest:

The HeritageQuest Online database contract has been renewed for all Montana public libraries through September 2010. Libraries again contributed to the cost of this subscription with a total of \$15,700. The State Library contributed \$16,325 in LSTA monies to cover the \$32,025 cost of the renewal. Missoula Public serves again as the fiscal agent for this project.

OCLC Statewide Group Services Contract Renewal FY2010:

245 libraries have enrolled in the statewide group services as of October 14. Libraries subscribing to individual products such as WorldCat Collection Analysis and ILLiad continued to keep those services under the Group Services contract.

OCLC Copy to Full Project:

Libraries enrolled in OCLC group services at the "copy" level were upgraded to "full" level status in three groups, between October 5-21. Libraries now see an "Express" tab in the Connexion client which is the familiar CatExpress interface. There is no longer the 24 hour turn around time for downloading records. OCLC has created brief cataloging webinars based on Dublin Core cataloging, for purposes of simplicity, that can be scheduled for Montana libraries. This will assist those librarians with small collections of unique material to be cataloged.

Montana Memory Project: <http://mtmemory.org>

The Montana Memory Project continues to add participants and collections. Additional staff support for this statewide project is critical due to the number of contributing institutions. An intensive MMP workshop was offered at this year's Fall Workshop. The MMP Steering Committee meets monthly. Molly Kruckenberg and Roberta Gebhardt (Historical Society), Steve McCann and Teressa Keenan (UM Mansfield), Jason Clark and Beverly Marsh (Montana State University Libraries) and Jennie Stapp and Sarah McHugh (MSL) are members of the Steering Committee.