MSC Update – Nov 3, 2009

MSC Staff: Interviewing of applicants for the two open MSC staff positions is currently underway. The round of first interviews will be completed by the end of this week. Second interviews, if necessary will be during the week of Nov 16. The interviewers are myself, Sarah McHugh, Roberta Gebhardt, Tracy Cook, Alice Meister (Bozeman Public) and Jodi Oberweiser (Drummond).

MSC Library Visits: Carnegie Public Library in Big Timber, Billings Central Catholic HS and St. Francis Intermediate School media centers, Glasgow City-County Library, Roosevelt County Library in Wolf Point, Glendive Public Library and Miles City Public Library.

MSC New Libraries: Billings Catholic Schools (4 libraries) went live in MSC on Oct 9th. The two remaining Phase X libraries (Philipsburg Public and West Yellowstone School) will go live early next year. Glasgow City-County Library went live in MSC on Oct 16th. Glasgow is the first of the 9 Phase XI libraries to go live. I will be traveling to Billings Nov 9-12 for Parmly Billings Library staff training and their scheduled go-live on Nov 12. A SirsiDynix trainer, Linda Van Cott, will present cataloging and circ training for Parmly Billings Nov 9-10. After Parmly Billings, the next Phase XI go-live will be Manhattan Community Library on Dec 17.

Catalog Cleanup: Clean up of duplicate records in the MSC catalog is now entering it's fourth month of work. More than 200,000 extracted records have been assigned for review and nearly completed. With the remaining money allocated for the project, the temp hires will focus on cleaning up non-matching, duplicate records loaded into the system with the data migration from Glasgow and Parmly Billings.

MSC Production Server: The ITPR has been approved to purchase a $63,000 IBM, state-of-the-art server for the MSC's new production machine. The current server will replace the development server and the current development server will be designated for reassignment according to the wishes of the MSC membership. We are waiting for final word from SirsiDyix on AIX operating system compatibility with the Symphony ILS so that we can ensure the new server will be loaded with latest the versions of software. It should be noted that the entire cost of the new server purchase, including hardware/software staging, is being paid for from funds collected from MSC members for the last 6 years.