

Memo

To: Darlene Staffeldt
State Librarian

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Bob Cooper, Director
Statewide Library Resources

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Date: November 16, 2010

Re: Recommendations from the Network Advisory Council meeting of November 9, 2010

The Network Advisory Council at its November 9, 2010 meeting approved the following recommendation to be forwarded to the State Librarian and the State Library Commission and also set its meeting dates for calendar year 2011:

Recommendation: Council recommends the following assignment/reassignment of the remaining \$51,845 balance of unexpended FY 2010 LSTA funds:

1. Early Literacy Support Position: \$8,000

This funding will allow additional weekly programming support staff hours and travel (5-7 hours/week, approximately \$200/week including travel) for the Ready 2 Read project from December 2010 through September 2011. The responsibilities will include managing the administrative tasks of this project. The position will plan and offer trainings; work with other early literacy experts to offer additional trainings, work to provide monthly early literacy research updates to librarians, offer support to librarians as they implement books and babies programs; offer support to libraries in their efforts to reach hard-to-reach families, support local libraries in their efforts to develop "Communities Partnering Programming" which will bring in community professionals to encourage informal discussions at existing books and babies programs and generally

will work toward moving the Ready 2 Read program forward to continue to serve Montana's youngest citizens with unbeatable library services.

2. Montana Memory Project (MMP) Support Position: \$10,000

Allocate \$7,500 to extend until September 30, 2011 and increase to .375 FTE the current .25 FTE MMP support position, and add \$2,500 travel support to provide on-site training for CONTENTdm, scanners, etc. to contributing institutions.

Interest in the Montana Memory Project has grown significantly. Well over 45,000 images have been added to the database in the last two years, resulting in over 60,000 images being accessible via the MMP. In January 2010, MSL was able to partner with the Montana Historical Society Research Center to create a .25 support position for the MMP. The position, which is a modified position at the Historical Society, provides substantial, necessary MMP support to contributing and interested institutions. These support tasks now include assistance with using the Digital Archive and training in the use of two traveling scanner/laptop sets that are loaned to institutions needing this equipment to enter material in the Montana Memory Project. MSL and the Historical Society Research Center currently each pay half of the total cost of this position.

3. Open URL/Federated Searching Tool Pilot: \$33,845

An Open URL resolver and a global search tool are the missing pieces in the successful utilization of statewide subscription databases, catalogs, digital collections and a wide variety of other content. Without these, patrons are unable to seamlessly find and access full text materials and to search across multiple repositories, including, increasingly, centralized indexes of content. These additional tools represent the next steps in helping Montana libraries afford to give their patrons a one-search, "find it", "get it" search experience. The Network Advisory Council and MSL Statewide Projects staff will develop a test instance of an OpenURL Resolver through the cost efficient and potentially sustainable environment of the Montana Shared Catalog with its 133 libraries. It is hoped that a workable and affordable resolver tool will result which can then be scaled to serve the needs of all interested libraries.

OpenURL Resolver

Information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenURL>

Examples:

<http://www.serialssolutions.com/360-all/>

<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/linkmanager/default.htm>

Federated Search, Global Search and Metasearch

Information:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federated_search

Examples:

<http://www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/overview/metasearch/>

<http://www.serialssolutions.com/summon/>

Council meeting dates for Calendar Year 2011:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 – MSL Grizzly Conference Room – Helena, MT

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – MSL Grizzly Conference Room – Helena, MT

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 – MSL Grizzly Conference Room – Helena, MT

Thursday, November 3, 2011 – MSL Grizzly Conference Room – Helena, MT