

**STATEWIDE LIBRARY RESOURCES (SLR/LD)
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE JUNE 6, 2012
STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING**

Activity Period: March 21-May 12, 2012

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

- Added scrolling items to <http://mymontanalibrary.org> to highlight recommended reads and encourage users to contact the library for ideas;
- Updated Learning Library page (collected library development resources) on Montana CE Central;
- Provided training in newspaper digitization and project planning support for the Montana Memory Project;
- The “Librarily” Facebook app has been implemented in 8 more MSC libraries.

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

- Answered questions and assisted librarians and trustees with questions about the Montana Memory Project, the statewide EBSCO databases, and the EBSCO Discovery System in order to encourage connections with patrons about these products;
- Answered libraries’ technical questions on ILL and the Montana Shared Catalog;
- Assisted Carnegie Public Library with management of Big Timber Pioneer digital newspaper collection;
- Provided MontanaLibrary2Go training for library staff;
- Provided Montana Library2Go & Mobile Devices training for the public;
- Baker Public Schools (3 school libraries) applied to join the MSC using their own funds to pay start-up costs;
- MSC Evaluation Committee met on March 26 to view and score product demonstrations from the 4 finalist vendors. The highest scoring vendor, SirsiDynix, was invited to present their product to the MSC Membership during their meeting in Lewistown on May 4;

- The MSC Membership viewed the SirsiDynix product demonstration and after discussion, voted unanimously to continue with SirsiDynix as their vendor. The MSC RFP process now moves to the Network Advisory Council for their recommendation to the State Library Commission;
- MSC Staff prepared and conducted an “Ask Us” technical support and question answering session during the MSC and MTLib2Go meetings in Lewistown on May 3;
- Ekalaka Public Library went live in MSC on April 18;
- MSC staff presented two pre-conference sessions and one conference session during MLA, April 11-12 in Big Sky. Sessions covered cataloging and circulation procedures;
- MSC Spring 2012 Membership Meeting was held at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, May 3-4. Discussions and voting was conducted concerning the MSC RFP process and the FY2013 MSC Budget.
- MontanaLibrary2Go annual selection team and membership meetings were held at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, May 3. Discussions and voting was conducted concerning the FY2013 collections budget and the MontanaLibrary2Go cost share formula.

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

- Traveled 1400 miles visited four libraries, provided six trainings to approximately 100 people;
- Developed an FAQ for the draft Attorney General Opinion for public libraries and continue to answer questions about the draft opinion;
- Participated in Summer Institute 2012 planning; secured site (Carroll College) facilitator (Pat Wagner of Denver), developed budget, initiated online registration, and managed logistics;
- Provided legal and human resources assistance to public libraries;
- New library director introduction at Glasgow City County Library;
- Provided information and technical support for librarians on administrative topics and statewide projects such as standards, school community libraries, Ready2Read, Montana Memory Project planning and MontanaLibrary2Go;
- Assisted Golden Plains Federation Coordinator with spring meeting agenda and planning;

- Assisted the Academic and Special Libraries Divison (of MLA) chair with annual meeting agenda and initiated ASLD/PLD (Public Library Division) fall retreat planning;
- Provided information to school librarians on e-book readers and vendors;
- Worked with the Parmly Billings library committee on planning fall technology/futures day;
- Consulted on Friends' and federation issues;
- Montana Certification Program for Librarians, Staff and Trustees – Nine certificates were awarded during this report period and 77 MSL/MLA/Federation training events were added to the master CE list to help program participants track their credits;
- The PEEL Library Education Project was completed with receipt in April of the final quarterly reports from PEEL scholarship recipients. Members of the PEEL Advisory Committee were thanked for their 8½ years of service providing direction for the PEEL projects, which began in October 2003;
- SWIM Library Education Project – Most SWIM students are nearing completion of their MLIS or SLME programs this summer. The University of North Texas will hold a graduation ceremony in Billings in August for all MLIS SWIM cohort members. MSL has reviewed six more positions currently held by SWIM students to determine if these jobs meet the requirements. SWIM students attending the MLA conference in Big Sky met informally to meet the State Librarian and Commission members and to share stories and experiences from their library education;
- The State Library Commission's 2011 Collection Management Honor Roll was announced at MLA and certificates were presented to 88 libraries receiving the award;
- Four trustee clinics on library finances were completed: Kalispell (23 attended), Butte (15 attended), Glendive (12 attended), and Billings (12 attended). Registration and arrangements continue for the remaining 2 workshops scheduled for Lewistown on May 24 and Havre on June 2;
- Registered nearly 40 librarians to attend four hours of training on the EBSCO databases and the new DiscoverIt! search tool with EBSCO trainer Lisa Dennis May 7-11; training took place at Salish-Kootenai Tribal College, Fort Peck Community College Annex in Wolf Point & at MSL in Helena

- Presented on EBSCO resources, HomeworkMT, the MSL Website resources, best practices for developing adult training, and on how best to approach data gathering for libraries at the Montana Library Association annual conference in Big Sky, MT April 11-14;
- Presented onsite training on EBSCO resources and HomeworkMT;
- Presented online learning webinars on EBSCO resources, program evaluation, Math & Science in Storytime, Montana Shared Catalog cataloging best practices, and the Budget Accounting and Records System (BARS) with Magda Nelson of the Department of Administration;
- MSC Staff presented online learning Webinars on MSC Special Circulation Functions.

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

- Assisted federation coordinators with their plans of services. Worked with public relations staff to create a template for announcing federation meetings to meet the intent of the open meetings law.
- Worked with Department of Administration's Local Government Services staff to provide training and assistance to public libraries on budgeting, reading financial reports, and being good stewards of public funds.
- Helped librarians in Conrad, Dutton, Fort Benton and Fairfield complete BTOP requirements;
- Participated in two panel discussions at MLA conference;
- The Connecting to Collections Project was completed. The project brochure was distributed in a large mailing. The March 26 Basic Paper Preservation workshop was attended by 14 individuals from libraries, historical societies and museums. The final CTC report will be submitted to IMLS in June;
- Joined three Montana library directors at the IMLS-funded Project Compass Convening in VA. This was the final event of the project bringing representatives from nearly 40 states together to share success stories and discuss future library initiatives targeting work force recovery;
- Joined with the Montana Historical Society, Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Montana History Foundation, and the Montana Preservation Alliance to present workshops on preservation of landscapes and documents;
- MSC Director paid consultation visits to several libraries;

- MSC Director met with Missoula County Public Schools technical staff and school librarians to answer questions and discuss their intent to join the MSC.

Goal Five— Sustainable Success - *MSL 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.*

- Worked with employees to continue to offer strong service to library directors, trustees, and staff;
- Collaborated with MSL staff from Statewide Library Resources, Library Information Services and BTOP on Technology Petting Zoo policies and materials, Montana Memory Project learning materials, MSL library catalog access and Montana Library Directory access issues;
- Coordinated Fall Workshop planning with BTOP and Parmly Library in Billings to secure high-quality speakers to come to Montana and support objectives of both agencies, affording considerable savings to each of us
- Provided demonstrations and training for new Montana Memory Project tech support specialist;
- Submitted the LSTA 5-Year Plan Evaluation Report to IMLS after it was accepted by the Commission on March 28th. Work has started on Montana's next LSTA 5-Year Plan. Attended an IMLS webinar discussing the new LSTA focal groups to be used in the plan.

Maps and Detail Reports of Statewide Library Resources activity for this report time period can be viewed at http://msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Activity_Tracking/

SLR activity is organized by six general categories:

Continuing Education

Federations

Library Development

Statewide Databases and Online Resources

Statewide Downloadable E-Content

Statewide Resource Sharing