

Memo

To: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian **To:** Montana State Library Commission
From: Sarah McHugh, Director
Statewide Library Resources **From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
Date: July 16, 2012
Re: Rosebud County Library federation affiliation request

MSL Library Development staff has researched the following questions regarding the possible change in federation affiliation by the Rosebud County Library in order to provide information to the Commission and the impacted Sagebrush and South Central federations.

- 1.) The geographic extent of new federation boundaries. The addition of Rosebud County Library to the South Central Federation would change the boundaries of both federations. It is suggested by staff that Treasure and Rosebud counties both be added to the South Central Federation geographic area. This approach is suggested because Treasure County does not have a library and including both counties maintains a contiguous group of counties that would comprise the South Central Federation. While it is not required that Federations be made up of contiguous counties, this approach is sensible due to the specific library situations in Treasure and Rosebud counties.
- 2.) Potential changes needed to the Administrative Rules of Montana. This change in affiliation would not require any changes to the ARM.
- 3.) Impacts to funds due to each federation based on the changes in population represented by each. There would be \$850 less in federation funding disbursed to the Sagebrush Federation that would be disbursed instead to South Central. Federation funding to Sagebrush would decrease from \$20,388 to \$19,523. Federation funding to South Central would increase from \$32,772 to \$33,637.

4) The need for the federations to change their plans of service accordingly. Both federations would need to change their FY2013 plans of service to reflect the change in federation membership, the total funding received and the breakdown of that funding per library. The revised plans of service would be presented to the Commission for approval at the October Commission meeting.