

Projected growth of schools within the FY2013 Montana Shared Catalog application period

Number of cost estimates requested as of 11/1/12, by library type

School Libraries	Public Libraries	Academic Libraries	Special Libraries
57*	1	2	1

*This total includes two large school districts: Billings (38 schools) and Kalispell (12 schools). This would double the current number of schools in the Catalog, which is 68.

MSC demographics if all join, by library type

School Libraries	Public Libraries	Academic Libraries	Special Libraries	Total
125 (55.3%)	81 (35.8%)	7 (3.1%)	13 (5.8%)	225

Support challenges identified by MSC staff related to supporting school libraries

Training and general support challenges:

- Higher staff turnover leads to additional time handling support requests and requires more continual training
- More likelihood of non-dedicated staff
- School librarians are generally harder to connect with for support related issues and to arrange training
- Overall, more time is needed to train and guide school librarians with the aspects of a sophisticated library management system. These aspects include transferring library holding records, identifying and importing bibliographic records, how to perform advanced searches, how to perform copy cataloging, setting system properties, uninstalling/installing software clients and running successful usage reports.

Specific system administration challenges:

- Additional system support required to perform system annual student roll-ups
- Additional system support required in setting up, maintaining and scheduling school specific reports for statistics, overdue notices/lists by grade or teacher and summer reports run for suspending and unsuspending user records
- Additional system support required in gathering, configuring and entering school closure dates for end-of-school year due dates and then removing them at the beginning of the school year